

# City Council Meeting

## August 6<sup>th</sup>, 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  
Quin Pope  
Bobbi Leonhardt  
Dan Fisher

Others:

City Clerk Michelle Singleton  
Police Chief Blake Wells  
Superintendent Chris Bruce  
Fire Chief Ed Preston  
County Fire Chief Mark Parker

#### Approval of Agenda:

**Councilmember Dan Fisher 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 July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 minutes as written.  
Councilmember Brady Shultis seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.**

#### Approval of Bills:

**Councilmember Quin Pope moved to approve and pay bills in the amount of \$166,564.15 with \$133,673.15 being miscellaneous bills and \$32,891.30 being payroll. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.**

#### Public Hearing-FY 25-26 Fiscal Year City Budget & Resolution 250806:

**Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to go into Public Hearing for the FY 25-26 Fiscal Year City Budget & Resolution 250806. Councilmember Ray Henrie seconded.**

**Roll call vote was taken.**

<b>Bobbi Leonhardt</b>	<b>yes</b>
<b>Dan Fisher</b>	<b>yes</b>
<b>Ray Henrie</b>	<b>yes</b>
<b>Quin Pope</b>	<b>yes</b>
<b>Shane Johnson</b>	<b>yes</b>
<b>Brady Shultis</b>	<b>yes</b>

**The motion passes unanimously.**

The mayor informed the Council that the City Clerk received the county's L-2 form on Monday, August 4th. The funding amount for the city was higher than initially budgeted due to new construction. The city had budgeted to receive \$891,982, but the L-2 form indicated a total of \$900,889. As the Council had tentatively approved the budget and it had already been published for the public hearing, the city is not permitted to make changes to the budget numbers. As a result, Resolution 250806 was presented to forego the excess \$8,909, which will be applied to the next year's budget. The mayor then read Resolution 250806 in full.

**There were no public comments.**

The mayor read Ordinance #686 Appropriations 2025-2026 in full.

**There were no public comments.**

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

**Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to approve Ordinance #686 an ordinance entitled the annual appropriation ordinance for the fiscal year beginning October 1st, 2025, appropriating the sum of \$2,947,965.00 to defray the expense and liabilities of the City of Montpelier for said fiscal year, authorizing a levy of sufficient tax upon the taxable property and specifying the objects and purpose for which said appropriation is made. Councilmember Ray Henrie seconded.**

Roll call vote was taken.

Bobbi Leonhardt	yes
Dan Fisher	yes
Ray Henrie	yes
Quin Pope	yes
Shane Johnson	yes
Brady Shultis	yes

**The voting unanimous in the affirmative.**

**Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve Resolution 250806 a resolution of the city council of the city of Montpelier, Idaho, reserving the forgone amount for fiscal year 25-26 for potential use in subsequent years as described in Idaho code §63-802, et al. Councilmember Brady Shultis seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.**

#### **Annexation & Fairgrounds Ordinance-Review and Discussion :**

The Mayor and City Council discussed and reviewed the Annexation and Fairground Ordinance. During the review, Mayor Slivinski directed the council members attention to the map included in their meeting packets. He explained that the City Clerk had spoken with County Clerk Amy Bishop to verify that the city had all legal descriptions for the properties proposed for annexation. During this process, the County Clerk discovered that the county does not have a deed or legal description for the property located between the County property and the Bear Lake Athletic Club property. This parcel has no identified owner and is considered a “dead zone.” The county indicated that they could go through the process of obtaining a deed in the county’s name to create a legal description, but noted that it would be a lengthy process. The Council agreed to contact City Attorney Doug Wood to explore the city’s options for moving forward with the annexation. The Mayor and Council then read the preliminary ordinance in full. They discussed Sections 4.2 and 4.3 with Chief Wells to confirm whether it would be acceptable for the City Police Department to serve in a secondary capacity. Chief Wells stated that this arrangement would work for the department. The mayor asked members to review the ordinance in greater detail to determine if any further changes are needed before proceeding to the next step in the process.

#### **Burgoyne’s Auto Body- Categories Sewer Rate:**

Burgoyne Auto Body was not present at the meeting.

**Councilmember Quin Pope moved to table the Burgoyne’s Auto Body Categories Sewer Rate . Councilmember Dan Fisher seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

#### **Equipment Purchase-Superintendent Chris Bruce:**

Superintendent Chris Bruce presented a bid for the purchase of a 2025 BEFCO BSB-284 Sickle-Bar Mower to the Council for approval. Chris explained that he has sufficient funds in his current budget to cover the cost of the mower, which is priced at \$8,973. He noted that the sickle-bar mower would be used primarily for mowing weeds at the sewer lagoons, ditches, and alleyways, as its vertical cutting capability makes it well-suited for those areas. Additionally, the mower is compatible with the cemetery tractor, allowing for efficient equipment use across departments.

**Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve purchasing the 2025 BEFCO BSB-284 Sickle-Bar Mower for \$8,973. Ray Henrie seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.**

### **Scott Jessen-Racing and Loud Vehicle's:**

Scott Jessen was present to express his concerns to the Mayor and Council regarding racing and loud vehicles at the four-way stop located at Clay and North 5th Street. He stated that since the installation of the stop signs, the area has become a frequent site for drag racing and excessive engine revving from cars and trucks. Mr. Jessen requested that the stop signs be removed and that the City begin enforcing ordinances by issuing citations to violators. The mayor explained that for the Police Department to issue citations, an officer must be present at the time of the offense. The Council responded that the stop signs cannot be removed, as they were installed for public safety reasons and because the location is within a school zone. Chief Wells added that while citizens can report violations, enforcement would require the identification of both the driver and the license plate number. On behalf of Mr. Jessen, the Mayor requested increased police presence in the area. Chief Wells agreed and stated that the department would increase patrols in that location.

### **James & Jen Vineyard-North 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Alley:**

James and Jen Vineyard were present to address the City Council regarding concerns over the ongoing construction on North 6th Street near the Tabernacle and the condition of the alleyway they use to access their home. The Vineyards stated that on June 9th, North 6th Street was closed to remove and replace the curb and gutters near the Tabernacle. At that time, they were informed that the project would take 2 to 3 weeks, but it has now been over two months and the project remains unfinished. They expressed frustration with the extended delay, dust issues, and vehicles driving through a portion of their yard to access the road. They also noted that the alleyway being used by the construction company is in poor condition, and with the start of the school year approaching, it's important that the road be reopened soon for public use. Superintendent Chris Bruce responded that he had informed the construction company the road should only be closed during demolition and otherwise remain open. He stated he was not aware of a specific project deadline but would contact the contractor, obtain an update, and report back to the Vineyards. Mr. Vineyard also asked the city if they could grade the alleyway, fill in potholes, and clear the overgrown weeds, which are currently over four feet tall. The Mayor and Councilmembers agreed that the Public Works Department would be directed to address the alleyway concerns and committed to ensuring the Vineyards receive an update on the project timeline.

### **Dan Fisher:**

Councilmember Dan Fisher reported on the Bear Lake Regional Commission meeting held on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Topics of discussion included: The ongoing marina expansion project, the dip tank project which has now been delayed until Spring 2028, a sewer study currently being conducted by the State of Utah to evaluate how septic systems may be impacting groundwater quality around the lake, and staffing challenges at quagga mussel check stations with concerns raised about a lack of personnel to adequately man the stations. Councilmember Fisher also shared that Tamara Leonhardt from the Bear Lake Convention and Visitors Bureau provided a tourism update, noting that tourism analytics continue to show improvement, although new construction around the lake has slowed down.

### **Shane Johnson:**

Councilmember Shane Johnson reported that the Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival will take place on Saturday, September 20th, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. The event will feature a variety of vendors and food trucks. The demolition derby following the festival.

### **Quin Pope:**

Councilmember Quin Pope provided an update on recent changes to the Parks and Recreation "out-of-city-limits" fee structure. He reported that he and Katie discussed the matter and decided that participants residing outside city limits will now be charged an additional \$10.00 fee compared to those within city limits. Councilmember Pope noted that there has been some pushback regarding the fee increase, and as a result, the City of Paris has opted to establish its own recreation program. He also mentioned that fall enrollment numbers are currently down by 50%. The Mayor and Council discussed the Parks and Recreation program and expressed unanimous agreement that it would be more effective if operated as a county-run program rather than being managed at the city level.

**Brady Shultis:**

Councilmember Brady Shultis mentioned that the Golf Commission met to discuss the potential project of redoing the patio cement. After discussions, several board members agreed that it wouldn't be a good use of funds for this year. However, they decided to postpone the patio renovation until next year. Additionally, Councilmember Shultis noted that Steve Lund has secured the building materials for the fence at Heritage Park. The fence is scheduled to be installed by August 15, in order to meet the grant deadline.

**Superintendent Chris Bruce:**

Superintendent Chris Bruce provided an update to the Mayor and Councilmembers regarding ongoing public works projects. **Water Project:** This project is complete, pending a final signature and payment. The project will come with a one-year warranty. **Sidewalk Project:** The sidewalk work on Clay Street is approximately 50% complete. Superintendent Bruce is working to ensure the project is finished by the beginning of the school year. **Sewer Project:** The sewer project is set to begin within the next couple of weeks. It is estimated that the project will be completed by mid-October.

**Mayor Ted Slivinski adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:30p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Michelle Singleton  
City Clerk