

# **City Council Meeting**

## **June 21, 2023**

### **7:30 pm**

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

#### **Present:**

Steve Allred  
Quin Pope  
Bobbi Leonhardt  
Brady Shultis

#### **Others:**

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

Shane Johnson & Dan Fisher excused

#### **Approval of Agenda**

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

#### **Approval of Minutes**

**Councilmember Quin Pope moved to approve the minutes as written. 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 \$67,802.44 with \$31,572.96 being payroll and \$36,229.48 being miscellaneous bills. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

#### **Justin Jacobson-Propose a Community Rec Center:**

Justin Jacobson was in attendance to propose a Community Rec Center. Justin Jacobson stated there is a need for a Community Rec Center. We need something for the kids and we need a place to walk in the winter. Justin explained that this would help the schools for spring sports, plus the Parks and Rec department in trying to find a gym for the kids to practice in. Justin would like to put a committee together to start raising funds and applying for grants. City Council all agreed that a Rec Center is a great idea, but the issue is the yearly cost to maintain the building and staff the center.

#### **Police Chief Blake Wells**

**Update on City's Ordinance Codification:** Police Chief Blake Wells gave an update on ordinance codification, the City has received the 1<sup>st</sup> draft. The City has 60 days to go through the ordinance codification to make any changes and to also find ordinances that have not been added. City Council would like Superintendent Rick Roberts, Planning and Zoning, Police Department and the Clerk's office to all go through the Codification.

**New Police Position:** Police Chief Blake Wells is asking City Council to approve a part time Police Support Specialist for 28 hours a week. Job responsibilities are record keeping, evidence, compliance letters and going through the records room. By adding this new position, it will free up the police department to do more patrolling.

**Councilmember Steve Allred moved to approve the position of a Police Support Specialist with the accompanying budget as presented. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

**Approval on new vehicle equipment:** Police Chief Wells is asking approval on equipment for the new Police vehicle in the amount of \$19,060.00. Chief Wells explained this is a draft estimate at the time since we do not have the vin number.

**Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to approve new vehicle equipment in the amount of \$19,060.00. Councilmember Quin Pope seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

**Police Department ARPA Funds:** Police Chief Wells is asking City Council to approve using ARPA funds for updating Police radio equipment. With the County updating the system our current radios will not pick up multi-key encryption. The quote amount is \$2,665.88 to update four radios.

**Councilmember Steve Allred moved to approve Motorola Solutions invoice in the amount of \$2,665.88 to be paid with ARPA funds. Councilmember Brady Shultis seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

#### **Superintendent Rick Roberts**

**Water & Waste Water Plans:** Superintendent Rick Roberts gave update on the Water & Waste Water Study Grant. The Grant will pay half and the City would pay the other half. City's half would be about \$50,000.00 Rick would like that portion to come out of the ARPA funds. Rick has been working with Kevin from Sunrise Engineering about the concerns with the City's Water & Waste Water. Rick is asking for approval to have a workshop meeting with Kevin to go over his concerns. The meeting would be July 19, 2023 from 6pm-7pm before City Council Meeting.

**Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to approve scheduling a workshop meeting on July 19, 2023 from 6pm-7pm before City Council Meeting. Councilmember Quin Pope seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

**Water and Sewer Rates:** Superintendent Rick Roberts mentioned to City Council the public works department is having a hard time keep up with costs this year. Rick would like the City Council to consider raising the water and sewer rates 2%. Mayor Ted Slivinski mentioned to the councilmembers to get funding through grants or federal money, the City needs to be showing we are keeping up with expense with increasing water and sewer rates.

**Councilmember Quin Pope moved to table the water & sewer rate increase discussion to later date. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

**Allinger Park Safety:** Superintendent Rick Roberts is concerned about the safety at Allinger Park. Rick mentioned during the softball tournament over the weekend a child was almost hit. The big concern is the parking that is blocking the right way for emergency vehicles to enter and the parking along the fence by the ball field. Bear Lake County Commissioner Wynn Olsen and Rick Roberts would like to see temporary stop signs, three crosswalks one being by the stairs, no parking signs along the fence, speed

limit sign 5mph, and parking only on the north side of the pavement. Mayor Ted Slivinski mentioned there needs to be handicap parking, everyone agreed.

**Councilmember Quin Pope moved to approve the necessary safety precaution for ball tournaments at Allinger Park and Adams Park, partnership with Bear Lake County. Councilmember Steve Allred seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

**Approve support letter for SICOG:**

Mayor Ted Slivinski asking the City Council for approval to sign a letter of support for SICOG

**Councilmember Steve Allred moved to approve Mayor Ted Slivinski to sign the support letter for SICOG. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

**Mayor Ted Slivinski:**

Mayor Ted Slivinski mentioned to City Council, Doug Wood City Attorney reviewed and approved the Community Block Grant Contract. Just waiting for the final numbers, start date and completion date. Then Mayor will sign the contract.

**Steve Allred**

Councilmember Steve Allred commented the Montpelier Community Foundation is planning a volunteer day to clean and clear out the Heritage Park for construction. Steve mentioned they will have a start date soon for the Community Block Grant/Heritage Park construction. Montpelier Chamber is working on the fall festival and working on getting vendors. The festival will be at the end of September.

**Bobbi Leonhardt**

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt asked Fire Chief Ed Preston to give update on the fire department. Fire Chief Ed Preston mentioned on next year's budget if the City Council could put some funds for maintaining the fire station. The fire station needs repairs on the roof and the windows all need to be replace.

**Quin Pope**

Councilmember Quin Pope mentioned the fundraiser for The Oregon Trail Center had a great turn out. Lewis Chandler is the new director will be starting on September 1<sup>st</sup>, also the Oregon Trail Center will be hiring a daily operation manger. The Senior Center will be having their rummage sale this Saturday.

**Brady Shultis**

Councilmember Brady Shultis mentioned Lori Jensen from ANH was wondering if the City could help with the backside of the ANH shelter. During the winter months the snow builds up in the back by the doggie doors, which makes it hard for the dogs to get out. Montpelier Beautification Committee would like to plant flowers at the welcoming signs coming to the City of Montpelier.

**Superintendent Rick Roberts**

Superintendent Rick Roberts informed City Council there's a water leak on 4<sup>th</sup> and Clay. Rick mentioned that this has been a problem for the last three years. Sunrise Engineering will be accessing the issue and will come up with a solution for the City of Montpelier.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Michelle Singleton