

City Council Meeting

February 5th, 2025

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

Others:

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

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

**Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve the January 22nd, 2025 minutes as written.
Councilmember Brady Shultis seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

Approval of Bills:

**Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve and pay bills in the amount of \$76,590.49 with \$33,391.03 being payroll and \$43,199.46 being miscellaneous bills.
Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

Introduction of the New Idaho State Deputy Fire Marshall-Steve MacLeod:

Idaho State Deputy Fire Marshall Steve MacLeod was present to introduce himself to the mayor and councilmembers. He mentioned he lives here in the valley and if asked he could help Fire Chief Ed Preston with inspections. Steve also stated there are three fire marshals in region three and their job is to investigate, inspections, and help with the fire code.

Frontier Credit Union-Discussion:

Frontier Credit Union was present to discuss possible banking options for the city. They presented different banking products that they thought would best serve the city. They also are looking for a building to lease until their new building is built and should be done sometime in September.

Marie Hunt-No Parking Signs on Adams & South 9th:

Marie Hunt was present to discuss the parking issue on the corner of Adams Street and south 9th. She presented pictures and a letter with signatures from Rachael Walker, the current school bus driver. Marie explained on the end of south 9th there are homes that are now rentals and nightly rentals and the homes have inadequate parking for their tenants. Due to the inadequate parking, they are parking on Adams Street just a few feet away from the stop sign and the fire hydrant. She mentioned Adams and south 9th are both narrow and with the cars parking on the road it makes it hard for the school bus or any vehicle to navigate around the corner on Adams Street. She is proposing the

councilmembers to consider putting no parking signs on the corner of south 9th and Adams Street. Councilmember Dan Fisher stated the city is currently in a winter ordinance no parking. The mayor asked Police Chief Wells if they had any complaints and the police department has had a few complaints and they have tagged vehicles for winter parking warnings. The mayor and the councilmembers would like the police department to increase its presence and enforce parking regulations by tagging cars parked on the road. Additionally, the mayor has requested that Police Chief Wells propose a solution with more details on how to address this issue effectively.

Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to table No Parking Signs on Adams & South 9th. Councilmember Brady Shultis seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Superintendent Chris Bruce-Sewer Project:

Superintendent Chris Bruce presented a new sewer project proposal to be added to Project 1, which has already been approved. He stated that the total cost of incorporating this addition would be \$564,000. The proposed extension would cover the area from 7th to 11th Street, including Grant and Lincoln.

Bruce explained that the primary reason for adding this project is due to improper flow direction, which is causing gases to become trapped. These trapped gases are deteriorating the existing clay and concrete pipes. To address this issue, the project would involve a complete dig-up and replacement with new sewer lines and connections. The work is planned as a summer project.

After reviewing the proposal, the Mayor and Councilmembers unanimously agreed that this project was necessary. With this addition, the total cost for Project 2 and Project 3 would amount to \$835,000.

Councilmember Shane Johnson moved approve the sewer project for 7th to 11th street (Grant and Lincoln). Councilmember Dan Fisher seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Executive Session-Idaho 74(1)(c) To Acquire an Interest in Real Property Not Own by A Public Agency:

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 Shane Johnson seconded. Roll call vote was taken:

Bobbi Leonhardt	yes
Dan Fisher	yes
Shane Johnson	yes
Brady Shultis	yes

The motion passes unanimously.

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

Approval To Send Offer Letter:

Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve sending an offer letter. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mayor Ted Slivinski adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting on February 19th, 2025 at 7:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Singleton
City Clerk