**City Council Meeting**

**October 16, 2024**

**7:30 p.m.**

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

Present: Others:

Ray Henrie City Clerk Michelle Singleton

Dan Fisher Superintendent Rick Roberts

Brady Shultis Chief Blake Wells

Quin Pope

Bobbi Leonhardt

Shane Johnson

**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:**

Two corrections. Under Councilmember Dan Fisher change tourism to traffic to the website and under Councilmember Quin Pope change Wells C Stock Park to Adams Park.

**Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve October 2nd, 2024 minutes with the two corrections.**

**Councilmember Quin Pope seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

**Approval of Bills:**

**Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve and pay bills in the amount of $102,861.85**

**with $34,723.05 being payroll and $68,138.80 being miscellaneous bills.**

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

**Chief Blake Wells-City Hall Generator Bids:**

Police Chief Blake Wells presented the second bid for the city hall generator from AD Electric in the amount of $75,685.03. This is a Cummins generator, 125 kilowatts with a 400-amp transfer switch that will run off natural gas or propane. He reminded city council the amount for Bear River Electric’s bid was $64,989.00 for CAT/ASCO 100-kilowatt generator with a 300-amp transfer switch that will run off natural gas. Councilmember Dan Fisher asked priority wise is this at the top of the city hall list for equipment? Councilmember Quin Pope stated with all the power outages the city has this would be a good investment. Chief Wells said yes and it would be great investment for the city and the residents of Montpelier. He mentioned there is money left over in his budget to pay for the generator due to his department not being fully staffed. After much discussion the city council agreed to go with the Bear River Electric bid being $10,696.03 less the AD Electric bid.

**Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to approve the Bear River Electric bid for $64,989.00 for the city hall generator. Councilmember Quin Pope seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

**Michael & Kimberly Wilding-Side Street setbacks (green house):**

Michael and Kimberly Wilding are asking the city council to approve the setbacks on their green house that was recently built on a side street at 708 n 5th. With the approval from the city council, they would be able to apply for a conditional use permit along with a variance that the P&Z recommended at the meeting in September. Michael explained he didn’t realize they need a permit and their green house was reg tagged from the building inspector. Michael said their greenhouse is a 21x14 structure and is not and will not ever be attached to their house. They said they also measured how far the structure is from the road and said it was 5 ft from the side. He said they received a certified letter from P&Z stating they had 30(thirty) days to remove the green house from its current location.

Mayor Slivinski stated he talked to the building inspector Wayne Davidson about his concerns with the placement of the green house. Wayne said the Wildings did not obtain a building permit. Second Montpelier City ordinance requires all structures to be 30’ from the property line on a side street and shall be measured from the edge of the right way, this structure is built on the street side of the house and is about 5’ from the curb. Third a detached accessory building needs to be 10’ from the principal structure, and shall adhere to the side yard requirements. Mr. Wilding’s green house is about a half inch from the house. Mayor Slivinski and the City Council discussed their concerns with no fire suppression wall or fire barrier and the structure being so close to the house. They all agreed the green house needs to be removed and will extend the 30-day removal to spring or early summer 2025.

**Councilmember Quin Pope moved to deny the variance and to give ample time for Wilding’s to remove their green house by spring or early summer 2025.**

**Councilmember Dan Fisher seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

**Shane Johnson:**

Councilmember Shane Johnson reported the Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival that was held last month was very successful, they had 62 (sixty-two) vendors and they plan to adjust the hours for next year to align when the demolition derby starts.

**Mayor Ted Slivinski adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting on November 6th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Michelle Singleton

City Clerk