

City Council Meeting

January 3, 2024

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
Dan Fisher
Steve Allred
Brady Shultis
Ray Henrie

Others:

City Clerk Michelle Singleton
Superintendent Rick Roberts
Chief Blake Wells
Fire Chief Ed Preston
Police Support Specialist Brooke Bates

Shane Johnson excused

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve the amended agenda. 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 Quin Pope moved to approve and pay bills in the amount of \$126,096.30 with \$28,809.94 being payroll and \$97,286.36 being miscellaneous bills. Councilmember Steve Allred seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Oath of Office-New Councilmembers

Mayor Ted Slivinski thanked Councilmember Steve Allred for his six years of service as a Councilmember. The Oath of Office was administered to Councilmembers Dan Fisher, Bobbi Leonhardt and Ray Henrie. After the Oath of Office was administered the new councilmembers took their seat at the table.

Councilmember President Election:

Mayor Ted Slivinski recommended the councilmembers elect Dan Fisher as Council President.

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to elect Dan Fisher as Council President. Councilmember Quin Pope seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Councilmembers Assignments:

Mayor Ted Slivinski made the following assignments to the councilmembers:

Dan Fisher- Council President, Bear Lake Regional Commission, and Bear Lake Convention and Visitors.

Bobbi Leonhardt- Montpelier Irrigation, ANH, and Montpelier Food Bank

Ray Henrie- Senior Citizens Center and Beautification Committee

Shane Johnson- Oregon Trail Center, Chamber of Commerce, and Bear Lake Arts Council

Quin Pope- Montpelier Fire Department and Parks and Recreation

Brady Shultis- Montpelier Golf Course and Montpelier Community Foundation

Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve councilmembers assignments. Councilmember Ray Henrie 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 approve the Montpelier Community Foundation Reappointments of Michelle Higley and Shane Johnson. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Sani Star RV Dump Fee System:

Mayor Ted Slivinski and the Councilmembers had a discussion on the Sani Star RV Dump Fee System. The estimated startup fee is about \$6,000 with an annual fee of \$1,920 it will need either power or solar with cell service. They all would like the fee to be about \$10 for the RV dumping service. Rick Roberts asked if the service will meter the water? Mayor Ted Slivinski said he will find out if that is an option and check on replacement cost if it was damaged. He will also call City of Paris to find out what fee they will be charging for the dumping service. The mayor and councilmembers would like to table this until they get some more information.

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to table the Sani Star RV Dump Fee System. Councilmember Quin Pope seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Devin Skinner-Fence Permit

Devin Skinner is asking City Council why the fence permit requires bordering property owner's signatures when the ordinance does not state anything about having signatures. He mentioned he applied for a fence permit for 365 Jefferson which is owned by the Millers and it was denied for not having signatures. Devin feels that the permit should have been approved because the property owner recently had their property surveyed. He mentioned he had a fence permit that was approved with a survey about five years ago. Devin said the property owner to the south refuses to sign the fence permit stating he does not agree with the property line. Mayor Ted Slivinski told Devin Skinner the City follows the Idaho State Code Title 35 sections 106 and 110. After much discussion the City Council agreed that the property owner has the right to contest where the property line is and that would require them to get a survey also, from then it becomes a civil suit. Mayor Ted Slivinski said he will talk to the city attorney about when there is a dispute and the property owner wants to move the fence in on their own property. They all agreed there has to be a remedy to fix these issues and have a better understanding. Police Support Specialist Brooke Bates mentioned that maybe Devin should reopen the fence permit and Chief Wells could go talk to the neighbor to see if he will sign the permit. The City Council agreed that might help and Devin Skinner said he will call City Hall to have the permit reopened.

Quin Pope:

Councilmember Quin Pope informed the councilmembers of a new podcast Heber Dunford and Maury Young are doing on Spotify.

Brady Shultis:

Councilmember Brady Shultis reported to the councilmembers that Lori Jensen from ANH would like City Council to come out to the ANH buildings to look around. She said the building are in need of some repair.

Brooke Bates:

Police Support Specialist Brooke Bates gave update to the councilmembers and the mayor on the ordinance violations. She said there were 49 ordinance violation and 42 of them are from the last three months. There have been ten new business licenses for short term rentals. Brooke has been doing follow up letters to land owners about the trash and the cars in their yard. She has been helping them with resources to get the cars and the trash removed. She also sent out letter to property owners for some graffiti that need to be removed from their building.

Mayor Ted Slivinski adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting on January 17th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Singleton