

City Council Meeting

January 17, 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
Brady Shultis
Ray Henrie
Shane Johnson

Others:

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

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to approve January 3rd, 2024 minutes as written. Councilmember Quin Pope seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Approval of Bills

Councilmember Quin Pope moved to approve and pay bills in the amount of \$61,644.94 with \$29,307.00 being payroll and \$32,337.94 being miscellaneous bills. Councilmember Shane Johnson seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Superintendent Rick Roberts-ARPA Funds:

Superintendent Rick Roberts presented four proposals that he would like to use the ARPA funds. (1) Bear River Electric \$44,689.00 to install a new generator for well #3. Rick mentioned that all the testing is done for well #3 and all the tests passed. (2) \$162,000.00 to replace the water line on Crystal Drive from a 2-inch line to a 6-inch line. (3) 8th to 11th on Grant and Lincoln for a sewer lining & replacement for \$281,000.00 or \$242,000.00 for sewer lining only. (4) 8th to 11th on Lincoln & Monroe for a sewer lining & replacement for \$271,000.00 or \$247,000.00 for sewer lining only. Rick mentioned the generator for well house #3 and the water line on Crystal Drive is his first priority. He stated doing well house #3 will allow them to rotate between the well houses.

After much discussion City Council would like to see these projects done with the water and sewer funds and see if the City could use the ARPA funds for maintenance equipment. Mayor Ted Slivinski will look in to seeing if the City could use the ARPA funds for equipment and asked Rick to provide some estimates on some equipment that needs to be replace and to present it at the next City Council meeting. City Council agreed to approve the generator for well house #3, this will allow Rick to have it up and running before summer season.

Councilmember Quin Pope moved to approve the estimate from Bear River Electric for a generator in well house #3 in the amount of \$44,689.00 to come out of ARPA funds. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

P&Z Bob Ochsenbein- 2024 New President Introduction:

Bob Ochsenbein former chair of the P&Z introduced the new 2024 chair Sam Burdick. He mentioned that Polly Dahlke will be the co-chair for 2024 and his term will end on February 13, 2024. Bob told City Council he will stay on until they appoint someone to take his place. The Mayor and City Council thanked Bob Ochsenbein for his years of service and welcomed Sam Burdick as the new chair.

Mayor Ted Slivinski:

Mayor Ted Slivinski mentioned he had no update at this time on the Sani Star RV Dump Fee System. He also mentioned he talked to City Attorney Doug Wood concerning the questions that were brought up at the last City Council meeting on the City's fence permits. He said after speaking to Doug we are 100% correct on how the City's ordinance reads, when obtaining the permit have the property owner get the signatures so we don't get neighborly disputes, so the system we have in place works. He asked Doug what happens if the neighbor just flat out refuses to sign the permit, at that point Doug said the City would get more involved and reach out to the neighbor to help get the permit signed. Legally the City can approve a fence permit base on that rational. If it's a property dispute with surveys that are not in agreement that becomes civil and the City cannot approve the permit.

Dan Fisher:

Councilmember Dan Fisher reported there was no meeting this month for the Bear Lake Regional Commission. He did attend the Bear Lake Chamber meeting and they are getting prepared for the Winterfest that will be held on January 26th through the 28th.

Shane Johnson:

Councilmember Shane Johnson said he reached out to the Oregon Trail Center, Montpelier Chamber of Commerce, and Bear Lake Arts Council to introduce himself and to get information on the times and day they hold their meetings.

Quin Pope:

Councilmember Quin Pope reported he talked to Casey Humpherys from the softball and baseball board about them getting diamond dust for the east diamond at Wells C Stock Park. He mentioned the cost is about \$10,000.00 for the product and the board was wondering if the City would be willing to help with this. Quin also mentioned the two scoreboards that still need to be replace and the cost for those are about \$5,000 each. Councilmember Quin Pope asked Fire Chief Ed Preston to explain the DEQ grant. Ed explained DEQ has set aside some money to update old fire trucks and ambulance emissions for underserved communities. Ed mentioned he applied and will keep the City Council updated.

Brady Shultis:

Councilmember Brady Shultis reported there was no Montpelier Community Foundation meeting for the month January and the next meeting will be February 21st.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Singleton