

City Council Meeting

March 5, 2014

7:30 pm

Montpelier City Hall

The meeting was conducted by Mayor Jared Sharp on March 5th at 7:30 at the Montpelier City Hall.

Present:

Dan Fisher
Heather Mortensen
Scott Nussbaum
Marden Phelps
Mike Sparks

Others:

Clerk Leslie Tueller
Amy Bishop
Chief Russell Roper
Superintendent John Petersen

Excused: Ted Slivinski

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Marden Phelps seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Marden Phelps asked that the date of the auction for the Montpelier Irrigation Company water shares be added.

Councilmember Marden Phelps moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Councilmember Mike Sparks seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Approval of Bills

Councilmember Marden Phelps moved to approve and pay bills in the amount of \$80,529.16 with \$32,524.02 being payroll. Councilmember Heather Mortensen seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Public Hearing – Opening the Budget

Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to go into the Public Hearing for opening the budget. Councilmember Scott Nussbaum seconded. Roll call vote was taken:

Scott Nussbaum	yes
Heather Mortensen	yes
Mike Sparks	yes

Dan Fisher	yes
Marden Phelps	yes

The motion passes unanimously.

Mayor Jared Sharp opened the Public Hearing by explaining that the Parks and Recreation budget needed to be increased, the Grants budget needed to be increased, and \$50,000.00 transfer of fees is proposed from the Police Department budget to the Streets budget.

Parks and Rec Department

The Parks and Rec Department is asking for a \$12,000.00 increase in their budget over last years' budget. The reason for the increase is to pay for an additional co-director. They have previously furnished the council with a plan to increase their revenue to pay for this increase. The previous year's income was \$80,045.00 and they would like an increase to \$92,0245. The current budget is \$16,800, making the increase \$75,245.00.

Brett Kunz comment from the public asking if there was a backup plan for the Parks and Rec Department if they don't make their revenue goal.

Mayor Jared Sharp agreed that it was a good idea to consider a backup plan.

Amy Bishop presented grant numbers for 13/14 grants received. The Drug Task Force has a revenue and expense amount of \$5,000.00. The After School Grant was awarded an additional \$540.00 and the Stop Grant 2013 has a \$16,302.00 amount that should have been carried over into the current budget year.

The third item is the transfer of \$50,000.00 from the Police Department to the Street Department. The Montpelier City Council has asked the Grant Writer, Amy Bishop to obtain permission from the Department of Justice to reduce the number of police officers because of economic hardship. The Department of Justice has awarded a grant to pay for an additional police officer and by doing so we have committed to keeping our police force at full staff for three years, after the three years the city must pay the officer an additional year with their own funds. Reducing the police force will create a savings of \$50,000.00 that can be transferred to the street department but before doing so the Department of Justice needs to accept our reason for reducing the officer.

Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to close the Public Hearing and go back into regular session. Councilmember Marden Phelps seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Councilmember Mike Sparks moved to transfer \$50, 000.00 from the Police Department budget to the Street budget contingent upon approval from the Department of Justice. Councilmember Scott Nussbaum seconded. Marden Phelps opposed, all others voted affirmative. The motion passes.

Councilmember Marden Phelps explained his reason for opposing the motion. He felt that the money should be used to pay debt already incurred, such as the backhoe payment, instead of transferring the funds to the Street Department.

Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to amend the budget for the grants as outlined by Amy Bishop. Councilmember Marden Phelps seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Councilmember Marden Phelps moved to increase the Parks and Rec budget by \$72,245.00 for the current year. Councilmember Mike Sparks seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Amending Ordinance #631

Councilmember Marden Phelps introduced the amended Ordinance #631. The amended ordinance must be adopted for Wayne Davidson to act as our building inspector. Mr. Davidson was present and explained some of the changes in the building codes and answered questions posed by the City Councilmembers.

Councilmember Marden Phelps moved to waive the three readings of amended Ordinance #631. Councilmember Dan Fisher seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Councilmember Marden Phelps read the Ordinance in full.

Councilmember Marden Phelps moved to adopt the amended Ordinance #631, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONTPELIER ADOPTING *THE 2012 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE; THE 2012 INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE* AS IT APPLIES TO EXISTING STRUCTURES; ADOPTING THE *2009 ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE*; ADOPTING THE *2009 INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE*; ADOPTING THE *2009 FUEL GAS CODE*; AMENDING THE *INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE 2009 EDITIONS* AS ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF MONTPELIER ORDINANCE NO. 631. AS IT PERTAINS TO THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, ALONG WITH AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF THE ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Councilmember Dan Fisher seconded. Roll call vote was taken:

Marden Phelps	yes
Dan Fisher	yes
Heather Mortensen	no
Scott Nussbaum	no
Mike Sparks	yes

The motion passes.

Kathy Rea, Regional Economic Development Specialist

Kathy Rea was present to invite the Mayor and City Councilmembers to a workshop on March 27th at the Preston Fire Station. The workshop is called Economic Development Workshop for Rural Idaho. Kathy updated the council on the current economic development projects.

Contract for Building Inspector

We did not receive a contract for the building inspector from the county attorney to review for acceptance.

Councilmember Marden Phelps moved to table approving a contract for the building inspector until a later date. Councilmember Mike Sparks seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Oath Of Office – Cody Christensen

Clerk Leslie Tueller administered the Oath of Office to police officer Cody Christensen.

Bear Lake High School Parking

Chief Russ Roper indicated that the Bear Lake High School Principal had asked for this item to be on the agenda, however, he was not present at the meeting. Chief Roper asked to place this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to table Bear Lake High School Parking until the next meeting. Councilmember Mike Sparks seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Craig Schaar

Craig Schaar was present to introduce himself and tell the City Council that he would be running for County Clerk at the next election.

Dan Fisher

Councilmember Dan Fisher reported that the remodel project on the LDS Tabernacle is moving along.

Marden Phelps

Councilmember Marden Phelps brought up the subject of emails and cautioned that any subject in a email that concerns the councilmembers making a decision should be discussed in a open meeting.

Heather Mortensen

Councilmember Heather Mortensen asked the councilmembers for any ideas concerning the city cleanup. She has been asked by Ken Yellen of the Housing Authority to get feedback so the city can be cleaned up prior to and in preparation for the sesquicentennial celebration.

Councilmember Dan Fisher commented that the city quit using the city crew for the cleanup because of the cost. He felt that if the Housing Authority would spearhead the project they would have the support of the council.

Pioneer Travel Council

Amy Bishop reported that she had talked with Melinda Hislop and she is willing to car pool with a representative from the city to save money. She also reported that she had talked with the Chamber of Commerce and they were unable to convince any business people to represent them.

Amy Bishop – City Marketing

Amy Bishop reported to the council that when Paris Hills Mining gets closer to full production she will be busy promoting living in the area rather than commuting. She will be preparing materials to distribute and will be working on the website to be up and running. She will include a relocation tab on the website and link to the Chamber of Commerce. City application forms will also be available on the website and testimonials from people who live in the city.

Councilmember Marden Phelps suggested using the Sharpshooters Camera Club. They have a presentation of photos called “A Day In The Life of Montpelier” and he felt it would be valuable for the website.

The person who was supposed to make a presentation on creating the website did not make it to the City Council Meeting so this item on the agenda needs to be tabled.

**Councilmember Marden Phelps moved to table City Marketing until a later meeting.
Councilmember Heather Mortensen seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

Mayor Jared Sharp adjourned until the next meeting on March 19th at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie S. Tueller

