

City Council Meeting

September 6, 2023

7:30 p.m.

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

Present:

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

Others:

City Clerk Michelle Singleton
Chief Blake Wells
Superintendent Rick Roberts
P&Z President Bob Ochsenbein

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

Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve the minutes as written. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Approval of Bills

Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve and pay bills in the amount of \$109,854.55 with \$32,359.11 being payroll and \$77,495.44 being miscellaneous bills. Councilmember Quin Pope seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Public Hearing – Opening Budget

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to go into Public Hearing for Opening the Budget. Councilmember Dan Fisher seconded. Roll call vote was taken:

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

The motion passes unanimously.

Mayor Ted Slivinski introduced the budget opening to the councilmembers, and they were provided with a paper handout describing the additions.

Fire Department

	N.W Farm Credit Grant	\$3,250.00
	Dept Of Lands	\$3,500.00
Total	\$6,750.00	funds for grant expenses

Public Works Department

VFD well House #4 \$15,800.00
Water & Wastewater plan \$14,721.00 DEQ Grant
Fuel \$20,000.00
Well House #3 \$12,000.00
Midco Diving Tank Cleaning and Inspection \$8,000.00
Golf Cart Building Electricity \$13,937.00 Bear River Electric

Total \$84,458.00

City Hall Expense

Codification of ordinance \$8,162.00
Mayors walk Challenge \$1,250.00
Gary Teuscher CPA Audit \$400.00
ICRMP Golf Course golf cart storage shed \$36,663.13
ICRMP Golf Course Pro Shop Storage Shed \$2,498.29

TOTAL \$48,973.42

Police Department

Stop Grant difference between Projected and Actual \$22,273.00
ICRMP Police Vehicle Crash \$3,427.65
Police Department new vehicle \$38,568.00
Police Department new vehicle equipment \$19,060.06

TOTAL \$83,328.71

There was no discussion and no public comments.

Councilmember Steve Allred moved to close the Public Hearing and move back into regular session. Councilmember Brady Shultis seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Councilmember Quin Pope moved to open budget to move funds into the following: Fire Department \$6,750.00, Public Works \$84,458.00, City Hall Expense \$48,973.42 and Police Department \$83,328.71. Councilmember Shane Johnson seconded. The motion passes unanimously.

Oath of Office-Kaleb Smith

City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Kaleb Smith, the most recent hire of the Montpelier Police Force. Mayor and Councilmembers welcomed him to the City.

Jack Johnson-Discover Area Guides

Jack Johnson from Discover Area Guides presented a two-page ad to City Council. Jack explained the ad will go in a magazine and will be direct-mailed to over 2,500 households in both Bear Lake and Rich Counties. This is annual publication; the cost is \$750.00 for a two-page spread including artwork. City Council agreed this is a great idea for The City of Montpelier. Mayor Ted Slivinski asked councilmember Steve Allred to work with Jack on the art work.

Councilmember Steve Allred moved to approve \$750.00 for Discover Area Guide two-page ad. Councilmember Shane Johnson seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

P&Z County Rezone- Approval Letter

P&Z President Bob Ochsenbein talked to City Council about a letter the County P&Z would like the City to send. Stating the City is not currently looking to annex and are okay if they rezone a piece of property on 8th that is in the City's impact area.

Councilmember Steve Allred moved to approve sending a city letter to County P&Z. Councilmember Shane Johnson seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Water & Sewer Connections Fees

City Council all agreed to raise water and sewer connection each to \$5,000.00

Councilmember Quin Pope moved to approve the proposed water & sewer connection fees to \$5,000.00 each. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Councilmember Steve Allred moved to approve proposed water monthly rate to \$32.10 and proposed sewer monthly rate to \$39.90 for the proposed ordinance hearing. Councilmember Dan Fisher seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Public Hearing Approval- Water & Wastewater Connection Fees Ordinance, Water & Wastewater Increasing Monthly Fees Ordinance

Councilmember Steve Allred moved to approve a public hearing for Water & Wastewater Connection Fees Ordinance, Water & Wastewater Increasing Monthly Fees Ordinance Water & Wastewater on October 4th, 2023. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Regulating RV's, Temporary Lodging Camping & Living in Tents Ordinance

Mayor Ted Slivinski asked Councilmembers if they had any more changes to the Regulating RV's, Temporary Lodging Camping & Living in Tents Ordinance. After much discussion with City Council, they felt there needed to be some changes to the ordinance like how many days in a row to camp in a tent on residential property. Mayor Ted Slivinski will follow up with City Attorney Doug Wood to get all answers clarified. Mayor would like City Council to table Regulating RV's, Temporary Lodging Camping & Living in Tents Ordinance.

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to approve to table Regulating RV's, Temporary Lodging Camping & Living in Tents Ordinance. Councilmember Dan Fisher seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Steve Allred

Councilmember Steve Allred reported construction has started. They will finish up with the pavers and concrete work on Washinton Street and should be starting construction on the park next week. Pavers are still available to purchase, they will be added to the park around October 5th.

Shane Johnson

Councilmember Shane Johnson reported Parks and Rec has started their fall sports which includes volleyball, soccer and flag football.

Bobbi Leonhardt

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt reported Fire Chief Ed Preston visited with the County Fire Marshall and the State Fire Marshall about the inspection they did on the schools in the county and there are some serious issues with the schools. Bobbi had nothing to report on about the Water Board.

Quin Pope

Councilmember Quin Pope reported Athletic Director Jared Hillier found enough funds to purchase two scoreboards for the baseball fields at Allinger Park. He is looking for additional funding for the electrical and needs help to tear down the old scoreboards. Superintendent Rick Roberts and the Public Works Department will help tear down the old scoreboards.

Brady Shultis

Councilmember Brady Shultis reported ANH and Bear Lake Animal Hospital will be doing free cat spade and neuter for any Bear Lake resident. This will be a free service from September 18th thru 30th. ANH is paying for this through donations. Brady mentioned residents can rent live traps from ANH and Bear Lake Animal Hospital.

Mayor Ted Slivinski adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 20, 2023 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Singleton