

Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
January 6, 2016, 6:30PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall

In attendance: Mayor John Hollar, Councilors Justin Turcotte, Tom Golonka, Jean Olson, Jessica Edgerly Walsh, Dona Bate, and Anne Watson. City Manager William Fraser was in attendance. City Clerk John Odum served as Secretary of the meeting.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

16-001. At the request of Councilor Olson, the Mayor indicated the agenda as proposed would be modified to include a discussion of dog ordinances and a potential unrelated charter change. Hearing no objections, the Chair declared the agenda approved, as amended, by unanimous consent.

16-002. Liz Dodd rose to suggest the Council thank Dave Keller for his New Year's performance.

Toni Hartrich rose to ask questions and voice concerns about the budget, and to praise recent culvert work that had taken place.

16-003. The minutes from prior meetings were pulled from the consent agenda, and item c (Approve the Detailed Budget Status Reports for General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Cemetery Fund, Parks Fund, Parking Fund, Senior Center Fund and District Heat Fund for a Five-Month Period Beginning July 1, 2015 and Ending November 30, 2015) was tabled for discussion at Councilor Turcotte's request. Pull minutes. Councilor Watson moved approval of the consent agenda as amended, and was seconded by Councilor Edgerly Walsh. The motion carried unanimously at 6:33.

Councilor Olson expressed her desire to bring in interested parties to review the dog ordinances. She also initiated a brief discussion on potentially pursuing a charter change relating to the personnel policy and grievance procedures. No formal action was taken.

16-004. The Mayor called a recess at 6:38. The meeting reconvened around the table at 6:40. The scheduled Budget Workshop began with reports from the City Manager and Clerk.

The Mayor called a recess at 7:00. The meeting reconvened at 7:05, whereupon the Council received budget reports from Finance, Assessor, Community Services & Recreation, and the Senior Center.

The Mayor called for a recess at 7:51. The Council reconvened and returned to the budget discussion at 8:00, hearing reports on the following Departments: Parks, Cemetery, Community Justice, Planning & Community Development, Fire & Emergency Management, Police, and Public Works. Further discussion followed. No action was taken.

Hearing no objection, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:28PM.