

City Council Meeting

February 19th, 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
Bobbi Leonhardt
Shane Johnson

Others:

City Clerk Michelle Singleton
Superintendent Chris Bruce
Chief of Police Blake Wells

Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Ted Slivinski made a change to the agenda moving Fy 2023-2024 Audit- Matt Regen after City Impact Area Map & Ordinance Discussion. Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve the agenda moving Matt Regen to the end of the meeting. Councilmember Dan Fisher seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve the February 5th, 2025 minutes as written. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Approval of Bills:

Councilmember Quin Pope moved to approve and pay bills in the amount of \$66,160.43 with \$31,987.11 being payroll and \$34,173.32 being miscellaneous bills. Councilmember Shane Johnson seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Jim Kelsey-Barrier Fence Between Residential & Commercial Discussion:

Jim Kelsey was present at the meeting and addressed the mayor and councilmembers regarding an issue with his residential property on Crystal Dr., which borders a commercial property. He explained that McPherson's Car Wash leaves its gate open, and there is no fence on the north side of the property. As a result, car headlights from the wash shine directly into his house windows. Additionally, he expressed concerns about noise from the car wash and the vacuums located at the back of the property.

Mayor Ted Slivinski explained that, according to city ordinance, a solid barrier is required between residential and commercial properties when a business operates 24 hours. However, as long as McPherson's keeps the gate closed, they are not in violation of this ordinance. After further discussion, the councilmembers and the mayor agreed that the situation presents a nuisance issue. They committed to looking into the matter further and consulting with the city attorney to determine what enforcement actions the city can take.

*** Matt Regen arrived at the city council meeting, but before the discussion on the Impact Area began, the mayor had him moved.***

Fy 2023-2024 Audit-Matt Regen:

CPA Matt Regen was in attendance to present the audit for Fy 2023-2024. Mr. Regen explained the current audit and said the city was in good shape financially. He was available for any questions.

City Impact Area Map & Ordinance Discussion:

Mayor Ted Slivinski updated the councilmembers on new information from an email Mitch Poulsen sent to the clerk's office regarding the city's impact area. The email included a drafted ordinance intended for use by all cities in the county. The mayor has not yet sent this draft to City Attorney Doug Wood for review, as he prefers to continue using the current Ordinance 629 while incorporating Section 5—Land Use and Subdivision Ordinance—from the new draft. During the meeting, the mayor read the drafted impact area ordinance in full and explained that Mitch Poulsen had consulted with the county attorney, who liked the concept but did not support it being included in the overlay ordinance. The councilmembers and the mayor also reviewed the updated impact area map and expressed concerns that the city's sewer lagoons and some water infrastructures were not included. They unanimously agreed that these elements should be added to the City of Montpelier's impact area map.

Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve adding the new change to the City of Montpelier impact area map. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Shane Johnson:

Councilmember Shane Johnson provided an update that the Chamber of Commerce will now be holding meetings on a quarterly basis. Additionally, there will be pop-up meetings in between the quarterly sessions.

Quin Pope:

Councilmember Quin Pope had a discussion with the councilmembers and the mayor regarding the tennis courts at Wells C. Stock Park. He expressed concerns about their poor condition and requested that they assess the courts. He also suggested the possibility of removing them and making improvements to the area.

Brady Shultis:

Councilmember Brady Shultis reported that the Montpelier Community Foundation held a meeting tonight. They are hoping Direct Communications will make a donation to help fund a sound system for hosting "Movie in the Park" events. Additionally, he mentioned that they would like the city to assist with providing bathrooms or porta-pots for these events.

Mayor Ted Slivinski adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting on March 5th, 2025 at 7:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Singleton
City Clerk