

# **City Council Meeting**

## **December 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:**

Bobbi Leonhardt(phone)  
Quin Pope  
Shane Johnson  
Steve Allred  
Brady Shultis

**Others:**

City Clerk Michelle Singleton  
Superintendent Rick Roberts  
P&Z President Bob Ochsenbein  
Parks & Rec Katie Alleman

Dan Fisher excused

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Ted Slivinski amended the agenda moving the Montpelier Community Foundation Reappointments to the end of the meeting.

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

#### **Approval of Minutes**

One typographical error was corrected

**Councilmember Steve Allred moved to approve the minutes as corrected. 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 \$82,026.02 with \$33,427.90 being payroll and \$48,598.12 being miscellaneous bills. Councilmember Shane Johnson seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

#### **Liquor License Approval**

**Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve the liquor license for the businesses of Montpelier contingent upon furnishing copies of state and county licenses, obtaining a city business license and paying the appropriate fees. Councilmember Brady Shultis seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Councilmember Quin Pope recused from voting.**

#### **December 20<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting:**

Mayor Ted Slivinski asked for a motion from the councilmembers to cancel the second meeting in December, which will be the December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. This has been done in the past City Council meetings for the month of December.

**Councilmember Quin Pope moved to cancel the December 20<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting and authorize the City Clerk and Mayor to pay the necessary bills for the month and approve them in January. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

### **Canvas of the Election**

Following are the results of the election held on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

4-year term:

TJ Chaffin	58
Dan Fisher	314
Ray Henrie	292
Bobbi Leonhardt	321
Richard Barako write-in	32

The new councilmember will be Dan Fisher, Bobbi Leonhardt and Ray Henrie filling the 4-year term.

**Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to accept the results of the election held on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Councilmember Steve Allred seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

### **P&Z Recommendation- Maurice Lewis (conditional use-storage containers)**

Mayor Ted Slivinski read the recommendation letter from the P&Z for a conditional use permit for Maurice Lewis's storage containers. The public hearing was held on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Mayor Ted Slivinski asked the councilmembers if there was anything they would like to discuss or questions they would like to ask. After much discussion the Montpelier City Council agreed to approve the conditional use permit with the following changes to the recommendation letter stating: two (2) shipping containers to be used as storage with the conditions that it will be aesthetically pleasing, paint the containers white, or a natural pleasing color, meet the setbacks required, work with the neighbors on the setbacks, work on cleaning up the lot, and be done in a timely manner by fall. A building permit will be required if or when the covered roofs are built.

**Councilmember Steve Allred moved to approve Maurice Lewis's conditional use permit for up to two (2) storage containers on empty parcel lot 00149.01. Councilmember Shane Johnson seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

### **P&Z President Bob Ochsenbein-P&Z Discussion:**

P&Z President Bob Ochsenbein was present to talk with the Mayor and the City Councilmembers about having someone appointed from City Council to oversee P&Z. He mentioned P&Z has had a lot going on and it would be nice if there was a City Councilmember they could report to. Mayor Ted Slivinski stated that City Councilmembers are not allowed to attend P&Z meetings, based upon it could sway their decision on any future council vote.

### **Papa's Chocolates Cabin Lease:**

Robert and April Matthews were both present to talk with the Mayor and the City Councilmembers to discuss the lease on the cabin at Wells C Stock Park. Mayor Ted Slivinski explained to the Councilmembers in the lease agreement under section 2-2b it states under the City Councils discretion they could reduce or forgive rent due based on work performed on the building by the tenant. He mentioned Robert and April Matthews turned in receipts for expenses in 2018 for the amount of \$9,742.32 the City could have collected \$8,400.00 in rent over the years, this leaves \$1,342.32. He told Robert and April Matthews the City has had a number of people interested in the cabin. The Mayor read section 15-I (defaults and breaches) from the lease agreement which mentioned if the tenant fails to use the building as a storefront. Mayor Ted Slivinski asked Robert and April Matthews going forward how committed are you guys to utilizes that building? Robert said they would like to keep using the building, but as the building is now its not up to code. The gas meter has been removed from the cabin so there is no heat to the cabin, the fireplace needs to be repaired, and so does the electrical breaker. After much discussion the Mayor and the Councilmembers need to determine if it is feasible to put more money in the cabin, where the lease states the tenant

leases the cabin as it is. Mayor would like the Councilmembers to waive the rent of \$1,200 for the fiscal year of 2023.

**Councilmember Steve Allred moved to waive the rent of \$1,200.00 for the fiscal year of 2023. Councilmember Shane Johnson seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

**Ordinance 677-Vacating (Ivan Leonhardt):**

Mayor Ted Slivinski briefed the City Councilmembers on Ordinance 677 on vacating the road and alleyways for Ivan Leonhardt that run through his property. He mentioned to the Councilmembers there was a public hearing on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 where the City Council voted and agreed to vacate, contingent on the City receiving the survey. Mayor Ted Slivinski read Ordinance 677 in full.

**Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve Ordinance 677. Councilmember Steve Allred 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 January 3, 2023. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

**Mayor Ted Slivinski:**

Mayor Ted Slivinski thanked the City Crew for all their hard work putting up the Christmas lights.

**Quin Pope:**

Councilmember Quin Pope reported The Oregon Trail Center hosted the Glenn Rawson concert on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The attendance for the concert was well attended. Glenn Rawson raised about \$1,100.00 for The Oregon Trail Center.

He mentioned they are hosting a lot of Christmas parties.

**Shane Johnson:**

Councilmember Shane Johnson reported youth basketball for boys (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade) and girls (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade) will be finishing up this week. He mentioned there were 4 teams for the boys and 4 teams for the girls,

**Mayor Ted Slivinski adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Michelle Singleton