

# City Council Meeting

## October 1<sup>st</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-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 Quin Pope moved to approve the September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 minutes as written.  
Councilmember Shane Johnson seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.**

### **Approval of Bills:**

**Councilmember Quin Pope moved to approve and pay bills in the amount of \$512,588.78 with \$474,531.88 being miscellaneous bills and \$38,056.90 being payroll. Councilmember Ray Henrie seconded.  
The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.**

### **Mayor's Proclamation-National Long-Term Care Residents' Right Month 2025:**

The mayor requested the City Council's approval to sign a Mayor's Proclamation recognizing National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month. This proclamation aims to raise awareness about the rights of residents in long-term care facilities, emphasizing their right to self-determination and to use their voices in making personal choices about their lives and care. The mayor read the proclamation in full during the meeting. Following the reading, the City Council unanimously agreed to authorize the mayor to sign the proclamation.

**Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve Mayor's Proclamation-National Long-Term Care Residents' Right Month. Councilmember Brady Shultis seconded the motion.  
The vote was unanimous in the affirmative**

### **Tiny Home Ordinance 2<sup>nd</sup> Read :**

The mayor conducted the second of the three required readings of the Tiny Home Ordinance and read it in full. He announced that the third and final reading, along with a public hearing, will take place on October 15th. The mayor informed the Council that the ordinance language has been updated to reference the International Building Code (IBC). During the discussion, the mayor noted City Attorney Doug Wood responded to questions from the Council. While some of Doug's responses were vague, he did confirm that the City retains the authority to keep or remove the following sections: Section (D) – Accessory Dwelling Unit Requirements, specifically: #6 – ADUs may not be used as short-term rentals unless specifically allowed by city ordinance and #8 – Owner occupancy of either the primary or accessory unit is required. During the review, the Mayor and Council identified several errors and recommended changes that will need to be corrected before final approval: Section 6B(1) – Change IRC to IBC, Section 6A – Add the phrase unless waived by the Council, Section 4D(5) – Replace Planning Commission with Council, and Section 4D(8) – Remove this section entirely. These corrections are to be made prior to the third reading on October 15th.

**Allinger Park- Painting the Crow's Nest Spring 2026:**

Councilmember Quin Pope requested approval from the City Council on behalf of the Bear Lake Baseball and Softball Board to move forward with plans to paint the crow's nest in the spring of 2026. He explained that the Board has leftover funds available for the project and has already obtained a bid from NB Painting. The bid includes Two-tone exterior paint for the crow's nest: \$2,150 and painting of the metal stairway: \$1,110. Also, NB Painting holds a valid Idaho Public Works license. Councilmember Pope also noted that the backstops and the softball shed are currently near completion and were senior projects fully funded by the Bear Lake Baseball and Softball Board.

**Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve Painting the Crow's Nest in the Spring 2026. Councilmember Brady Shultis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative**

**Mayor:**

The mayor provided an update to the Council on the ongoing sewer project, informing them that he had to sign a change order due to a new requirement from Rocky Mountain Power. The utility company is requiring that power poles be reinforced during excavation work to ensure stability and safety while digging. The mayor also reported on his attendance at the recent SICOG quarterly meeting, which was held in Montpelier and attended by representatives from many other cities in the region. He noted that a common concern among municipalities is the growing need for additional water sources. As the City of Montpelier continues to grow, the mayor emphasized the importance of water conservation and resource development to meet future demand.

**Dan Fisher:**

Councilmember Dan Fisher reported on the Bear Lake Regional Commission meeting he attended on September 24, 2025. Also in attendance were Representative Josh Wheeler and Senator Mark Harris. One of the key topics discussed was the treatment options for Eurasian Water Milfoil in Bear Lake. Additionally, lake levels were reviewed: In 2024, the lake level was 59.17 and in 2025, the lake level is 59.15, reflecting a 2-foot decrease. Councilmember Fisher also noted that Tamara Leonhardt was not present at the meeting, so Mayor Mike Leonhardt provided the report for the Bear Lake Convention and Visitors Bureau. He shared the following updates: Internet search activity for Bear Lake continues to remain strong and Tourism Resort Tax (TRT) collections: Year-to-date: \$887,000, June 2024: \$150,895, and June 2025: \$231,600.

**Superintendent Chris Bruce:**

Superintendent Chris Bruce informed the council that Paul Hess will be retiring at the end of December 2025.

**Mayor Ted Slivinski adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:30p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Michelle Singleton  
City Clerk