

# **City Council Meeting**

## **March 15, 2023**

### **7:30 pm**

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

#### **Present:**

Steve Allred  
Dan Fisher  
Bobbi Leonhardt  
Shane Johnson  
Brady Shultis  
Quin Pope

#### **Others:**

City Clerk Michelle Singleton  
Superintendent Rick Roberts  
Chief Ed Preston  
Chief Blake Wells  
Parks & Rec Director Katie Alleman

#### **Approval of Agenda**

**Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Minor spelling error & board meeting not fundraiser under Councilmember Quin Pope.

**Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Councilmember Quin Pope seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

#### **Approval of Bills**

**Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve and pay bills in the amount of \$67,706.76 with \$30,031.60 being payroll and \$37,675.16 being miscellaneous bills. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

#### **Mayor's Walking Challenge Donation**

Mayor Ted Slivinski presented Stacy Larsen and Dana Jacobsen from ANH, with a donation check for \$1000. To help with the spay and neuter program in the City of Montpelier. Mayor Ted Slivinski participated in Blue Cross Idaho Foundation Mayor Walking Challenge. Each Mayor participating had to walk between 5,000 to 10,000 steps a day for the month October. Mayor Ted

Slivinski walked over 10,000 steps a day. Was awarded a check to be donated, to help with any program in the City of Montpelier of his choosing.

ANH reported the shelter is full, most of the dogs at the shelter are city surrenders, not very many are dog rescues.

### **Todd Boehme Bear Lake County-Seismic Hazard Mitigation**

Todd Boehme is the emergency coordinator for Bear Lake County. He explained the Seismic Hazard Mitigation. The State of Idaho is in the process of rewriting Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is natural disasters. There were four counties chosen Bear Lake, Franklin, Oneida and Caribou County for the plan revision for seismic action. What was given to The City of Montpelier or Bear Lake County at no cost, is the opportunity to have critical infrastructure buildings studied. Whether they be rescue, banks or what the City of Montpelier feels is critical. Todd Boehme needs a list of 5 buildings from the City of Montpelier to give to Seismologist from Boise State. There are some students that are getting ready to get their diplomas and each county will have two students, that will be overseen by a professor. This will be all exterior, no interior will be done on the building. This will give the State of Idaho an idea of how the buildings will react up to a certain magnitude. It will help the State of Idaho know what resources will be needed in this area.

The State of Idaho updates this seismic hazard plan every five years. This report needs to be turned in by the 1<sup>st</sup> of June this year. They are looking for older buildings that will be used for shelter in a disaster.

City Councilmembers mentioned 5 structures for the seismic study. Well, sewer, City Hall, Fire Department and Public works. Todd Boehme will coordinate with Superintendent Rick Roberts and Fire Chief Ed Preston for the list of the buildings.

Mayor Ted Slivinski asked Todd Boehme the status on the sand bags and sand. Todd Boehme mentioned there are some at the County Road and Bridge Shop. Hours of operation are 6am to 4:30pm. Todd Boehme will be coordinating with Superintendent Rick Roberts to have sand and sand bags delivered to the City Shop when the next order of sand bags comes in.

### **Mayor Ted Slivinski**

Mayor Ted Slivinski gave a new update on the old tappers building. The building has been tested for asbestos. The results are not back yet, it usually takes about a week for the results.

Also, Mayor Ted Slivinski mentioned next week an emergency earthquake response team, known as team Rubicon. Ada DeClark is a part of that group, she talked to them about coming and helping the elderly, disabled, and low-income families with removal of snow.

### **Steve Allred**

Councilmember Steve Allred reported Montpelier Community Foundation met tonight. The murals have arrived and are being stored until spring. The Foundation is waiting on a revised updated budget from the contractor. Art Council will be having AuthorPalooza on April 15. They will also be doing the play Clue this year, along with some art camps this summer.

### **Dan Fisher**

Councilmember Dan Fisher is impressed with the City Crew for all the hard work they have been delt with, this winter has been brutal. We all need to have the city crew backs, and thank them for all their hard work.

### **Shane Johnson**

Councilmember Shane Johnson asked Parks and Rec Director Katie Alleman to report on parks & Rec. Katie Alleman reported this weekend March 17 & 18 is the boys all-star tournament. We have 24 all-star teams here for the tournament. We had a problem getting Referee's from the City of Montpelier. So, we had to get referee's from out of town to come and ref the all-star Tournament.

### **Bobbi Leonhardt**

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt reported no meeting for the water board. In the upcoming meetings the water board will be addressing when the critical point is to let the water out of the Montpelier Reservoir.

### **Quin Pope**

Councilmember Quin Pope mentioned the Oregon Trail Center will be hosting Casino Night, for two days this weekend. It's for Bear Lake Memorial Hospital staff appreciation.

### **Brady Shultis**

Councilmember Brady Shultis reported Cindy Raymond & Rhonda Smith agreed to be on the Montpelier Beautification Committee.

### **Fire Chief Ed Preston**

Fire Chief Ed Preston updated the councilmembers on all the gas leaks in Montpelier, there has been a total of six leaks that have been deadly. The problem is ice building up between the gas meters, they do recommend to cover them up. We need to check on our neighbors, make sure the roofs are getting shoveled and gas meters are clear of ice and snow.

Today the old Roswell building, the roof is starting to collapse. The trusses gave way and pulled the store front back in. It has been condemned until we can mitigate the problem. The major problem is all the snow on the roof is making it buckle. No one will be allowed in the building while it is condemned, and come up with a mitigations plan. Mayor Ted Slivinski recommends no one allowed in the building. The city crew will put up better barricades for the road closure. Fire Chief Ed Preston mentioned the fire department man power is low.

### **Superintendent Rick Roberts**

Superintendent Rick Roberts presented a lead and copper letter, that he would like to send out to every residential address in the City of Montpelier for each resident to do their own inspection of their home. This has to do with the EPA, the report has to be turned in by Oct 2024. Which includes every address and service line. Rick would like this on the next agenda, for the approval of the letter that will go out to all addresses. This will be a questionnaire that will need to be sent back to the city. EPA is making everyone do it, this is Nationwide.

### **Chief Blake Wells**

Chief Blake Wells reported, the Police Department has been busy with a lot snow complaints.

**Mayor Ted Slivinski adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 5, 2023 at 7:30 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Michelle Singleton

