

City Council Meeting

July 19, 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
Dan Fisher
Brady Shultis

Others:

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

Shane Johnson excused

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

Councilmember Steve Allred moved to approve the minutes as written. Councilmember Quin Pope seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Approval of Bills

Councilmember Quin Pope moved to approve and pay bills in the amount of \$60,138.04 with \$29,986.18 being payroll and \$30,151.86 being miscellaneous bills. Councilmember Brady Shultis seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Superintendent Rick Roberts: ARPA FUNDS

Superintendent Rick Roberts is asking for approval to use ARPA funds for a generator at well house 3, lead and copper study, and water and waste water study grant. Mayor Ted Slivinski would like Superintendent Rick Roberts to get the cost for all projects for next meeting.

Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to table action item Superintendent Rick Roberts ARPA Funds. Councilmember Steve Allred seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Update City Ordinances

Chief Blake Wells addressed the City Council on the ordinances the police, waterworks and the clerks reviewed. There are some issues with ordinances 605, rental on parks only states rental for Wells C Stock Park; 607, business license; 482, cemetery and city park hours; 275, smoking in public areas; and 451, u- turns. The city needs to address living in the pre-built sheds in the city limits and living in camp trailers. Bob Ochsenbein, Chair for P&Z, stated there is an issue with 640, ordinance on chickens. The ordinances should be changed to hen chickens since there has been an issue with roosters in the city limits. Mayor Ted Slivinski asked Bob to have the planning and zoning review and make a recommendation to change the ordinance. Fire Chief Ed Preston would like changes to

the open burn ordinance. Mayor Ted Slivinski will contact City Attorney Doug to look into Preston, Soda Springs and Georgetown's ordinances on living in campers.

Councilmember Steve Allred moved to table action item update City ordinances. Councilmember Dan Fisher seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Sell Cemetery Plots to City of Montpelier

Kathy Lefler is asking if the City of Montpelier would buy back cemetery plots in section 2 lot 11 spaces 4,7, and 8. For the purchase price of \$50.00 per space, less a \$25.00 transfer fee for a total of \$125.00

Councilmember Quin Pope moved to approve the purchase of Kathy Lefler 3 cemetery plots in section 2 lot 11 spaces 4,7, and 8. At \$50.00 per space less the transfer fee of \$25.00 for a total of \$125.00. Councilmember Dan Fisher seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Tentative Approval of 2023-2024 Budget

Mayor Slivinski presented the budget to the councilmembers for their tentative approval. Mayor Slivinski has added a 4% salary increase for the employees and increased water fund and sewer fund revenues and expenditures. Fire Chief Ed Preston asked city council about more funding for the fire dept, the council decided to add more funding to the fire dept equipment.

There was discussion among the councilmembers about the upcoming year and potential expenses.

Councilmember Steve Allred moved to tentatively approve the budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and authorize publication. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Steve Allred

Councilmember Steve Allred commented the Montpelier Community Foundation would like to thank the city crew for the help of clearing out the Heritage Park for construction that began on July 17. The foundation will be fixing the welcome signs coming into Montpelier and updating the sign with Montpelier Community Foundation in the place of the Lions Club.

Bobbi Leonhardt

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt stated the water board was notified they will have to show by a map that there is enough acreage to cover the water shares. This will all be done on July 27 & 28.

Mayor Ted Slivinski adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting on August 2, 2023 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Singleton