

**MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**UN-APPROVED MINUTES –April 13th, 2026**

On **April 13th, 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, Vogel, Binder and Scheff were present. Finance Officer Siemonsma present. Maintenance Hanisch present. Camp Host LaDawn Ripperda present by phone. City residents not present. Quorum present. Rules of Decorum stated by Painter.

Action 26-038

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

Action 26-039

Moved by council Hanisch, seconded by council Scheff for approval of the March 10<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL TOPICS:**

LaDawn Ripperda verbally read the city Oath over the phone and was sworn in as Camp Host for 2026.

Action 26-040

Moved by council Vogel, seconded by council Hanisch, for approval to appoint LaDawn and Kenneth Ripperda as the 2026 Campground Hosts. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Matt Focker was NOT present to discuss the Music Festival.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

City Punch List reviewed by council members.

Volleyball pit was discussed near the tennis court regarding upkeep of weeds and maintenance needs vs. tearing it out. Council will monitor usage over the summer of 2026 and if volunteers would like to pull weeds and upkeep that area, they are welcome to do that. Demolition of the volleyball pit will be discussed in the fall of 2026.

FO is working with contractors for a new water shed.

There are no housing grant updates to share.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Sheriff Reports reviewed.

Action 26-041

Moved by council Hanisch, seconded by council Binder, for approval of the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Budget Supplement No. 2026-003. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

No SMGA meeting updates from council Vogel.

Campground is set to open May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 weather permitting. End of month campground revenue reviewed by council.

Absentee voting for the June 2<sup>nd</sup> city election is open May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 in the city office.

Action 26-042

Moved by council Scheff, seconded by council Vogel, for approval to appoint Cindy Christensen, Judy Christensen and JoAnn Thompson as the 2026 city election board. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Tree removal discussed on 113 W Elder Street; abatement vs liability risk of removal due to damage to the house on the property. FO was directed to contact the city attorney on this issue.

Replacement vs. non-replacement of the flow meter in the lift station. Maintenance Hanisch will look for a lower priced flow meter for replacement.

Maintenance Hanisch will use his mini excavator to repair a possible leak in the campground before the camping season starts.

Fire Hydrants will be ordered this week through Core N Main for the CIP on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue street project.

FO brought forward some new water and sewer mapping software that is available through SD Rural Water. This is \$30 a month and can be put on multiple devices for city personnel to view anywhere. This is especially valuable in an emergency situations.

Action 26-043

Moved by council Vogel, seconded by council Hanisch for approval to purchase annually the Subsurface Solutions Mapping software for water/sewer systems. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

FO brought forward some Tree Dump Surveillance options for the council members. Code enforcement cannot be done without a camera with recordings and pictures on the dump road. 1<sup>st</sup> option is through Safe N Secure and 2<sup>nd</sup> option is a hunting camera. Both require monthly fee for monitoring. FO is looking for a long term solution to illegal dumping issues with high quality cameras. The council members agree to try higher quality hunting cameras first.

Action 26-044

Moved by council Vogel, seconded by council Hanisch, for approval to purchase a hunting camera that is solar powered with mobile phone access and monthly fees surveillance of the tree dump. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

FO has been working with MAF and the Legion leaders on the hwy38 sign replacement project. All revenue is deposited and the order was placed for the signs.

FO has been working with MAF on the grant for the Montrose Youth Sports organization and hopes to see a check from MAF soon so the city can cut a check back to Youth Sports. City donation to the Montrose Youth Sports was discussed.

Action 26-045

Moved by council Vogel, seconded by council Binder, for approval to donate \$1000 to the Non-Profit Montrose Youth Sports Organization for 2026. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Address assignment has been discussed for the East River Electric Coop for building permit purposes. Address side should be on Fuller Ave due to established driveway.

Action 26-046

Moved by council Hanisch, seconded by council Vogel for approval to assign parcel #19.11.0903 an address of: 300 N Fuller Avenue in Montrose. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Vegetation Ordinance No. 3.0110 Section C was published as a public notice for nuisance abatement.

Pool is set to open May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 weather permitting. There will be a manager meeting, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 in the city office for pool managers and any council members/mayor who would like to attend. FO proposed a stipend of \$400 for lifeguard swimsuits for 2026. Council members agreed to this stipend for our pool staff.

FO will be ordering pool snacks soon.

Tree planting day is set for May 16<sup>th</sup>, 9am; The MCM Football team has volunteered to help with the planting. FO will be ordering trees soon from Nursery Wholesalers in Tea.

FO discussed the annual newspaper membership and asked the council if storing newspapers in the city office was necessary moving forward. Council Scheff recommended a digital copy by stored instead of the physical newspapers.

FO reviewed active collections accounts with council members. FO stated Fockler and Herbranson will be added to collections on April 16<sup>th</sup> for non-compliance of pet licensing and fines that are overdue.

End of month bank account balances reviewed by council.

**APRIL VOUCHERS:**

**PAID Between Meetings**

29596e	FEDERAL TAX PAYMENT	3/13/26	\$497.41	Payroll Taxes
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29600e	FEDERAL TAX PAYMENT	4/10/26	\$981.65	Payroll Taxes
00047e	CAMPSPOT	4/3/26	\$157.25	Camp Reservation Fees
00048e	CLOVER CONNECT	4/3/26	\$105.45	ACH Card Fees for Campground
00046e	MM CAMPGROUND	3/16/26	\$20,000.00	Transfer to Baseball Building Budget for Repairs
29599e	SD DLR	4/6/26	\$14.51	Quarterly Payment
29598E	SD DOR	4/6/26	\$244.52	Monthly Garbage Tax Reporting
30977	SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM	4/2/26	\$644.56	Monthly Reporting
30976	THE SECURITY STATE BANK	4/1/26	\$1,022.29	Postage (11); Certified Mail(4); Ofc Brochures; Cardstock for postings
30975	US BANK, N.A.	4/1/26	\$11,703.04	Loan: DW1 / CW2

**PAID at Council Meeting**

30982	A&B BUSINESS	4/13/26	\$240.14	Monthly IT Service; Printer Contract
30994	ACE HARDWARE	4/13/26	\$271.98	Deadbolt for garbage shed; Replacement batteries

30983	ADDY DISPOSAL	4/13/26	\$2,994.00	Monthly Garbage Fee
30991	BADGER METER	4/13/26	\$67.62	Monthly cellular/network fees
30995	BANYON DATA SYSTEMS	4/13/26	\$1,309.00	Annual UB; Vault Backup; PR Direct Pay
30984	CITY OF MONTROSE	4/13/26	\$17.17	Monthly UB Bill
30996	DAKOTA PUMP	4/13/26	\$780.00	Annual Cloud9 Liftstation Monitoring
30992	DUST-TEX SERVICE	4/13/26	\$189.34	Soap
30985	GOLDEN WEST	4/13/26	\$186.37	Monthly Office Phone Bill
30986	KINGBROOK RURAL WATER	4/13/26	\$4,409.55	Monthly Water Purchase-Usage
30987	MCCOOK CO. AUDITOR	4/13/26	\$1,783.60	Monthly Sheriff Fee
30998	MCCORMICK MOTORS, INC.	4/13/26	\$69.45	City Truck Oil Change
30988	MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	4/13/26	\$404.00	Prior month Usage
30989	NEW CENTURY PRESS	4/13/26	\$169.97	Pubic Hearing; Mtg. Minutes; Ordinance
30997	STURDEVANTS	4/13/26	\$145.08	Tractor Oil Change
30990	SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC COOP	4/13/26	\$2,459.12	Monthly Electric Bill
30999	SUBSURFACE SOLUTIONS	4/13/26	\$360.00	Mapping Software Annual Fee
30993	TEAM LAB	4/13/26	\$1,197.00	Sewer Pond Treatment
	TOTAL PAID:		\$52,958.96	

**Pay-roll**

	City Council Members		\$3,162.96	Quarterly Payment-Paid in April
	Finance Officer		\$4,240.00	2 pay periods - March
	Seasonal Mower		\$93.69	2 pay periods - March
	Certified Operator Temp.		\$100.00	Monthly Payment
	Maintenance Technician		\$1,176.30	2 pay periods - March
	TOTAL SALARIES:		\$8,772.95	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$61,731.91</b>	

Action 26-047

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: none

Action 26-048

Moved by council Binder, seconded by council Hanisch to enter into Executive Session at 7:15pm. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Action 26-049

Moved by council Binder, seconded by council Vogel to Exit Executive Session at 7:29pm. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Action 26-050

Moved by council Scheff, seconded by council Hanisch to **Adjourn** at 7:30pm. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nicole Siemonsma  
Finance Officer

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City Mayor or Council President

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