

City Council Meeting

September 2nd, 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
Quin Pope
Bobbi Leonhardt
Dan Fisher

Others:

Deputy Clerk Seilina Gull
Police Chief Blake Wells
Superintendent Chris Bruce
Fire Chief Ed Preston
Sunrise Engineering Addison Ochsenbein

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 August 19th 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 \$71,211.44 with \$36,010.76 being miscellaneous bills and \$35,200.68 being payroll.
Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Headworks Valve Replacement:

Addison Ochsenbein and Superintendent Chris Bruce presented two bids for the Headworks Valve Replacement project. The first bid was for \$57,001.20 with the valve replacement work done by the city crew except for the Bypass Pumping. The second bid was for \$102,600.00 with the whole project being done by a contractor. Superintendent Bruce explained that with the city crew doing the work the city would be saving about 45k and that they can handle the work. Quin Pope asked what the estimated timeframe for the project is. Chris explained that the weather will be a deciding factor but if the weather stays nice, they could get it done this fall if everything lines up. Chris stated that the Headworks project was in the facilities management plan and was one of the higher priority projects versus some of the other projects that were discussed at the last meeting like the sewer line on 8th and 6th Street. Chris informed the council that they plan on cleaning the lines every three months as preventative maintenance until the city can get to those replacement projects.

Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve the Headworks Valve Replacement to go out for official bid. Councilmember Quin Pope seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Vac Truck Dumping Station:

Chris presented a bid and plans for the vac truck dump station project. The bid is for \$32,400.00 with the work being done by the city crew. He explained that they would like to put in a big cement vault with an apron around it to dump the city's vac truck into instead of dumping it directly into the lagoons because they are washing out the bank of the lagoons. By doing this project they can control how wastewater gets dumped into the sewer lagoons instead of just washing the banks out and redoing the liner on the sewer lagoons. Dan Fisher asked if it was legal to dump into the sewer lagoons. Chris explained that anyone can dump in the sewer lagoon if it's approved but the DEQ recommends not having any outside of the city works dumping in the lagoons because they also have to do sludge tests and once the sludge gets too high the city would have to hire someone to go in and clean it out.

Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to approve the Vac Truck Dumping Station by the City Crew. Councilmember Dan Fisher seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Chamber of Commerce Building Update/Letter:

City Council had some discussion on a letter to be sent to the Bear Lake County Chamber about the uses the building. The mayor stated that the city owns the property and building and pays the insurance for the building but does not have a key or access to the building. The mayor informed the council that the building is starting to get used for events outside of chamber events or meetings and the city needs to determine what the building can be used for, who has access to the building, and what liability the city has. Shane Johnson explained that the chamber advertises that if you become a chamber member then a perk having access to use the building and parking lot for a food truck and they have allowed other chamber members to use it for their own events. There was some discussion between councilmembers about who should be able to have access or a key to the building like the president and secretary of the chamber. Another idea they discussed is renting the building out like they do the parks and have the chamber contact the clerk's office and sign out a key. City Council agreed that there should be some guidelines on what kind of events should go on there and who has access to the building but before they send the chamber a letter they wanted to do some more work on the letter that was drafted for the meeting.

Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to table the Chamber of Commerce building letter. Councilmember Ray Henrie seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mayor Ted Slivinski:

Mayor Slivinski gave an update on where the city is at with redoing the Comprehensive Plan. He stated that he has spoken with Molly Beseris who informed him that Georgetown had received a grant through Blue Cross to start a Comprehensive Plan for their city and they are paying for half. Mayor Slivinski told City Council that Molly said to talk to Blue Cross of Idaho to help with funding. The mayor also stated that where he does the Mayor's Walking Challenge that helps as well.

Dan Fisher:

Councilmember Dan Fisher gave an update about the Regional Commission boat tour with state representatives from Utah and Idaho where they talked about invasive milfoil and quagga mussels. They also talked about the East side of the lake on the Utah lake and the issues with the sewer. With

all the new development and large properties and the concerns with septic systems and the geography of the land, they talked about a secondary treatment plant in Utah to treat the homes and new campgrounds on the East side. The marina project is ahead of schedule because of the low water and mild winter.

Shane Johnson:

Councilmember Shane Johnson commented that the hospital is doing a spooky dinner on October 24th with a trick or treat trail that will go through Wells Park.

Bobbi Leonhardt:

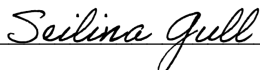
Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt asked Superintendent Chris Bruce how the street light project was coming along because there are a lot of street lights out in the city. Chris informed the City Council that the project was delayed but he met with Rocky Mountain Power earlier that week and was told that they are ready to move forward with the project and have work orders in. Chris stated that RMP hoping to start the project within the next month and once they start the project they can get it completed in a week.

Quin Pope:

Councilmember Quin Pope mentioned he has had some calls regarding whose responsibility it is to chalk and drag the fields for the adult softball league. Quin mentioned that the Bear Lake Baseball and Softball board has bought a pallet of chalk the last three years and allowed parks and rec to use it and suggested that they alternate who buys a pallet of chalk annually. Mayor Slivinski asked if the high school uses the chalk too. Councilmember Pope stated that yes, they also use it and have offered to pay for it but baseball doesn't use chalk so only softball uses it but they are lucky to have four home games a year so they use about two bags of chalk. Quin also stated that it would be a good idea to establish who is paying for what, who's responsible for prepping the fields, and what the parks and rec fees teams pay gets them. Councilmember Pope also informed City Council that they will be putting clay bricks on the pitching circle on the softball field, batting boxes, and mound of the baseball field and that the school district has hopefully agreed to pay for material if coaches and players volunteer to do the work.

Mayor Ted Slivinski adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 16th, 2026 at 7:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Seilina Gull
City Deputy Clerk