

City Council Meeting

July 2nd, 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
Bobbi Leonhardt-excused
Dan Fisher

Others:

City Clerk Michelle Singleton
Police Chief Blake Wells
Superintendent Chris Bruce

Approval of Agenda:

**Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve the agenda as written.
Councilmember Ray Henrie seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

Approval of Minutes:

**Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve the June 18th, 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 \$200,766.84 with \$165,233.81 being miscellaneous bills and \$35,533.03 being payroll. Councilmember Dan Fisher seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Sewer Project-Bid Approval:

Superintendent Chris Bruce and Kevin Martin from Sunrise Engineering were present at the meeting to request City Council approval of the bid for the upcoming sewer project. The winning bid was submitted by MJM Construction. Chris Bruce explained that the bid came in higher than originally anticipated due to rising material costs. Kevin Martin stated that the bid was reasonable given current market conditions and recommended that the City Council approve MJM Construction as the contractor for the project.

**Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve the sewer project bid from MJM Construction.
Councilmember Ray Henrie seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative**

Zoning Recommendation-Annexation (Fair Grounds & State Shed):

Mayor Slivinski explained to the councilmembers that the next step in the annexation process is determining the zoning for each property. Once a zoning decision is made, the clerks can proceed with the next phase, which will be a public hearing. The mayor recommended that the council approve zoning the city-owned property on Cemetery Road as AG (Agricultural), the Idaho Highway State Shed as C-2, and the Bear Lake County Fairgrounds as C-2 with a fairground-specific ordinance.

**Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve the zoning recommendation for the annexation.
Councilmember Shane Johnson seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.**

Grizzly Trailer Sales-Kyle Allred City Utilities Outside City Limits:

Kyle Allred was present at the meeting to request approval from the Mayor and City Council to connect to city water services. He explained that he is in the process of purchasing property located at 2800 N 8th, just south of the bus shop and outside city limits. He plans to relocate his trailer sales business to this location and construct a shop with a drive-through bay and a bathroom. Mr. Allred noted that he only requires city water, as the property will have a septic system. He also mentioned that two additional businesses—a landscaping company and a tractor sales business—have agreed to move out to that area as well.

Superintendent Chris Bruce informed the council that all city utilities are located on the east side of the road, and that state approval would be needed to bore under the highway to extend services.

After discussion, the Mayor and Councilmembers recommended tabling the request for utilities outside city limits to allow Mr. Allred time to seek the necessary approvals from the state.

Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to table the Kyle Allred City Utilities Outside City Limits. Councilmember Quin Pope seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

FY 25-26 Budget Review:

The Mayor and City Council discussed the proposed FY 2025-2026 budget. The mayor explained that the proposed budget includes a 4% raise for all city employees. Additionally, Chief Wells requested that Brooke Bates be moved to full-time status with benefits. The mayor also reported that the City Clerk informed him the ICRMP insurance premium increased by only 6%, and the health and dental insurance premiums have actually decreased by 1.12% compared to last year. When the proposed budget was originally prepared, the Clerk had estimated a 12% increase in health and dental premiums, so the updated figures will free up additional funds that will need to be reallocated. The mayor asked the City Clerk to email the Council with the revised numbers that will need to be redistributed. He also noted that the public hearing for the final budget approval is scheduled for August 6th.

Wells C Stock Park Cabin:

Superintendent Chris Bruce presented two bids to install a new 200-amp electrical service for the cabin at Wells C. Stock Park to the Mayor and Councilmembers. Bear River Electric submitted a bid for \$3,685, while AD Electric provided a lower bid at \$3,476.44.

Councilmembers Shane Johnson and Quin Pope expressed that it would be in the best interest of the city to separate the cabin's electrical service and have it on its own meter. Mayor Slivinski and Councilmember Dan Fisher agreed that installing a separate service was a good idea, though they reiterated that the city should not act as a landlord or become involved in long-term lease agreements.

The Mayor and Council discussed whether it was feasible to move forward with the installation at this time. While no final decision was made, there was consensus that if the city plans to rent out the cabin in the future, it would need to have its own power source.

The mayor recommended tabling the Wells C. Stock Cabin item until a later date for further consideration.

Councilmember Quin Pope moved to table the Wells C Stock Park Cabin electrical upgrade. Councilmember Shane Johnson seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ray Henrie:

Councilmember Ray Henrie mentioned the Senior Citizens Center will be closed this Friday in observance of the 4th of July holiday

Dan Fisher:

Councilmember Dan Fisher announced that next Wednesday, the Bear Lake Regional Commission will hold its weekly meeting.

Quin Pope:

Councilmember Quin Pope reported on the softball tournament held this past weekend, noting that between 54 and 56 teams participated. Overall, the tournament was a great success and went very well.

Superintendent Chris Bruce:

Superintendent Chris Bruce addressed the Mayor and City Council regarding the current water purchase rate, which is set at \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons. He suggested the city consider increasing the rate to \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons or, alternatively, adjusting the rate structure to charge \$1.00 per 100 gallons instead. Following the discussion, the mayor requested that the City Clerk prepare a resolution to amend the water rates. Chris reported on the well pump numbers for June. In recent years, the city's average water usage for the month of June has ranged between 70 to 85 million gallons. However, this year, the city pumped a total of 142 million gallons in June.

Mayor Ted Slivinski adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting on July 16th, 2025 at 7:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Singleton
City Clerk