

City Council Meeting

November 15, 2023

7:30 p.m.

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

Present:

Bobbi Leonhardt
Quin Pope
Shane Johnson
Steve Allred

Others:

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

Brady Shultis and Dan Fisher excused

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Quin Pope seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Approval of Minutes

Under Councilmember Quin Pope correct date from December 6th to December 2nd for the Glen Rawson Christmas Program.

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Councilmember Steve Allred seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Approval of Bills

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to approve and pay bills in the amount of \$69,824.80 with \$32,693.72 being payroll and \$37,131.08 being miscellaneous bills. Councilmember Shane Johnson seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Oath of Office-Nathan Adams

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

Councilmember Steve Allred moved to approve the Oath of Office. Councilmember Shane Johnson seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

P&Z Appointment:

Mayor Ted Slivinski is recommending the City Council to approve the appointment of Colleen Humpherys to Planning and Zoning, due to Tyler Kunz vacating his seat the beginning of November for personal reasons.

Councilmember Steve Allred moved to approve P&Z vacancy opening with Colleen Humpherys. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Montpelier Community Foundation Reappointments- Michelle Higley & Shane Johnson

Montpelier Community Foundation would like the City Council to approve the reappointments of Michelle Higley and Shane Johnson to a 3-year term on the Montpelier Community Foundation Board.

Councilmember Quin Pope moved to table Montpelier Community Foundation Reappointments of Michelle Higley and Shane Johnson to the next City Council meeting on December 6th. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Rhonda Smith & Cindy Raymond-Wells Stock Park Staged Area for Santa:

Rhonda Smith and Cindy Raymond are asking City Council for permission to make a staging area for kids to come and visit Santa for 3 weeks in December. Rhonda and Cindy would like to have the staging area at the cabin at Wells C Stock Park. If the cabin was not available, they could do the staging at the parks pavilion. They would be painting elves and reindeer on plywood which would cost about \$300.00 for supplies. They would like the City to help pay for the supplies and they also mentioned the elves and the reindeer cutouts can be used for many years. Mayor Ted Slivinski and the City Council all agreed this would be a great idea for our community. Mayor and City Council told Rhonda and Cindy the cabin is currently being leased by Papa's Chocolates and they would get in contact with Robert to see if he would be okay for them to use the cabin. Mayor explained he had conversation with Superintendent Rick Roberts and they agreed there was enough funds in the parks budget to help with the supply expenses. The City Council all agreed to help with the supply expenses with a budget not to exceed \$500.00.

Councilmember Steve Allred moved to approve the Wells C Stock Staging for Santa with a budget no to exceed \$500.00. Councilmember Shane Johnson seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Kari Ure- Family, Consumer Science, and 4H Discussion:

Kari Ure introduced herself and talked about her position at the Bear Lake Extension Office. She mentioned to the City Council about the work shop programs that are offered at the extension office (Family and Consumer Sciences, Food Safety and Prevention, Strong Women, Health and Nutrition, and Personal and Family Finances). Kari asked the City Councilmembers if they would be willing to take the 8-minute assessment survey. This will help her get some ideas for education and programs for the Bear Lake area. The City Council thanked Kari Ure for coming to the City Council meeting and explaining all that is offered at the extension office.

Mayor Ted Slivinski

Mayor Ted Slivinski commented that on the December 6th City Council Agenda there will be an action item to have one City Council meeting for the month of December. Mayor Ted Slivinski reported he received a telephone call from Tesla about putting in a super charging station in the rural communities in Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana. He mentioned Tesla is looking at our area. Tesla asked Mayor Slivinski if he had any ideas on places in Montpelier to put a super charging station. Mayor Ted Slivinski commented that Wells C Stock Park would be a great location. He mentioned Tesla would be making their decision by the end of the week if Montpelier was picked for a super charging station and he will have an update for the next City Council Meeting.

Steve Allred

Councilmember Steve Allred reported Montpelier Downtown Revitalization was supposed to have meeting with the contractor today but there were some scheduling conflicts. They are scheduled to be done with the project on May 15, 2024.

Bobbi Leonhardt:

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt reported that the Montpelier Irrigation Water Board decided to keep the rates the same as last year. She also mentioned the fire truck is in Boise getting certified and the Fire Department should have it back this weekend.

Quin Pope:

Councilmember Quin Pope reported The Oregon Trail Center held their Giving Thanks open house on November 6th with free tours and refreshments. He also mentioned Becky Smith was presented with a letter of appreciation from Governor Brad Little for her 17 years of service. On December 2nd there will be the Glenn Rawson Christmas Program which Glen Rawson is giving all the money from ticket sales back to The Oregon Trail Center.

Shane Johnson:

Councilmember Shane Johnson reported youth basketball for boys (3rd & 4th grade) and girls (5th & 6th grade) are playing now and will be done in the next couple of weeks. He hasn't spoken to Parks & Rec Director Katie Alleman to get the numbers for the kids that had signed up. Parks & Rec are taking application for girls (3rd & 4th grade) and boys (5th & 6th grade) basketball forms until November 22, 2023 and will start on January 6th, 2024.

Mayor Ted Slivinski adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting on December 6th, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Singleton