

City Council Meeting

August 19th, 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 Shane Johnson seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilmember Quin Pope moved to approve the August 5th minutes as written.
Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Approval of Bills:

Councilmember Quin Pope moved to approve and pay bills in the amount of \$102,312.03 with \$68,188.85 being miscellaneous bills and \$34,123.18 being payroll.
Councilmember Shane Johnson seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Superintendent Chris Bruce-Discussion Water and Sewer Infrastructure:

Superintendent Chris Bruce and Kevin Martin from Sunrise Engineering presented the Mayor and City Council with proposed water and sewer projects.

Sewer Projects: Chris and Kevin explained the proposed sewer improvements, which include replacing the sewer line on North 8th Street. This project would help address the backup issues the City has been experiencing.

The project would also include replacing the sewer line between the lots on North 5th and North 6th Streets. This improvement would help address problems caused by tree roots and recurring sewer backups. In addition, the project would include the lots between Grant Street and Lincoln Street as an addition to last year's sewer lining project. The estimated cost for the sewer project is **\$1,227,800**, or **\$921,220 for lining only**. The City Council asked whether the sewer lines could be lined instead of replaced if the existing pipe is found to be in good condition. Kevin stated that lining would be an option depending on the condition of the existing pipe. He also noted that the sewer lines at North 8th Street and Boise Street are approximately 14 feet deep.

Water Project: Chris and Kevin then explained the proposed water project, which would replace the water line on North 8th Street with an 8-inch line and include the installation of five fire hydrants. Chris explained that the existing fire hydrant at Red Rock needs to be replaced and that it is currently the only hydrant on North 8th Street. The estimated cost of the water project is **\$738,400**.

Water and Wastewater Facility Improvements

The mayor referenced the Water and Wastewater Facility Plans, which identified five priorities for improvements that the city needs to address. Chris and Kevin discussed the headworks building, including the installation of valves that would allow the city to make repairs without shutting down the sewer pump. They also discussed the trunk line running from the railroad to the headworks building. Chris also explained a proposed project at the sewer pump house to install a truck dump station. This would provide a designated location for the City's vacuum truck to dispose of material. He stated that some of the work could potentially be completed by the Public Works Department. The proposed work would include sloping the concrete extension, adding an 8-by-10-foot structure with two grates, installing a new manhole, and adding new pipe to connect to the existing line. After discussion, the Mayor and Councilmembers requested cost estimates for the proposed truck dump station at the sewer pump house and for adding shut-off valves at the headworks building.

ICRMP Letter Discussion on Replacement Values :

The Mayor and Councilmembers discussed a letter they received from Insurance Designers regarding the City's ICRMP insurance policy. The letter explained that the policy is no longer guaranteed replacement cost for buildings. The policy now provides extended replacement cost coverage of 125%, meaning a building is covered up to the replacement cost value listed on the insurance schedule, plus an additional 25%. The mayor explained that, with this change in coverage, the city may be underinsured on several buildings, well houses, and water tanks. After discussion, the City Council requested that all department heads review the insurance schedule and evaluate the replacement values listed for their buildings, vehicles, and equipment. Any necessary changes should be identified so the information can be discussed at a future City Council meeting. The Mayor and Councilmembers agreed that increasing the insured values would also increase the City's insurance premiums. During the discussion, the Chamber building was also brought up. The insurance schedule shows that the City is paying insurance for the building; however, the City needs to determine who currently holds ownership of the building.

Ray Henrie:

Councilmember Ray Henrie commented that the Bear Lake Senior Center will be holding its annual donor dinner on September 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Invitations for the dinner have been sent out. Ray also reported that the Montpelier Fire Department raised \$4,272 through its Fill the Boot fundraiser. Ray mentioned that the Senior Center will be holding a "Tailgate for Turkeys" fundraiser to raise money to provide Thanksgiving dinner to senior citizens at no cost. The fundraiser will be held on October 3 from noon until the food runs out. The meal will include smoked pork ribs or chicken, with a suggested donation of \$12 per plate. As part of the fundraiser, there will also be a raffle featuring a Blackstone grill, a \$100 gift card, and a cooler. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or six tickets for \$25. Ray provided an update on the Senior Center's holiday closures. The center will be closed November 26 and 27, December 24 and 25, and January 1.

Shane Johnson:

Councilmember Shane Johnson commented that the Oregon Trail Center held its monthly meeting. They discussed plans for a pumpkin walk in October. Shane also reported that the center was busy throughout the summer, with many people visiting. Shane stated that he did not have any dates available for the upcoming events at this time, but he would provide an update after the next meeting.

Executive Session-Idaho Code 74-206(1)(C)To Acquire an Interest In real Property Not Owned by a Public Agency:

Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to go into Executive Session: Idaho Code 74-206 (1) (C) To acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency.

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. Roll call vote was taken:

Bobbi Leonhardt	yes
Ray Henrie	yes
Quin Pope	yes
Shane Johnson	yes

The motion passes unanimously.

Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to close the Executive Session and moved back into regular session. Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mayor Ted Slivinski adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 2nd, 2026 at 7:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Singleton
City Clerk