

City Council Meeting

September 17th, 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

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Councilmember Brady Shultis moved to approve the September 3rd, 2025 minutes as written.
Councilmember Shane Johnson seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Approval of Bills:

Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve and pay bills in the amount of \$113,237.52 with \$80,489.23 being miscellaneous bills and \$32,748.29 being payroll. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded.
The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Public Hearing-FY 24-25 Opening the Budget:

Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to go into Public Hearing. Councilmember Dan Fisher 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 motion passes unanimously.

Mayor Ted Slivinski introduced the budget opening to the councilmembers and provided them with a printed handout outlining the proposed additions.

MPD Victims Assistance Grant	\$591.00	SAKI Grant	\$2,000.00
Police Department New Vehicle & Generator	\$123,368	Fire Department	\$15,907.00
Parks & Rec	\$2,000.00	Water Fund	\$206,291.00
Sewer Fund	\$130,603.00		

The grand total of expenses amounted to \$519,235.00 with an additional revenue total of \$27,817.00 reported. There were no comments from the public, and no discussion took place.

Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to close the Public Hearing and moved back into regular session.
Councilmember Quin Pope seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve opening the budget for Fiscal Year 2024–2025, adding \$519,235.00 to the expense categories listed above, and including additional revenue in the amount of \$27,817.00. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Blake Hymas and Albert VanDyke-Sewer Connection:

Blake Hymas and Albert VanDyke were present to speak with the Council regarding the sewer connection discussed at the previous City Council meeting. Mr. Hymas was to return with his neighbor, Mr. VanDyke, to further address the matter. Mr. Hymas, of 658 Jefferson, currently shares a sewer connection located on his property with his

neighbor, Mr. VanDyke, of 652 Jefferson. They are requesting to separate the shared connection so that each property has its own individual sewer connection. Since the existing connection is located on Mr. Hymas's property, he is considered the owner of that connection and may utilize the existing city hookup for his new, separate sewer line. Mr. VanDyke stated that in order to install a new sewer line on his property, he will need to widen his driveway and extend the curb and gutter. He is requesting approval from the Council to proceed with this work and is also asking that the fees for the new sewer connection be waived. Mayor Slivinski stated that the Council could not approve the extension of the driveway, curb, and gutter at this time, as only the sewer connection was listed on the agenda for approval. He advised Mr. VanDyke that he would need to return at a later date to request approval for the additional work. The Council unanimously agreed that Mr. VanDyke would be responsible for the cost of extending his sewer line to the City's connection point. The city would cover the cost of installing the new city sewer hookup, thereby waiving the standard sewer connection fee.

Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve that the city cover the cost of the sewer connection at 652 Jefferson. Councilmember Quin Pope seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative

Tiny Home Ordinance 1st Read :

The mayor read the Tiny Home Ordinance in full for the first of the three required readings. He stated that the second reading would take place on October 1st, and the third reading and potential approval of the ordinance would occur on October 15th. Following the first reading, the Mayor and Council discussed several concerns within the ordinance that require clarification from City Attorney Doug Wood. Specifically, the ordinance references the International Residential Code, but the city has adopted the International Building Code, and clarification is needed on whether this reference should be amended. Additionally, questions were raised regarding Section (D) — Accessory Dwelling Unit Requirements, particularly: #6. ADUs may not be used as short-term rentals unless specifically allowed by city ordinance. #8. Owner occupancy of either the primary or accessory unit is required. The Council is seeking legal guidance on whether these provisions can be legally included in the ordinance and whether they are enforceable.

Rem Eryay/Kay Spivey-Sidewalks at 534 Clay:

Rem Eryay and Kay Spivey were present to speak with the Council regarding concerns about the sidewalks at 534 Clay Street. Kay Spivey, speaking on behalf of Mr. Eryay, explained that she is blind and has several health issues that prevent her from staying in the home during the winter months. She typically stays with her son in Seattle and rents out her home during that time. However, due to the condition of the sidewalk and driveway including a 4-inch lip and debris left on the property she is currently unable to rent the home and is seeking an affordable solution to have the issues corrected. The Mayor and Councilmembers informed them that the sidewalks were part of a grant funded project and asked Public Works Superintendent Chris Bruce for an update on its status. Superintendent Bruce stated that the project is not yet complete. He had conducted a walk-through with the contractor to identify outstanding items that must be addressed before final sign-off. These include backfilling areas to eliminate lips at driveways and sidewalks, as well as removing debris from affected properties. The Mayor and Council advised Rem and Kay to return after the project is complete if they are still unsatisfied with the results.

Councilmember Quin Pope moved to table the Rem Eryay and Kay Spivey-Sidewalks at 534 Clay. Councilmember Brady Shultis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative

City Clerk-City Hall Digital Sign:

The mayor explained that the Council had previously requested the City Clerk obtain a second bid for a digital sign, including information on whether the sign would be double-sided and the details of any associated service agreements. The Clerk presented a second bid from Lytle Signs in the amount of \$47,873.49. Additionally, a quote was received from Bear River Electric for \$2,870.60 to install the appropriate electrical amperage required for the sign. This quote also includes work to address the north outlets that have been repeatedly tripping the breaker. The proposed sign is double-sided and comes with a 5-year warranty. However, the city would be responsible for covering any ongoing service fees associated with the sign.

Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve the City Hall digital sign bid from Lytle Signs in the amount of \$47,873.49, and the electrical work from Bear River Electric in the amount of \$2,870.60, to be paid from the City Hall expense budget. Councilmember Quin Pope seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mayor:

The mayor provided an update on the city's impact area. He informed the council that a public hearing with the County Commissioners is scheduled for October 14 at 1:15 P.M., which he plans to attend either in person or via Zoom. The mayor noted that the county's draft ordinance for the impact area omitted the city's water protection provisions. According to City Attorney Doug Wood, this language needs to be included. As a result, the city has proposed that the county incorporate the water protection language as Section 6 in the new ordinance, using the language from Section 4 of the city's current Ordinance 629. The mayor stated that he will continue to keep the council informed of any further updates or changes.

Ray Henrie:

Councilmember Ray Henrie reported that the freezer at the Senior Center went out, resulting in the loss of over \$2,000 worth of food. He noted that it will cost approximately \$15,000 to repair the freezer. To help raise funds, the Senior Center will be hosting a Breakfast Tailgate fundraiser on October 11, starting at 9:00 A.M. and continuing until the food runs out. Donations will be accepted.

Dan Fisher:

Councilmember Dan Fisher asked Superintendent Chris Bruce whether the new bathrooms for Allinger Park had been delivered. Superintendent Bruce confirmed that they have arrived and noted that they look great. He added that a few repairs were necessary and that the deck/porch area has been re-stained.

Shane Johnson:

Councilmember Shane Johnson mentioned the Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival is this Saturday September 20th from 12:00 P.M. to 6 P.M. with Saddle String's concert starting at 4 P.M. and the Demolition Derby will be right after the Fall Festival. Shane also commented he attended the Oregon Trail Center meeting. They stated this is the best summer they have had for tours and visitors since pre-covid with 32,000 visitors. He also mentioned the Oregon Trail Center found a company that will remove the sky lights for \$13,000 which should fix the two leaks that were found, one in the forest service offices and in the art gallery. Shane also thanked the fire department and law enforcement for a successful emergency mock drill at the hospital.

Superintendent Chris Bruce:

Superintendent Chris Bruce informed the council that the final concrete pour on the Washington Street sidewalks has been completed, and that crews will now begin the backfilling process.

Mayor Ted Slivinski adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 1st, 2025 at 7:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Singleton
City Clerk