

City Council Meeting

January 7th, 2026 @ 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-excused
Shane Johnson
Brady Shultis
Quin Pope
Bobbi Leonhardt
Dan Fisher

Others:

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

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:

**Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve the December 10th, 2025 minutes as written.
Councilmember Quin Pope seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.**

Approval of Bills:

**Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve and pay bills in the amount of \$396,275.36 with \$353,287.56 being miscellaneous bills and \$42,987.80 being payroll. Councilmember Brady Shultis seconded.
The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.**

Mayor Declaration-City Clerk

City Clerk Michelle Singleton declared that Ted Slivinski was elected Mayor of the City of Montpelier for a four-year term, as he was the sole candidate and received no opposition or write-in votes.

**Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve the declaration naming Ted Slivinski as Mayor for a four-year term.
Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.**

Oath of Office- Mayor and New Councilmembers.

The Oath of Office was administered by the City Clerk to Mayor Ted Slivinski and Councilmembers Quin Pope, Brady Shultis, and Shane Johnson. Following the administration of the Oath of Office, the Mayor and Councilmembers took their seats at the table.

Councilmember President Election:

Mayor Ted Slivinski recommended the councilmembers elect Dan Fisher as Council President.

**Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to elect Dan Fisher as Council President.
Councilmember Shane Johnson seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

Councilmember Assignments:

Mayor Ted Slivinski stated that he would like to keep the Councilmember assignments the same as last year and read the previous assignments aloud.

Dan Fisher- Council President, Bear Lake Regional Commission, and Bear Lake Convention and Visitors.

Bobbi Leonhardt- Montpelier Irrigation, ANH, and Montpelier Food Bank

Ray Henrie- Senior Citizens Center and Beautification Committee

Shane Johnson- Oregon Trail Center, Chamber of Commerce, and Bear Lake Arts Council

Quin Pope- Montpelier Fire Department and Parks and Recreation

Brady Shultis- Montpelier Golf Course and Montpelier Community Foundation

Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve continuing the councilmembers assignments the same as last years . Councilmember Brady Shultis seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Fire Chief Ed Preston-Safety Equipment & 8 Bay Doors

Fire Chief Ed Preston presented a bid to the council for cyanide safety equipment for the amount of \$5,335.82. He explained the safety needs for the City of Montpelier Fire Department to have this this equipment to test for the cyanide gases. After much discussion Chief Preston asked if the council to table the safety equipment. He would like to look into some grants to pay for this and feels the money at this time could be better used for repairs on the fire station.

Councilmember Quin Pope moved to table the safety equipment. Councilmember Dan Fisher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by affirmative vote.

Fire Chief Ed Preston presented a bid from Bear Lake Garage Doors in the amount of \$1,999.00 to replace the seals and top flap seals on the eight bay doors at the fire station. Chief Preston requested that the council find funding in the general fund to cover the expense so he would not need to use his current department budget. After discussion, Councilmember Dan Fisher stated that the city should have a designated line item in the budget for repairs and upkeep of city-owned buildings. The mayor agreed and stated that such a line item will be added in future budgets. The city clerk noted that the expense could be paid from the City Hall expense account if necessary and that the budget could be amended at the end of the fiscal year. The council agreed to use the City Hall expense account for this repair, with the understanding that in the future this account will be used only for City Hall-related needs.

Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve the bid to replace the seals on the eight bay garage doors in the amount of \$1,999.00. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by affirmative vote.

Superintendent Chris Bruce-Auction Discussion

Superintendent Chris Bruce presented a list of surplus items he would like to place up for public auction. He explained that the items are currently taking up space at the city shop. Superintendent Bruce stated that he has established reserve amounts for the items and requested council approval to proceed with the auction. After discussion, the council agreed that the reserve amounts set by Superintendent Bruce were acceptable. The council then asked whether other city departments had items they would like to include in the auction. Chief Wells stated that the police department may have items to include but needs additional time to clarify the process for selling them.

Councilmember Quin Pope moved to approve the items for public auction. Councilmember Brady Shultis seconded the motion. Councilmember Quin Pope then rescinded the motion.

The mayor and councilmembers agreed to table the auction until the police department can add its items, allowing for a larger and more comprehensive auction.

Councilmember Quin Pope moved to table the auction items until additional items can be added. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by affirmative vote.

Superintendent Chris Bruce asked the City Council if they would allow to him and the City Clerk to work on a mutual agreement between the City and The Church of Jesus Christ/Temple regarding snow removal and the striping of the vertical lines that the Church agreed to do yearly. The purpose of the agreement is to have a signed document on file in case any issues arise. The Council agreed to have City Attorney Doug Wood draft the agreement. Once the Clerk receives the draft, it will be reviewed and then brought before the City Council for a vote at a future council meeting.

Mayor Ted Slivinski adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting on January 21st , 2026 at 7:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Singleton
City Clerk