

City Council Meeting

October 18, 2023

7:30 p.m.

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

Present:

Dan Fisher
Quin Pope
Bobbi Leonhardt
Brady Shultis
Steve Allred

Others:

City Clerk Michelle Singleton
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 Bobbi Leonhardt moved to approve the minutes as written. Councilmember Brady Shultis seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Approval of Bills

Councilmember Steve Allred moved to approve and pay bills in the amount of \$83,953.96 with \$34,746.99 being payroll and \$49,206.97 being miscellaneous bills. Councilmember Dan Fisher seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Trent & Riley Hunzeker-Super 8 Hotel City Liquor License

Trent & Riley Hunzeker would like City Council to approve a City Liquor License for the Super 8 Hotel. They would like to sell beer and wine out of the gift shop where there will be no hard liquor sold. City Council thought this would be great idea for customers staying the night at the Super 8 Hotel. City Council is okay approving the City Liquor License pending approval from the County and the State.

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to approve a City Liquor License for the Super 8 Hotel pending approval from the County and State Liquor Licenses. Councilmember Quin Pope seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

ARPA Fund Discussion:

Mayor Ted Slivinski, City Council, and the Department Heads discussed items that could be used to allocated the remaining ARPA funds. Items that were discussed are; water line abandonment on 4th and clay, well house #3 new generator, Crystal Drive water line upgrade, sewer line from 8th to 11th that are under resident's garages, sprinkler system at Wells C Stock Park, and redoing the tennis courts at Wells C Stock Park and adding pickleball courts. The Mayor and City Councilmembers would like to table the ARPA discussion to a later date.

Councilmember Steve Allred moved to table the ARPA Fund Discussion to a later date. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Alleyway Discussion:

Mayor Ted Slivinski asked Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt to report on the alleyway issues in the City of Montpelier. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt explained to the City Council the alleyways in the City are being used by residents to store their personal items. She said if you go down the alleyways in the City there are camp trailers, cars, snowmobile trailers, dog kennels, chicken coops, and old trash. With winter coming Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt is concerned there will not be enough room for the City Crew to plow the alleyways. She mentioned the alleyways are for the utility companies and emergency vehicles to access. After much discussion Mayor Ted Slivinski would like the Police Department to help get the residents to remove their personal property from the alleyways. The Mayor and City Council all agree the alleyways need to be clear so the City Crew can do their job in clearing the alleyways properly. After much discussion the Mayor and City Council all agreed to table this to a later date to give the Police Department time to reach out to the residents.

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to table the Alleyway Discussion to a later date. Councilmember Brady Shultis seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mayor Ted Slivinski:

Mayor Ted Slivinski announced Idaho Capitol for the Day will be held at the Oregon Trail Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The townhall meeting will have two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Lunch will be at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. which is by invite only because of limited seating. Senator Harris, Representative Wheeler, and Representative Andrus are sponsoring the lunch.

Steve Allred

Councilmember Steve Allred reported Montpelier Community Foundation held their regular meeting tonight. The foundation has sold over 90 pavers and in hopes to sell more until spring. He also mentioned the park will not be done this year but should be completed in spring of next year due to the weather. On November 1st they will do a walk through with the contractor to go over the park and the sidewalks.

Dan Fisher

Councilmember Dan Fisher reported the Bear Lake Regional Commission held a meeting on Monday. They met with Senate and State Representatives from Utah and Idaho to discuss how to collect the TRT Tax. The Representatives from Utah explained Utah's TRT Tax goes back to the communities in Utah. In Idaho the cities have to apply for the tax, then it is used to advertise the area on billboards or pamphlets. Idaho Senators and State Representatives will take the information back to Boise.

Quin Pope:

Councilmember Quin Pope reported that the two new scoreboards will be going up tomorrow on the baseball and softball diamonds at Allinger Park with the help of the City Crew. The scoreboards came out to be \$5,000 per scoreboard. He also mentioned the Baseball and Softball Board have been fixing the pitcher mounds at the ball diamonds with the revenue from the ball tournaments this summer. The Oregon Trail Center is excited to have Idaho Capitol of the Day held at the center and in the theatre the art council is doing the play Clue.

Brady Shultis

Councilmember Brady Shultis reported ANH spayed and neutered 130 cats during their free spay and neuter program in September. He also commented the food bank deliveries have been moved to Friday because they have had problems getting a driver for the truck. Paris will be opening up their food bank in November and will be open a couple times a month.

Mayor Ted Slivinski adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting on November 1, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Singleton