

City Council Meeting

October 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
Shane Johnson
Brady Shultis
Quin Pope
Bobbi Leonhardt
Dan Fisher

Others:

City Clerk Michelle Singleton
Superintendent Chris Bruce
Police Chief Blake Wells

Approval of Agenda:

**Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve the agenda as written.
Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.**

Approval of Minutes:

**Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve the September 16th, 2026 minutes as written.
Councilmember Brady Shultis seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.**

Approval of Bills:

**Councilmember Quin Pope moved to approve and pay bills in the amount of \$209,436.15 with \$172,101.48 being miscellaneous bills and \$37,344.67 being payroll.
Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.**

MPD Victims Assistance- Approval to Apply for the STOP Grant:

Shannon Johnson and Angie Grunig, representing MPD Victims Assistance, requested Council approval to apply for a new STOP Grant. They explained that the program is in the final quarter of its current four-year grant, which ends December 31, 2026. Shannon stated that the program began in 2009 and that they are the only victim advocates in the county. With Chief Wells approval, they also assist victims in Soda Springs when called upon. The Mayor and Councilmembers expressed their support for the program and recognized the valuable service it provides to the community.

**Councilmember Bobbi Leonhardt moved to approve to apply for the STOP Grant. Councilmember Quin Pope seconded.
The voting unanimous in the affirmative**

Superintendent Chris Bruce-Sewer and Water Projects:

Superintendent Chris Bruce presented cost estimates for two sewer project options previously discussed by the City Council. The first option would include lining the sewer lines in the back lots between 5th and 6th Streets and along 8th Street, as well as installing a new manhole, at an estimated cost of \$560,820.00, including engineering fees. The second option would include both lining and replacing sewer lines at an estimated cost of \$895,040.00. Chris stated that he would like to complete the surveys now and put the project out for bid in the spring. Councilmember Dan Fisher asked about the life expectancy of sewer lining and stated that the lines should be inspected with a camera to determine the necessary work. Addison, with Sunrise Engineering, explained that sewer lining has an estimated life expectancy of 40 to 50 years. He confirmed that a camera inspection would help determine which portions require replacement and which could be lined. The Mayor and Council discussed funding, noting that the city had completed a sewer project during the previous fiscal year. The mayor expressed concern about the potential cost, which could range from \$560,820.00 to \$895,040.00. Following further discussion, all Councilmembers expressed support for proceeding with the sewer lining project.

Councilmember Quin Pope moved to approve the sewer lining project. Councilmember Shane Johnson seconded. The voting unanimous in the affirmative

Public Works Auction Items:

Superintendent Chris Bruce informed the Mayor and City Council that he had excess equipment he would like to sell at auction and requested their input on the proposed minimum starting bids. Following discussion, the Council agreed with the proposed amounts, except for the rooftop heating unit, which they agreed should be offered without a minimum starting bid.

Councilmember Shane Johnson moved to approve sending the Public Works equipment items to public auction. Councilmember Brady Shultis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Shane Johnson:

Councilmember Shane Johnson reported that the Oregon Trail Center will host a Pumpkin Walk on October 17 and a writers' workshop on November 10. He also noted that Bear Lake Memorial Hospital will host a Boo Bash on October 24, featuring a trick-or-treat trail through Wells Park.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Singleton
City Clerk