

City Council Meeting

March 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
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:

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to approve the agenda as written.
Councilmember Ray Henrie seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve the February 19th, 2025 minutes as written.
Councilmember Quin Pope seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Approval of Bills:

Councilmember Quin Pope moved to approve and pay bills in the amount of \$94,422.24 with \$34,458.04 being payroll and \$59,964.20 being miscellaneous bills.
Councilmember Shane Johnson seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Lori Bean-Winter Roads Discussion:

Lori Bean was not in attendance at the City Council meeting

Montpelier Community Foundation Appointment-Brooke Allen

The Montpelier Community Foundation is asking for the City Council to approve the appointment of Brooke Allen.

Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve the Montpelier Community Foundation appointment for Brooke Allen.
Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Quin Pope-BL Tournaments/Parks & Rec Advertising & Vendors:

Councilmember Quin Pope, whose council assignment includes the Montpelier Parks & Recreation program, addressed the mayor and fellow councilmembers regarding the baseball and softball tournaments organized by the Bear Lake Baseball and Softball Board. Quin explained that over the past two years, they have faced challenges with vendors, food trucks, and unauthorized advertising signs, leading to a lack of structure and oversight. To resolve these issues, Quin stated that the baseball and softball board recently met with Superintendent Chris Bruce to develop a solution. Moving forward, when submitting the city's special event permit, the board will include

a list of approved vendors for the tournaments. They will also provide a designated map outlining specific areas for vendor and food truck parking.

Additionally, Quin and the baseball and softball board proposed that the city council approve the implementation of fees for vendors, food trucks, and advertising signs. The revenue collected would be directed back to the city to support parks and the Parks & Rec program.

Councilmember Dan Fisher inquired whether a fee structure had been established. Quin responded that the board would develop a structured fee schedule for vendors, food trucks, and advertising. He further explained that implementing fees would allow better monitoring and organization, ensuring only approved vendors and advertisements are present at the ballparks.

Following a discussion, the mayor and city council agreed that this plan would provide better oversight and control.

Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve the Baseball and Softball Board's request to impose fees for vendors, food trucks, and advertising signs during tournaments.

Councilmember Brady Shultis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Amending Ordinance #462 Subdivision Fees, Administration, and Public Hearing Requirements for Preliminary and Final Plat Review- Review and Approve for Public Hearing:

Mayor Slivinski read the ordinance amending Ordinance #462 in its entirety. After reading, the mayor and councilmembers discussed the proposed changes, which include amendments to Article III, Section C. The revisions specify that the preliminary plat fee will be set at \$300 plus \$1 per lot, payable by the subdivider. Additionally, the subdivider will be responsible for all legal fees related to newspaper publication and any city engineer fees associated with the plat review.

Furthermore, Section 3 of Article III, "Final Plat," is amended to include language requiring a public hearing and a City Council review.

After reviewing the proposed amendments, the councilmembers agreed that the ordinance was well-prepared and approved moving it to a public hearing.

Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve Amending Ordinance #462, addressing subdivision fees, administration, and public hearing requirements for preliminary and final plat review, for a public hearing. Councilmember Quin Pope seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mayor Ted Slivinski:

Mayor Ted Slivinski informed the councilmembers that despite the city's efforts to codify all ordinances, there are still gaps that need to be addressed. For example, the current subdivision ordinance does not specify who is responsible for sewer development, whereas the sewer ordinance does provide that information. He also noted that Chief Wells had pointed out several ordinances that still need to be amended or repealed. To address these issues, the mayor and councilmembers agreed to have the city clerk add one ordinance at a time to the agenda, allowing them to efficiently review and clean up the ordinances.

Ray Henrie:

Councilmember Ray Henrie reported updates on the Senior Citizen Center's upcoming raffles. A quilt raffle is scheduled for March 14, and a gun raffle will take place on June 13. Raffle tickets are priced at \$5 each or six for \$25.

Dan Fisher:

Councilmember Dan Fisher reported that the Bear Lake Regional Commission discussed their strategic plan, which included the bike path. However, IDOT has expressed no interest in pursuing the bike path project.

He also mentioned that Tami Leonhardt from the Bear Lake Convention and Visitors Bureau reported that the funding she receives from the state is used for advertising, including online ads and promotions on KSL.

Additionally, Dan noted that internet searches related to the Bear Lake area have increased.

Bobbi Leonhardt:

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt provided an update regarding the availability of spay and neuter certificates through the ANH. Pet owners interested in obtaining spay or neuter certificates for their animals can contact ANH.

Superintendent Chris Bruce:

Superintendent Chris Bruce informed the City Council that the new water line project on Crystal Drive has been approved and will soon be put out for bid. He also noted that he is still awaiting approval for the sewer project.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Singleton
City Clerk