

City Council Meeting

November 20th, 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 -excused
Brady Shultis
Quin Pope
Bobbi Leonhardt
Shane Johnson

Others:

City Clerk Michelle Singleton
Fire Chief Ed Preston
Chief Blake Wells
P&Z Chair Sam Burdick

Approval of Agenda:

Amended Ure Subdivision- Action Item added

**Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve the agenda as amended.
Councilmember Quin Pope seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

Approval of Minutes:

**Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve the November 6th, 2024 minutes as written.
Councilmember Ray Henrie seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

Approval of Bills:

**Councilmember Quin Pope moved to approve and pay bills in the amount of \$71,527.51 with \$38,905.18 being payroll and \$32,622.33 being miscellaneous bills.
Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

December Council Meeting:

Mayor Ted Slivinski asked for a motion from the councilmembers to cancel the second meeting in December, which will be the December 18th meeting. This has been done in the past City Council meetings for the month of December. The Mayor and the City Council also discussed moving the December 4th meeting to December 11th.

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to approve moving the December 4th meeting to December 11th and cancel the December 18th City Council meeting and authorize the City Clerk and Mayor to pay the necessary bills for the month and approve them in January. Councilmember Ray Henrie seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Montpelier Community Foundation-Reappointments:

Councilmember Brady Shultis of the Montpelier Community Foundation would like the City Council to approve the reappointments of Steve Allred and Hillary Lund for the Montpelier Community Foundation Board. He also mentioned John Lusk will be stepping down from the Montpelier Community Foundation Board.

Councilmember Quin Pope moved to approve the Montpelier Community Foundation Reappointments of Steve Allred and Hillary Lusk. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

City of Montpelier Impact Area:

Mayor Ted Slivinski and the City Council discussed the letter that was sent from the Bear Lake County Planning and Zoning Commission, in reference to the city impact area. On July 1st the new Idaho Code Title 67-6526 is requiring each county and city to review and revise the impact area as necessary prior to December 31st, 2025 and every five years to review the impact area. The mayor explained the current impact area ordinance was mutually agreed upon by the city and county in 1999 and there have been no updates since that time. The mayor and councilmembers reviewed the proposed city impact area to the current city impact area. The proposed impact area is shrinking the current impact area almost in half. The City Council stressed their concerns with the proposed impact area not allowing for the grow to the north or east where the city has water and sewer infrastructure in the areas the county is proposing to reduce. Mayor Ted Slivinski informed the councilmembers that he and the city clerk had a conversation today with Mitch Poulsen from the Bear Lake County Planning and Zoning Commission and Mitch said the County Commissioners tasked him with shrinking the sizes of the cities impact area. The mayor explained in the new Idaho code the impact area can be up to two miles outside the city limits. Mayor Ted Slivinski is recommending the city council to approve sending a letter to the county commissioners and Mitch Poulsen in response to the letter that was sent out.

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to approve sending a letter to the county commissioners and Mitch Poulsen in response to the letter that was sent out stating the city wants to keep the existing impact area boundaries and to continue to operate under the existing ordinance #629. Councilmember Shane Johnson seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

P&Z Appointments:

Mayor Ted Slivinski is recommending the City Council to approve the appointments of Heidi Christensen and Tamara Armstrong to Planning and Zoning. Heidi Christensen will be replacing Bruce Burgoyne and Tamara Armstrong will be replacing Diana Christensen from the impact area.

Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve the Planning and Zoning appointments of Heidi Christensen and Tamara Armstrong. Councilmember Brady Shultis seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

P&Z Recommendation-Ure Subdivision

Planning and Zoning Chairman, Sam Burdick, was present to answer any questions about the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning to approve and accept the Preliminary and Final Plat of the Ure Subdivision. He explained the subdivision will have ten lots and the lot sizes will range from ½ acre to .37 acres. The property owners will be responsible for their own water and sewer hookups and there were no objections during the public hearing. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt asked if the driveways on lots 5 and 6 would face Webster Street. Sam stated lot five's driveway will face 5th street and lot six's driveway will face 6th street. The councilmembers had concerns with the irrigation ditches that run through this property. Micah Rigby, a representative for Wes Ure, stated they talked with Bryce Boehme from the Montpelier Irrigation Company and he said the ditches in the subdivision will not affect the irrigation in the City of Montpelier. Micah stated the fourteen water shares will stay with lot three.

Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve the Preliminary and Final Plat of the Ure Subdivision. Councilmember Quin Pope seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Chief Blake Wells-Vehicle Purchase

Chief Blake Wells presented two bids one from Liberty and one from Bear Lake Motor to the City Councilmembers. He explained that Liberty's special vehicle is not available and the truck that is on the Liberty bid is a Ram 1500 Crew Cab Bighorn 4X4 for \$50,108. The Bear Lake Motor bid is for a F150 4x4 Super crew Police-145 for \$48,014.

Chief Wells stated there will be extra cost to equip the new vehicle and he will have to open the budget to move funds over. Mayor Ted Slivinski notice errors on both bids relating to the title fees. Bear Lake Motor has no title fee listed and Liberty has the title fee as \$14, the title fees should be \$20. After much discussion the councilmembers went with the Bear Lake Motor bid.

**Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to approve the Bear Lake Motor bid.
Councilmember Ray Henrie seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

Gordon Aggers-Ordinance Issues:

Gordon Aggers stressed to City Council his concerns of city ordinances that are not being enforced and complaints not being enforced in a timely matter by the city. Gordon also mentioned when purchasing a dog license, the city needs to make it clear that the license is a year-to-year license and not from the month of purchase. He also stressed his concern over selective enforcement in the city. City Council thanked Gordon Aggers for coming to City Council with his concerns. Mayor Ted Slivinski told Gordon Aggers the city hired a Police Department Specialist a year ago and she assists in writing compliance letters to property owners. The mayor stated this has helped free up office time for the Police Department to enforce ordinance violations.

Ray Henrie:

Councilmember Ray Henrie reported the Bear Lake Senior Center will be providing a free Thanksgiving Dinner for seniors 60 or over on Wednesday November 27th from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Shane Johnson:

Councilmember Shane Johnson mentioned the Bear Lake Art Council next play will be The Forgotten Carols on December 5th thru December 7th at the Oregon Trail Center. He also reported the Oregon Trail Center has another water leak and they are replacing a couple feet of their main line.

Brady Shultis:

Councilmember Brady Shultis reported on the Montpelier Community Foundation meeting. They voted to keep the officers the same as last year's officers. They also discussed the bathroom issue at Heritage Park.

Mayor Ted Slivinski adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting on December 11th, 2024 at 7:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Singleton
City Clerk