

City Council Meeting

December 11th, 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
Quin Pope
Bobbi Leonhardt
Shane Johnson-excused

Others:

City Clerk Michelle Singleton
Fire Chief Ed Preston
Chief of Police Blake Wells
Superintendent Rick Roberts

Approval of Agenda:

**Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to approve the agenda as written.
Councilmember Quin Pope seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

Approval of Minutes:

**Councilmember Brady Shultis moved to approve the November 20th, 2024 minutes as written.
Councilmember Ray Henrie seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

Approval of Bills:

**Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve and pay bills in the amount of \$70,540.19 with \$38,990.85 being payroll and \$31,549.34 being miscellaneous bills.
Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

Rhonda Smith-Santa in the Park:

Rhonda Smith and Cindy Raymond were present to discuss the success of Santa in the park. They expressed how grateful they were for all the help the city did to make this a success and the city's help with purchasing the materials and Mr. and Mrs. Claus. There were over a hundred children each day on November 30th and December 7th. They mentioned the only complaint that was mentioned was the cabin was cold and there were four space heaters trying to warm the cabin up. They asked the councilmembers if there was anything they city could do to provide better heat to the cabin and the councilmembers commented they would look into the heating issue. Rhonda and Cindy would like to continue doing Santa in the Park next year and do it in the evening with fire pits, fire barrels, and serve hot cider. The mayor and city council thanked Rhonda and Cindy for all their hard work and their time it took to make Santa in the Park such a success.

**Councilmember Quin Pope moved to tentatively approve Santa in the Park for next year.
Councilmember Dan Fisher seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

Liquor License Approval:

A list of all liquor license applicants was provided for each of the councilmembers.

Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve the 2025 liquor license applications contingent upon paying the fee, providing a copy of state and county license, and obtaining a current business license.

Councilmember Ray Henrie seconded. Councilmember Quin Pope abstained for reason of conflict of interest. All other votes were affirmative. The motion passes.

Superintendent Rick Roberts-Camera System:

Superintendent Rick Roberts would like the councilmembers to approve the purchase of a Minicam Proteus Lite System that will be used on the sewer lines. He explained the city has an old push camera system that only goes out 75 feet and many of the city sewer lines have roots growing into the sewer lines and it's hard to determine where the roots are coming from unless public works dig up the sewer line. Rick mentioned by purchasing the new camera it will allow them to view the sewer lines in a panoramic view. The camera will go out 840 feet and be used on 6-inch to 12-inch sewer lines and the camera is automatic. The mayor explained if city council approves the purchase of the camera system part of the cost will be paid with ARPA funds that was allocated to public works.

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to approve Superintendent Rick Roberts to purchase the camera system. Councilmember Ray Henrie seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Executive Session:

Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to go into Executive Session: Idaho Code 74-206 (1) (C) To acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. Roll call vote was taken:

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

The motion passes unanimously.

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to close the Executive Session and moved back into regular session. Councilmember Quin Pope seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mayor Ted Slivinski:

Mayor Ted Slivinski reported Superintendent Gary Brogan reached out to him to see if the city would be interested in doing the after-school program. The school district needs to send a letter of intent to apply for the grant that was due December 2nd and the city would be the gate keeper of the grant. The mayor told Superintendent Brogan to go ahead and send the letter of intent to apply where it's non-binding and bring the information to the city council to look at.

Ray Henrie:

Councilmember Ray Henrie reported the Bear Lake Senior Center served 200 Thanksgiving Dinners to the senior citizens of Bear Lake Valley and the Christmas Dinner will be held on December 20th. The Bear Lake Senior Center will be closed on December 25th, 26th and January 1st due to the upcoming holidays. He also mentioned Jan from the Bear Lake Senior Center Board will be attending a future city council meeting to see if the city could help with some funding for the center.

Dan Fisher:

Councilmember Dan Fisher reported the Bear Lake Regional Commission will be losing two board members, County Commissioner Brad Jensen was the county representative and Christy Jensen is retiring.

Bobbi Leonhardt:

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt reported that ANH raised about \$2,500.00 doing an animal drive on Facebook's giving Tuesday.

Quin Pope:

Councilmember Quin Pope reported the Allinger Foundation Fund will be making a draw from their fund to purchase new temporary fences, a new equipment shed, and new boards that will go from the back stop to the dugouts to help keep the diamond dust on the infields. They are asking if the city could help weld the brackets that would keep the boards in place. Quin also mentioned the baseball and softball board has done a lot of upgrades to the city parks and the board was wondering if the city would be willing to do a permanent fence at Adams Park on the west field. He mentioned the estimate for a 4-foot fence, 315 feet long with safety caps and including labor was around \$7,500.00.

Councilmember Quin Pope asked Fire Chief Ed Preston to give an update on the Montpelier Fire Department. Ed reported they recently did fire inspections for the schools in Montpelier and the inspections went better than last years. He did comment that all the schools must have a fire lane, this is an Idaho State code.

Superintendent Rick Roberts:

Superintendent Rick Roberts updated the Mayor and Councilmembers on the lead and copper plan, the city is required to do twenty water samples a year and the cost is \$700.00 for every ten samples.

Chief of Police Blake Wells:

Chief of Police Blake Wells informed the Mayor and Councilmembers he will be applying for the FY22 SAKI Grant with a max award of \$2,000. The purpose of the grant is to provide a safe and comfortable space for survivor interviews, separate from an interrogation room.

Mayor Ted Slivinski adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting on January 8th, 2025 at 7:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Singleton
City Clerk