

City Council Meeting

June 17th, 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
Shane Johnson
Brady Shultis-excused
Quin Pope
Bobbi Leonhardt
Dan Fisher-excused

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 Shane Johnson moved to approve the June 3rd, 2026 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 \$60,751.99 with \$27,531.71 being miscellaneous bills and \$33,220.28 being payroll. Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Public Hearing: Ordinance 691 Fresh Water Usage at Wells C Stock Park RV Dump:

Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to go into Public Hearing for Ordinance 691 Fresh Water Usage at Wells C Stock Park RV Dump. Councilmember Quin Pope seconded.

Roll call vote was taken:

Bobbi Leonhardt-yes, Ray Henrie-yes, Quin Pope-yes, and Shane Johnson-yes.

The motion passes unanimously.

There were no written comments and one verbal public comment.

Mayor Slivinski and Councilmember Shane Johnson read Ordinance No. 691 in its entirety.

Polly Dahlke:

Polly Dahlke stated that she owns an RV and when using the RV Dump Station, she has never filled her trailer with water. She noted that most Montpelier residents use the facility in the same manner. Polly expressed concern that non-residents may be filling containers with water and suggested that the water access be capped to prevent unauthorized use. Polly also asked whether the fee established in the ordinance represents the maximum penalty and inquired how the ordinance will be enforced.

The Mayor and City Council responded that Doug Wood, the City's attorney, established the fine at the highest amount permitted under state law. They further stated that the ordinance will be enforced by the Police Department.

Councilmember Shane Johnson makes a motion to move out of the Public Hearing, back to the regular scheduled meeting. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative

Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve Ordinance 691 Fresh Water Usage at Wells C Stock Park RV Dump. Councilmember Ray Henrie seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative

The mayor asked the city clerk to post the new ordinance of the city's Facebook page.

P&Z recommendation-Kurt Bloxham Lot Split:

Polly Dahlke, representing Planning and Zoning, presented the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation regarding Kurt Bloxham's lot split application. She stated that Planning and Zoning held a meeting on June 11, during which they reviewed and discussed the application submitted by Kurt Bloxham for a lot split at 478 Clay Street. Polly explained that the purpose of the lot split is to adjust the property lines between the residential property and the shop property. She noted that the adjustment would benefit both properties should they be sold separately in the future. Polly stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends that the City Council approve the lot split application. Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt asked whether the properties had been surveyed. Kurt Bloxham responded that they had not yet been surveyed but that he would have the survey completed.

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation for Kurt Bloxham's lot split at 478 Clay Street, contingent upon the completion of a property survey.
Councilmember Shane Johnson seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

P&Z Concerns on Ordinance Enforcements Violation :

Polly Dahlke and Colleen Humpherys of the Planning and Zoning Commission were present to discuss planning and zoning concerns regarding ordinance enforcement and violations with the Mayor and Councilmembers. Ms. Dahlke and Ms. Humpherys explained that the Planning and Zoning Commission is currently working on the City's RV Ordinance. They discussed concerns with the current ordinance. They also raised questions about why existing ordinances are not being consistently enforced and discussed the importance of enforcement in maintaining compliance with City regulations.

The City Council stated that the current RV Ordinance is too vague and difficult to enforce. Councilmembers also noted that all City ordinance violations are complaint-based. Once a complaint is received, it is forwarded to the Police Department for investigation and enforcement, as appropriate.

The mayor asked Brooke Bates to explain the City's current procedure for handling ordinance complaints. Ms. Bates stated that when a complaint is received, an initial notice is sent to the property owner or responsible party, who is given 30 days to respond or correct the violation. If the issue is not resolved, a final notice is issued. She also explained that the enforcement process varies depending on the specific ordinance that has been violated.

Polly Dahlke suggested that the city publish information about its ordinances on the City's Facebook page as a way to educate the community. She stated that sharing ordinance information through social media could help increase public awareness and improve understanding of City regulations and compliance requirements.

Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to table the P&Z Concerns on Ordinance Enforcements Violation.
Councilmember Ray Henrie seconded. The voting unanimous in the affirmative.

Bob Ochsenbein-4-way Stop Sign on 8th and Boise Street:

Bob Ochsenbein addressed the City Council to request the installation of a four-way stop at the intersection of North 8th Street and Boise Street. Mr. Ochsenbein stated that a vehicle had previously crashed through his garage and that the fence located on the corner has been struck at least twice. He also reported witnessing several near-collision incidents at the intersection and expressed concern that motorists frequently exceed the posted 25 mph speed limit. Mr. Ochsenbein explained that this area of town is continuing to grow and believes that installing a four-way stop would improve safety for both motorists and residents. He also stated that he had spoken with his neighbors, who are all supportive of installing four-way stop signs at the intersection. In addition, Mr. Ochsenbein commented that the city should improve sanding operations at the intersection during the winter months to enhance roadway safety.

Chief Wells noted that there are currently no stop signs on North 8th Street from the traffic signal at Washington Street to the city limits. The mayor commented that when four-way stop signs were installed at the intersection of Clay Street and North 5th Street, the city received numerous noise complaints from nearby residents due to vehicles stopping and accelerating. Following discussion, the Mayor and Councilmembers agreed that installing a four-way stop at the intersection of North 8th Street and Boise Street is a good idea and would improve public safety.

Councilmember Quin Pope moved to approve the 4-way Stop Sign on 8th and Boise Street.
Councilmember Ray Henrie seconded. The voting unanimous in the affirmative.

The mayor directed Superintendent Chris Bruce to proceed with ordering and installing the necessary four-way stop signs at the intersection of North 8th Street and Boise Street. Superintendent Bruce responded that the City already has the required signs in inventory and that installation could be completed within approximately one week, pending completion of the required Digline utility locate process.

Ray Hernie:

Councilmember Ray Henrie reported that the Bear Lake Senior Citizens Center raised \$9,593 from its Mother's Day breakfast and \$1,915 from its gun raffle. He also noted that on July 4th, the center will be selling raffle tickets for the Paris Rodeo during the breakfast event.

Shane Johnson:

Councilmember Shane Johnson reported that the Oregon Trail Center is conducting a fundraiser on July 2. The event will include a Dutch oven dinner at 5:00 p.m., followed by a concert at 7:00 p.m. He noted that tickets are still available.

Bobbi Leonhardt:

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt reported that she, Jed Woolstenhulme, representatives from the Soil & Water Conservation District, Sunrise Engineering, and the Forest Service met to discuss ways to secure funding for improvements to the spillway at Montpelier Reservoir. She also reported that the Water Board Committee will hold its next meeting on July 6.

Quin Pope :

Councilmember Quin Pope reported that Parks and Recreation had 109 children signed up for coach pitch and eight T-ball teams participating. He also reported that the softball tournament will be held this weekend, with 50 teams registered. Quin introduced Scott Nussbaum to provide a report on the fire training. Scott stated that the fire training was a great success. The Fire Conference had 60 students in attendance, and he believes the conference will continue to grow in the coming years. He also expressed appreciation for the strong community support of the conference.

Superintendent Chris Bruce:

Superintendent Chris Bruce reported that the Public Works Department will begin chip sealing city streets during the second week of July.

Mayor Ted Slivinski adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting on July 1st, 2026 at 7:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Singleton

City Clerk