

# **City Council Meeting**

## **March 1, 2023**

### **7:30 pm**

The meeting was conducted by Mayor Ted Slivinski at 7:30 pm at the Montpelier City Hall.

Present:

Brady Shultis  
Dan Fisher  
Quin Pope  
Shane Johnson  
Steve Allred

Others:

City Clerk Michelle Singleton  
Chief Blake Wells  
Superintendent Rick Roberts  
Fire Chief Ed Preston

Excused: Bobbi Leonhardt

#### **Approval of Agenda**

**Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve the agenda as presented.**

**Councilmember Shane Johnson seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Correction: minor spelling error

**Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve the minutes as corrected.**

**Councilmember Brady Shultis seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

#### **Approval of Bills**

**Councilmember Quin Pope moved to approve and pay bills in the amount of \$76,144.77 with \$29,454.92 being payroll and \$46,689.85 being miscellaneous bills.**

**Councilmember Dan Fisher seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

#### **Superintendent Rick Roberts- generator (well house-lift station)**

Superintendent Rick Roberts presented updated bids on the generator (well house and lift station) to the City Council. Rick mentioned that this project was already approved, he wanted to make sure funds get allocated to the ARPA funds. There are 3 different bids, bid #2300 is for the transfer switch for well house for \$14,791.00, bid #2301 is generator Prep for power distribution for \$21,017.00, and bid #2302 is for the transfer switch for the lift station for \$5,810.00.

Superintendent Rick Roberts would like to get moving on this. So, it will be ready for summer if we need them.

Superintendent Rick Roberts mentioned to the city council, the process of getting authorization from ITD on the crosswalk beacons, is little more difficult than they lead me to believe. The permits have all been filled out and sent in. They did reach out for some questions on the beacons. It will go before the board at ITD, Rick is not sure how often the board meets. The beacons have not been ordered, waiting to see if they approve the beacons first.

**Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve generator- well house and lift station expenditures out of ARPA Funds**

**Councilmember Shane Johnson seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

### **Mayor Ted Slivinski**

Mayor Ted Slivinski has a couple updates for the City Council. 1<sup>st</sup> update we hired Seilina Gull as the Deputy Clerk. She has been working for the last 2 weeks.

2<sup>nd</sup> updated on the old Tappers building. Two days ago in the Idaho State Journal, there was a gentleman that died doing asbestos testing. Due to the snow load of the building, it collapsed. Idaho Asbestos Abatement will not do any testing until the snow melts. Mayor Ted Slivinski reached out to Darren Stewart the owner of the Old Tappers building, they had a great conversation. Since all the litigation is over with, he is highly motivated to clean up and tear down the building. City Councilmembers are worried about the building standing any longer that necessary. They feel that the building needs to be torn sooner than later. Mayor Ted Slivinski will get ahold of City Attorney Doug Wood, to discuss the legalities about a building, that is constantly moving. Also, to see if building could be knocked down in its place. Then they can do the asbestos testing. Mayor Ted Slivinski and councilmembers all came in agreement, there needs to be a better fence put up around the building and make it safer.

### **Steve Allred**

Councilmember Steve Allred reported the murals for the park are being shipped next week. They will come on one pallet; Superintendent Rick Roberts is making arrangements to store them for us.

### **Dan Fisher**

Councilmember Dan Fisher comment last week the Regional Commission meeting was canceled, due to the weather and bad roads.

### **Shane Johnson**

Councilmember Shane Johnson reported that parks and rec will have a boys basketball tournament on March 17-18, Katie is looking for referee help. The summer tournament dates have been posted on Bear Lake Tournament Facebook page. The dates for Girls Soft Ball June 15-17 and July 20-22, Boys baseball is July 13-15.

### **Quin Pope**

Councilmember Quin Pope reported the Oregon Trail Center had to cancel their board meeting last week due to the storms. Also, the Senior Center was having issues, last week the water line froze.

### **Fire Chief Ed Preston**

Fire Chief Ed Preston reported the fire department will be doing a training with the Department of Lands next weekend. There is a lot of snow build up on the west side of the building, there is also an emergency door that is blocked off. We will be getting that cleaned up, planning on renting skid-steer. We been having problems with the schools and the hotels on the nuisance alarms. We are just asking them not to reset the alarm, but allowing them to silence them. Fire Chief Ed Preston would like to use leftover money from the dressing room wall, for training materials, it would be on venting the roof.

### **Public Comments**

Mayor Ted Slivinski asked the public if they had any comments. The public stated that they worried about the Old Tapper building falling over and hurting someone. They were also concerned about the cats in the City of Montpelier. They asked the mayor if they could put a limit on how many cats a household could have. Mayor Ted Slivinski told the public he would look into the City's current animal ordinance.

**Mayor Ted Slivinski adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting on March 15, 2023 at 7:30 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Michelle Singleton*