

# City Council Meeting

## November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was conducted by Mayor Ted Slivinski at 7:30 p.m. at the Montpelier City Hall.

**Present:**

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

**Others:**

City Clerk Michelle Singleton  
Superintendent Rick Roberts  
Chief Blake Wells

**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:**

**Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to approve the October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 minutes as written.**

**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 \$56,053.75 with \$30,692.72 being payroll and \$25,361.03 being miscellaneous bills.**

**Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

**Oath of Office-Joshua David Merritt and Kyle James Armstrong:**

City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Joshua David Merritt and Kyle James Armstrong, the most recent hires of the Montpelier Police Force. Mayor and Councilmembers welcomed them to the city.

**Matthews Cabin Lease:**

Mayor Ted Slivinski explained to the councilmembers that Robert Matthews is currently on a month-to-month term and the city has tried to execute a new lease with the Matthews.

Robert Matthews was present to discuss his cabin leases with the city councilmembers. He explained that he called Rocky Mountain Power to go over the power bills to see why the bills have decreased and to get copies of the statements, but they have not received the statements to present to the councilmembers. Robert proposed they would pay to upgrade the electrical, put in a furnace, and bring water into the building. If the city council would do a new contract stating as long as Robert Matthews is in good standing to let them have a long-term lease. He would like the rent to be in equal amounts as they grown and has no objections for increasing the rent. He stated that they city has waived the rent in the past for them paying the electric bills. Mayor Ted Slivinski reminded Robert that it's always been in the lease agreement that only improvements to the building may be waived and the electricity was always the tenant's responsibility. The mayor mentioned that any changes to the agreement he would have to discuss them with Doug Wood, the city attorney. Councilmember Quin Pope asked Robert if he thought these are unreasonable terms if the city finds cause for default, if they are doing what they need to do then there is no reason for Matthews

to be in default. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt asked if they are current on all the rent payment. Currently, they have not paid any rent payments. She mentioned the city council needs to look at the land value and adjust the rent. They mayor would like the councilmembers to table the Matthews Cabin Lease and the Mathews will continue with the month-to-month term.

**Councilmember Quin Pope moved to table the Matthews Cabin Lease.  
Councilmember Ray Henrie seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

**Superintendent Rick Roberts-Purchase for a GPS Unit:**

Superintendent Rick Roberts would like the councilmembers to approve the purchase of an EOS Arrow 100 Plus GNSS GPS unit. This will allow his department to mark the GPS coordinates for the city's water valves and sewer lines to be documented on a map. Mayor Ted Slivinski stated in the winter the water valves are covered in snow and ice and the lines are hard to locate when they have to do water shutoffs. Rick mentioned the system they are using now is out dated and by upgrading to a new system it will save the department time to do other projects.

**Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve the purchase of the GPS unit.  
Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

**Mayor Ted Slivinski:**

Mayor Ted Slivinski would like the councilmembers to review the email from Fire Chief Ed Preston's concerning the insurance rating classification for the city.

**Dan Fisher:**

Councilmember Dan Fisher reported on October 30, 2024 the Bear Lake Regional Commission had their monthly meeting they had a recognition of service for Ken Brown who has severed on the commission since the early 70's. He also mentioned Jessie Danninger from Utah Forestry, Fire and State Lands and Jeremy Varley from Idaho Department of Agriculture were there to do a presentation on monitoring and treatment for the Eurasian Milfoil. Utah has treated 197 acres and Idaho has treated 23 acres of Eurasian Milfoil this year. He mentioned Tami Leonhardt from the Bear Lake Convention and Visitors Bureau reported the tourism traffic to the online website has stayed the same as previous months.

**Superintendent Rick Roberts:**

Superintendent Rick Roberts informed the councilmembers the public works department will be shorthanded for the next couple of months. He mentioned that being shorthanded they will be plowing the main roads first and doing the alleyways the next day.

**Mayor Ted Slivinski adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:30p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Michelle Singleton  
City Clerk