

City Council Meeting

May 21st, 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
Shane Johnson
Brady Shultis-excused
Quin Pope-excused
Bobbi Leonhardt
Dan Fisher

Others:

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

Approval of Agenda:

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to approve the agenda as written.
Councilmember Dan Fisher seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Approval of Minutes:

Correction: Under Councilmember Dan Fisher change Friday to Wednesday.

Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve the May 7th, 2025 minutes as corrected.
Councilmember Shane Johnson seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Approval of Bills:

Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve and pay bills in the amount of \$69,612.42 with \$37,588.47 being miscellaneous bills and \$32,023.95 being payroll.
Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Public Hearing Implementing a Reduced Rate for unoccupied and Amending Ord #577 Section 51:52 Regarding Delinquent Fees and Shut Off Fees:

Councilmember Ray Henrie moved to go into Public Hearing for Ordinance #684 Implementing a Reduced Rate for unoccupied: and Amending Ord #577 Section 51:52 Regarding Delinquent Fees and Shut Off Fees.
Councilmember Dan Fisher seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

Bobbi Leonhardt	yes
Dan Fisher	yes
Ray Henrie	yes
Shane Johnson	yes

The motion passes unanimously.
There were no public comments.

The mayor read Ordinance #684 in full. A correction was noted, changing Section 51.552 to Section 51:52. The Mayor then asked the councilmembers if there were any further changes before the city proceeded to adopt Ordinance #684.

Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to close the Public Hearing and moved back into regular session
Councilmember Ray Henrie seconded. The voting unanimous in the affirmative

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to approve Ordinance #684 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONTPELIER, IDAHO, IMPLEMENTING A REDUCED RATE FOR UNOCCUPIED PREMISES; AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 577 SECTION 51.52 THE CITY OF MONTPELIER'S WATER UTILITY POLICIES REGARDING DELINQUENT FEES, SHUT OFF FEES AND ALLOWING THE FEES TO BE SET BY RESOLUTION AND LEAVING IN PLACE ALL OTHER FEES; SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND WAIVING THE THREE READING RULE.

Councilmember Ray Henrie seconded. The voting unanimous in the affirmative.

Public Hearing: Trail Canyon LLC- Rezone Application:

Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to go into Public Hearing for Trail Canyon LLC- Rezone

Councilmember Ray Henrie seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

Bobbi Leonhardt	yes
Dan Fisher	yes
Ray Henrie	yes
Shane Johnson	yes

The motion passes unanimously.

There were no public comments.

RaeLynne Kunz explained that the property located at 276 N 4th is currently divided between two zoning designations: C-2 (commercial) and R-4 (residential). Trail Canyon LLC is requesting that the entire property be rezoned to C-2. She noted that the portion currently zoned R-4 consists of a small section of land already being used for oversized truck access and overflow parking for the adjacent hotel.

The mayor stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission had unanimously recommended the entire property be designated under a single zoning classification. He then asked the councilmembers if they had any questions or concerns prior to closing the public hearing.

Councilmember Ray Henrie moved to close the Public Hearing and moved back into regular session

Councilmember Dan Fisher seconded. The voting unanimous in the affirmative

Councilmember Ray Henrie moved to approve Trail Canyon LLC Rezone at 276 N 4th from R-4 to C-2.

Councilmember Shane Johnson seconded. The voting unanimous in the affirmative.

Planning and Zoning Recommendation- Trail Canyon LLC-Conditional Use Permit for a shipping/cargo container for storage:

The mayor addressed the City Council, reporting that the Planning & Zoning Commission had voted unanimously to approve the Conditional Use Permit application submitted by Trail Canyon LLC – Todd Hunzeker for a Temporary Storage Unit at 276 N 4th Street. The approval is pending final consent by the City Council.

The Commission included specific conditions and stipulations with their approval:

- No semi-trailers may be used for storage on the property.
- Photographs of the storage container must be submitted for review at the next City Council meeting.

The mayor then asked RaeLynne Kunz if she had photos of the building. Ms. Kunz confirmed and presented the photographs to the Council.

The mayor noted that this is a large, reputable corporation that will bring both jobs and supplemental income to the valley. He explained that the company plans to place a temporary storage warehouse on the site and enter into a parking lot lease agreement with Trail Canyon LLC.

In response to a question from the Council regarding the long-term nature of the project, the mayor stated that while it is currently intended as a temporary facility, it could potentially become a permanent job site if it is well-received by the community. He also mentioned that the company had considered several cities in the area but ultimately chose Montpelier due to its location on main highways.

The Councilmembers expressed support, agreeing that the project would bring valuable employment opportunities and economic benefit to the area. After further discussion, the Council concurred that approving the temporary storage unit would be a positive decision and voiced agreement to move forward with approval.

**Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit for the Temporary Storage Unit at 276 N 4th Street for Trail Canyon LLC.
Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

Ray Henrie:

Councilmember Ray Henrie announced that the Senior Citizen Center will be at Broulins for the next two Saturdays, selling raffle tickets for the Henry rifle.

Shane Johnson:

Councilmember Shane Johnson reported that the Montpelier Community Foundation will be hosting three events at Heritage Park:

June 16, 2025 – Karaoke Night

July 19, 2025 – Concert featuring Keaton Farmer

August 9, 2025 – Concert featuring Emmie Sharp

In addition, the Foundation is planning a Movie Night in the Park series, scheduled for Monday and Tuesday evenings. A total of four movies are planned for the series.

Superintendent Chris Bruce:

Superintendent Chris Bruce informed the Mayor and Councilmembers that the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has officially approved the sewer project. A bid tour for the project is scheduled for June 5, 2025. Additionally, preconstruction for the sidewalk project is set to begin next week, alongside the Crystal Drive water project. The water project has been given a 30-day completion window and is expected to be finished by July 1, 2025.

Mayor Ted Slivinski adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 4th, 2025 at 7:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Singleton
City Clerk