

**Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting**  
**July 22, 2015, 5:00 PM**  
**City Council Chambers**

In attendance: Mayor John Hollar (Chair), Councilors Dona Bate, Jean Olson, Jessica Edgerly Walsh (via webconference), and Anne Watson (via webconference). Councilors Justin Turcotte and Tom Golonka were absent. City Manager William Fraser was in attendance. Deputy City Clerk Crystal Chase served as Secretary of the meeting.

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The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

15-197. Hearing no objections, the Mayor declared the agenda approved by unanimous consent.

15-199. Councilor Bate moved the approval of the consent agenda with Items "F" and "G" (authorizing the City Manager to sign the Development Agreement with Redstone outlining the partnership for the development of 1 Taylor Street, and the approval of an agreement the Washington County Railroad to avoid the spraying of herbicide on a portion of the tracks, respectively) removed and tabled for further discussion. Motion was seconded by councilor Olson and passed unanimously.

John Snell, Barbara Burnette, Sarah Hoffmeier, Paige Guertin, Lynn Wild, Michael Levine and Joan Black all addressed the council and voiced their concerns about the herbicide and pesticides that will be used to spray the railroad.

There was discussion about possible alternatives and requests were made to the council to look into those alternatives in the future. Mayor Hollar acknowledged the concerns, while noting that the city has no ability to regulate the railroad.

Sylvia Knight of Charlotte, VT addressed the Council regarding her concerns and offered literature research support to the City.

Council Member moved for approval of item "G" of the consent agenda, and was seconded by Councilor Olsen. Motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

There was a brief discussion regarding Councilor Bate's concerns with the agreement in item "F". Councilor Edgerly Walsh made a motion to approve item "F" and was seconded by Councilor Bate. The motion passed 4-0.

Hearing no objection, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.