

**Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting  
December 10, 2014  
City Council Chambers**

In attendance: Mayor John Hollar, Councilors Tom Golonka, Justin Turcotte, Dona Bate, Anne Watson, Jessica Edgerly Walsh (late) and Thierry Guerlain (via webconference). City Manager William Fraser was in attendance. City Clerk John Odum served as Secretary of the meeting.

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

- 14-290. The Mayor clarified the late addition to the agenda (posted under “Other Business”) and the Council agreed to take it up following the consent agenda. The City Clerk clarified that the consent agenda liquor licenses were not renewals, but rather additional licenses for current licensees Kurrle’s Market and The North Branch (the former due to their additional structure, and the latter to expand service to include 2<sup>nd</sup> class license privileges). Councilor Watson moved approval of the agenda as amended, and Councilor Bate seconded. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).
- 14-292. The City Manager indicated that staff had requested removing item g) (approving a five year agreement with Capital Fire Mutual Aid System) to be re-presented at the next meeting. Councilor Watson requested item c) (accepting the bid from L. Brown & Son, in the amount of \$7,516 for the printing of the City’s Annual Report) be tabled for discussion. Councilor Guerlain moved approval of the remaining consent agenda. Councilor Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Councilor Edgerly Walsh joined the meeting.

The Council discussed the addendum to the agenda. Eliza Leeper and Ron Wild of the Montpelier Community Fund Board addressed the council on the Board’s vacancy and the interest of outgoing Board Member Julie Hendrickson to rescind her resignation and complete her term.

After some discussion, Councilor Golonka moved the Council rescind the resignation of Julie Hendrickson from the Montpelier Community Fund Board and extend her term to fill her original term. Councilor Turcotte seconded, and the motion carried unanimously (6-0) at 6:40.

- 14-293. Green Mountain Transit Agency (GMTA) representatives Tawnya Kristen (Community Relations Program Manager) and Meredith Birkett (Director of Service Development) provided a presentation on GMTA services provided in FY14 including the Circulator and will present their FY15 level funded request. Discussion followed.
- 14-294. The Council continued its discussion from December 4, 2014 on budget priorities and defining core services. Police Chief Tony Facos briefly contributed to the discussion.
- 14-295. Consent agenda item c) (accepting the bid from L. Brown & Son, in the amount of \$7,516 for the printing of the City’s Annual Report) was taken from the table for consideration. Councilor Guerlain moved approval of the item. Councilor Turcotte

seconded the motion. The motion carried on a 5-1 vote (Councilor Golonka voting nay).

- 14-296. Councilor Bate commended Police Chief Facos following discussions she had held with him. Councilor Guerlain had questions about charges from the state on district heat. Councilor Edgerly Walsh thanked Kevin Casey for help with a constituent matter.
- 14-297. The Mayor noted a coming District Heat tour, and mayor's discussions on property tax reform. He also noted his upcoming "Mayors Innovation Group" gathering.
- 14-298. The City Clerk reported on the coming water/sewer payment, noted that he was talking to a potential Norwich University intern, and thanked the Council for approving his funding request the prior week.
- 14-299. City Manager commended the Public Works department on weather related work. He also noted the passing of Patrick Healy's mother. Finally the City Manager noted his son's birthday. The Mayor then noted his own mother's birthday.

Councilor Guerlain moved the Council adjourn. Councilor Bate seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously at 8:15PM.