

City Council Meeting

March 6, 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
Ray Henrie

Others:

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

Shane Johnson and Brady Shultis-excused

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve the February 21, 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 \$143,513.34 with \$31,693.21 being payroll and \$111,820.13 being miscellaneous bills. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Superintendent Rick Roberts-Equipment Purchase Approval:

Superintendent Rick Roberts would like the City Council to approve him to bid on a bucket truck in the auction that will be on March 20th and to purchase the excavator. The Mayor reminded the City Councilmembers that they approved Rick to purchase equipment with the ARPA funds.

Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve Superintendent Rick Roberts to bid on the bucket truck in the auction and to purchase the excavator. Councilmember Ray Henrie seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Adopting Ordinance- City New Code Book:

Mayor Ted Slivinski read Ordinance 678 adopting the city's new code book in full.

Councilmember Dan Fisher move to adopt Ordinances 678. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Laurel Jensen-Stop Sign at 5th and Clay:

Laurel Jensen explained to the City Council the issues with the stop signs on 5th and Clay Street with cars blowing through the stop signs. She had a parent that was crossing the street with their child after school and they almost got hit by a car that ran the stop sign. Laurel Jensen would like the city to put some stop signs that flash or a cross walk beacon like the middle school. She believes this would help with the cars that run the stop sign. The Mayor asked Laurel if the school district would pay for a crossing guard. Laurel explained that she uses the school faculty for the crossing guards on Clay and 6th. Laurel said she has advertised for Clay and 5th but had no one apply. After much discussion the Mayor and the City Council agree that this intersection has issues of traffic and vehicles running the stop signs and the safety of the children is very important. City Council and the Mayor agree to put up four flashing programmable stop signs at 5th and Clay with the cost being \$800.00 for each sign and the total purchase would be \$3,200.00.

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to approve Superintendent Rick Roberts to purchase four programmable flashing stop signs for the intersection at 5th and Clay. Councilmember Ray Henrie seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Police Support Specialist Brooke Bates-Special Event Permit Discussion:

Police Support Specialist Brooke Bates presented a Special Event Permit application, and she explained the purpose for the City having a Special Event Permit allows the City to beware of these events taking place in the City. Brooke mentioned such events as the LoToJa bike race, farmers markets, parades, or any organized activity. She said on the permit it will give them the option to rent road barricades, law enforcement traffic control for an hourly fee, and each applicant will have to carry their own general liability insurance. Mayor Ted Slivinski has concerns about having the applicants carry liability insurance and not wanting the cost of liability insurance stopping the events from happening in the City. He had questions about if the City sponsored the event if that event would fall under the City's liability insurance. The Mayor would like the City Councilmembers to table this until the next City Council meeting. This would allow time for each Councilmember to read through the application and have Doug Wood, the City Attorney, look into the liability insurance and make any legal changes.

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to table the Special Event Permit to the next City Council meeting. Councilmember Quin Pope seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mayor Ted Slivinski:

Mayor Ted Slivinski gave an update on the Age Friendly Community study that was completed for the City. They came to give a follow up with some action plans and the study will help pursue future grants. He noted that they discussed affordable housing in the City. The Mayor had another meeting with a group of students from USU doing a study in the Bear Lake Area and they broke out in to groups to do the study in the Garden City, Randolph and one for the City of Montpelier. He stated that they are helping us come up with a future plan for growth. One student's task is trying to solve the affordable housing in the City and what a water wise development would be. The final report and presentation will be done on April 19th at USU for anyone wanting to go listen to their presentation.

Dan Fisher:

Councilmember Dan Fisher reported at the Bear Lake Regional Commission meeting they did a presentation on Monitor the Health of the Lake Platforms and what they are watching is how affective Mud Lake is. He mentioned the moisture is at 123 %, flows, and lake levels are all in good shape. Dan talked about the Bear Lake Travel Council meeting and they discussed how many internet searches there were for Bear Lake.

Bobbi Leonhardt:

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt reported Mark Ispen, the President of Montpelier Irrigation, contacted her to explain about the water at the top of the Montpelier Reservoir. Apparently, there is a spring that goes into the creek that is plugged and they are trying to figure out where the plug is located. Bobbi mentioned Lori Jensen from ANH would like some help with some remodeling of the shelter. There are gates that are sticking and hard to open also

and there are some doggie doors that are in need of repair. Mayor Ted Slivinski asked Bobbi if she could set up a time so they could do a walk through with Lori at the shelter. Bobbi also mentioned that Lori is also looking for someone to take over the shelter if any of the councilmembers know of anyone that would be a good fit to take over ANH.

Quin Pope:

Councilmember Quin Pope informed the City Council that the Parks and Rec Director, Katie Alleman sent out a softball and baseball survey on Facebook. He explained the purpose of the survey is to see how many kids in the different age groups would like to play in the city softball and baseball leagues. With most kids playing on traveling teams there has not been enough kids to make up enough teams for the rec leagues. Quin mentioned he attended the Fire Dept training that was held at the hospital. He was impressed with all the preparation that went into the training.

Mayor Ted Slivinski adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting on March 20th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Singleton