

City Council Meeting

May 1, 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
Brady Shultis
Shane Johnson
Ray Henrie
Quin Pope
Dan Fisher

Others:

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

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Correction: minor spelling error

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to approve the April 17, 2024 minutes as corrected. Councilmember Shane Johnson seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Approval of Bills:

Councilmember Quin Pope moved to approve and pay bills in the amount of \$49,576.39 with \$28,604.36 being payroll and \$20,972.03 being miscellaneous bills. Councilmember Shane Johnson seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Sani Star RV Dump Fee System:

Mayor Ted Slivinski is recommending the City Council to approve the Sani Star RV Dump Fee System. He mentioned the City of Paris will be having theirs installed the middle of May and the city could get theirs installed at the same time to help keep the installation cost down. The cost for two systems and the installation is \$8,650.00. The annual fee for both systems is \$3,420.00 and both systems will be solar powered, this will be a 5-year term. The Councilmembers discussed the RV Dump Fee System and would like to set the fee at \$10.00 including 3% credit card fee. Mayor Slivinski will have the city attorney look at the agreement once the council approves the system and the fee will be set by ordinance that the city attorney will draft for approval.

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to approve the Sani Star RV Dump fee system. Councilmember Shane Johnson seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Special Event Permit Discussion:

Mayor Slivinski and the City Council reviewed and read the Special Event Ordinance and Permit Application that was reviewed and updated by City Attorney Doug Wood. They agreed to change the 30 days to 15 days prior to the event for the application to be submitted to the City and under Denials or Revocation of Permit in section (D) changing the word shall to may. Mayor Slivinski will get in touch with the city attorney to have an ordinance for the fee drafted.

Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve the Special Event Permit and Special Event Ordinance. Councilmember Quin Pope seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Superintendent Rick Roberts: Sewer and Water Line Replacements:

Superintendent Rick Roberts was present to ask for the council's approval to have the sewer lines on 8th to 11th (Grant & Lincoln) to be lined with cure-in place pipe the cost will be about \$242,000.00. The sewer lines on 8th to 11th (Lincoln & Monroe) sewer lines also be lined with cure-in place pipe the cost will be about \$247,000.00. Rick explained these sewer lines are in the alleyways and the sewer lines go under the resident's garages, that is why Sunrise is recommending the cure-in place lining. He said if the city approves both sewer lines the engineering cost would be \$35,000.00 instead of \$60,000.00. Councilmember Dan Fisher asked what is the benefit of the engineer when the existing sewer pipe is already in place? Addison Ochsenbein from Sunrise Engineering said they help get bids from the contractors, they will do the inspections, and make sure the contractor is following the plans that were designed. He also said the lining will last about 40 years. Rick is also asking to replace the water line on Crystal Drive the cost being \$162,000.00 to replace the 4" line to a 6" line. Mayor Slivinski asked about the time line and when the water and sewer lines replacements would start? Rick Roberts is hoping by fall or as soon as they can get a contractor hired.

Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to proceed with the both sewer lines on 8th and 11th Grant to Lincoln and Lincoln to Monroe and the water line on Crystal Drive. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ray Henrie:

Councilmember Ray Henrie commented that the Senior Citizens Center will be under construction for a couple of months for the remodeling and they are asking for everyone to use the southeast door.

Dan Fisher:

Councilmember Dan Fisher reported at the Bear Lake Regional Commission meeting they had Jim DeRito from Trout Unlimited talk about the North Eden project on east shore road. Trout Unlimited will be tearing out the old culvert and replacing it with a moon shape culvert with a creek bed which will allow fish to move upstream and downstream. Jeremy Jirak from the National Wildlife Refuge talked how they will finish the dike at mud lake to help with carp reduction. The Commission also discussed the lake levels and the current lake levels are 5918, last year it was 5911 which is 7ft higher than last year.

At the Bear Lake Convention & Visitors Bureau meeting they discussed the Spring Conference for Bear Lake 2024. The conference is May 18th from 9 a.m. to noon at the Sunrise Event Center. On June 13th there will be a boat tour retreat for the State Legislatures. Tami Leonhardt explained the Idaho bed tax guidelines to show where the money that is collected from our region is distributed. 45% nonprofit local and regional tourism, another 45% is used for statewide programs to target international and domestic visitors, and the remaining 10% is used for administration of the division.

Bobbi Leonhardt:

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt reported the Montpelier Irrigation Board held their meeting on April 26th. She stated that there were not enough water share members to hold the election for the new board and they decided to leave the board the same as it has been. There have been two inspections done on the dam this spring, they still are

not able to find the blockage on the westside. They will have to fence of the spill way due to liability issues and they are trying to control the flow of the water downstream.

Quin Pope:

Councilmember Quin Pope reported Parks and Rec baseball and softball has started they will play from the middle of May to the middle of June. He commented the fire department had some training this past week and turned the remaining time to Fire Chief Ed Preston to give an update to the City Council. Ed informed the City Council that BLM is concerned about the how dry the land will be this summer. He suggested the city needs to contact property owners that have abandoned property with tall dry weeds earlier in the summer.

Superintendent Rick Roberts:

Superintendent Rick Roberts mentioned to the City Council the city crew has installed all the cross-walk beacons on 4th street.

Executive Session:

Councilmember Quin Pope moved to go into Executive Session: Idaho Code 76-206 (f) To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement. Councilmember Dan Fisher seconded. Roll call vote was taken:

Bobbi Leonhardt	yes
Dan Fisher	yes
Ray Henrie	yes
Quin Pope	yes
Shane Johnson	yes
Brady Shultis	yes

The motion passes unanimously.

Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to close the Executive Session and moved back into regular session. Councilmember Brady Shultis seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mayor Ted Slivinski adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 15, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Singleton