MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
UN-APPROVED MINUTES –September 8th, 2026

On **September 8th, 2026**, the Montrose City Council Meeting took place at the Community Center. *The Pledge of Allegiance* was recited. Mayor Susan Painter called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. ***Roll Call***: Council members: Hanisch, Binder and Scheff were present. Council Vogel joined the meeting by phone at 6:05pm. Council Vogel joined meeting in person at 7:55pm. Finance Officer Siemonsma present. City residents present. Quorum present. Rules of Decorum stated by Painter.

Action 26-105
Moved by council Hanisch, seconded by council Scheff for approval of Agenda. ***Roll Call:*** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Action 26-106
Moved by council Hanisch, seconded by council Binder for approval of the August 3rd and August 11th meeting minutes. ***Roll Call:*** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

SPECIAL TOPICS:
Citizen Joe Bartmann and Matt Fockler were present to discuss the Music Festival with the council members. 2027 camping site bookings were discussed; 2027 city blocked nights vs festival paid responsibility. Council members proposed blocking 3 nights and the festival booking and paying for 3 nights. Bartmann didn't think the City is giving enough and expressed disappointment in the city. Council Scheff asked about other music festivals and other campground procedures regarding free camping. Fockler stated the sites are being paid for by the customers going to the festival in other campgrounds. Council Binder states the city doesn't mind having the festival, but it costs money to run the utilities and the council has to think of the financial side of the business. Binder stated it is a reasonable offer to pay for 3 days and the festival pays for the other 3 days. Fockler stated he appreciated the City's support.

Action 26-107
Moved by council Hanisch, seconded by council Scheff, for approval to block the following nights for the Montrose Music Festival for 2027, Thursday night, Sunday night and Monday night. The Music Festival shall pay for Friday night and Saturday night at a 50% discount and will also be responsible for any other nights at full price. ***Roll Call:*** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Council members agree to not charge Fockler for the extra nights used in 2026 for the festival this year.

OLD BUSINESS:
City Punchlist reviewed by council.
Council Hanisch and Vogel did not a get street repair priority list made for the meeting.
Street sweeping up the rock from the 2025 chip seal project was discussed again, as citizen verbal complaints are on the rise regarding this issue. Council Hanisch will work with maintenance Hanisch on this.

Manhole updates: FO states the project is complete and documentation is filed for future inquiry.

Slurry Seal project updates: Council was happy with results but will evaluate the finish on the roads next year to see if this is a viable option to do again in the future.

Action 26-108
Moved by council Hanisch, seconded by council Scheff, for approval of the 2nd and final reading of ORD No. 2026-005 2027 Budget Appropriations. ***Roll Call:*** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Action 26-109
Moved by council Scheff, seconded by council Hanisch, for approval to accept the lowest bid for campground electrical upgrades with Siemonsma Electric. ***Roll Call:*** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Action 26-110
Moved by council Hanisch seconded by council Scheff, for approval of the 1st Reading of Budget Supplement No. 2026-007 for campground electrical upgrades. ***Roll Call:*** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:
Sheriff Reports reviewed.

Action 26-111
Moved by council Vogel, seconded by council Hanisch, for approval of 1st Reading of ORD No. 2026-006 Zoning Amendment Title 12. ***Roll Call:*** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Action 26-112
Moved by council Scheff, seconded by council Binder, for approval for the FO to apply for the 2027 DANR Forestry grant, if approved, planting Bur Oaks, Maples, Cotton Woods, Honey Locust, and Elm trees. ***Roll Call:*** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS
Auction Results reviewed by council members for the Cub Cadet Lawn mower, the skid load pallet forks, the snow plow blade and the sweeper bucket.
Alleyway maintenance with city property was reviewed by council members.
FO reviewed EOY Pool Stats with council members.

Action 26-113
Moved by council Binder, seconded by council Scheff, for the review and approval of the Alcoholic Beverage License Lease Operating Agreement for 2026-2027. FO will work to get signatures for this agreement in October. ***Roll Call:*** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Action 26-114
Moved by council Hanisch, seconded by council Scheff, to fix a deed with city property that will involve a Quiet Title Action with publishing and a petition to the court to resolve. ***Roll Call:*** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

End of the month campground revenue was reviewed.
End of month bank account balances reviewed by council.

SEPTEMBER VOUCHERS:

PAID Between Meetings

029622e	FEDERAL TAX PAYMENT	8/14/26	$1,256.98	Payroll Taxes
29623e	FEDERAL TAX PAYMENT	8/28/26	$973.36	Payroll Taxes
31165	GRANADOS, CANDIDO	8/12/26	$108.91	Property UB Credit: 113 W McCook St Rental
29624e	SD DOR	9/3/26	$224.78	Monthly Garbage Tax Reporting
31172	SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM	9/1/26	$646.44	Monthly Reporting
31170	THE SECURITY STATE BANK	9/1/26	$5,114.24	Pool; Shop Tank; Camp; Community Center
31171	WILLIAMS, JOHN	5/4/85	$109.55	Property UB Credit: 209 W Kluckholm Ave

PAID at Council Meeting

31195	#1 BREAKTIME PORTABLES	9/8/26	$425.00	August services for BB field
31178	A&B BUSINESS	9/8/26	$241.98	Monthly IT Service; Printer Contract
31188	ACE HARDWARE	9/8/26	$104.52	Pool chair replacement; cleaning supplies; nozzle
31179	ADDY DISPOSAL	9/8/26	$3,279.00	Monthly Garbage Fee
31198	BADGER METER	9/8/26	$74.16	Monthly cellular/network fees
31194	BANYON DATA SYSTEMS	9/8/26	$195.00	Annual Paya/Nuvei Support
31190	CHELSEA SCHOENFELDER	9/8/26	$37.75	Pool snack reimbursement
31180	CITY OF MONTROSE	9/8/26	$545.66	Monthly UB Bill
31191	DAKOTA PUMP	9/8/26	$13.88	excise tax on float replacement-lift station
31196	DELL RAPIDS LAW FIRM	9/8/26	$92.00	Lawyer Fees
31181	GOLDEN WEST	9/8/26	$304.53	Monthly Office Phone Bill
31182	KINGBROOK RURAL WATER	9/8/26	$5,362.20	Monthly Water Purchase-Usage
31183	MCCOOK CO. AUDITOR	9/8/26	$1,783.60	Monthly Sheriff Fee
31192	MCCOOK CO. TREASURER	9/8/26	$200.00	2026-2027 renewal fee for beacon properties
31193	MENARDS	9/8/26	$39.98	Pool winter kit
31184	MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	9/8/26	$33.85	Prior month Usage
31185	MONTROSE GAS PLUS	9/8/26	$411.20	Fuel/Gas for city equipment
31186	NEW CENTURY PRESS	9/8/26	$170.74	Mtg minutes; Resolution
31189	NICOLE SIEMONSMA	9/8/26	$140.16	Gas reimbursement for water samples, hawkins run
31197	SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC COOP	9/8/26	$1,524.38	Monthly Electric Bill
	TOTAL PAID:		$23,413.85	

Payroll

	Finance Officer		$4,240.00	2 pay periods - August

	Park Attendant		$555.04	2 payperiods - August
	Seasonal Mowers		$315.20	2 payperiods - August
	Seasonal Pool Staff		$5,956.37	August
	Certified Operator Temp.		$100.00	Monthly Payment
	Maintenance Technician		$1,191.96	2 pay periods - August
	TOTAL SALARIES:		$12,358.57	
	GRAND TOTAL:		**$35,772.42**	

Action 26-115
Moved by council Hanisch, seconded by council Vogel for approval of bills paid between meetings and bills paid at council meeting. ***Roll Call:*** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Hearing of those present: FO shared that the housing grants have kicked into high gear and will be approved for homeowners soon.

Action 26-116
Moved by council Binder, seconded by council Scheff to enter into Executive Session at 7:32pm. ***Roll Call:*** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Action 26-117
Moved by council Hanisch, seconded by council Scheff to Exit Executive Session at 7:52pm. ***Roll Call:*** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Action 26-118
Moved by council Vogel, seconded by council Binder to **Adjourn** at 7:53pm. ***Roll Call:*** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Attest: ________________________ ______________________________
Nicole Siemonsma City Mayor or Council President
Finance Officer

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