

**Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
July 30, 2014
Montpelier City Hall Council Chambers**

In attendance: Mayor John Hollar (presiding), City Councilors Tom Golonka, Anne Watson, Thierry Guerlain. Councilor Dona Bate arrived after the meeting was called to order. City Manager William Fraser served as Secretary of the meeting.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

14-181. Councilor Golonka moved to approve the consent agenda, Councilor Watson seconded. Vote was 4-0 in favor (with Mayor Hollar voting in the absence of a fourth council vote)

14-182. The Council discussed the request to extend the “Truck Stop” event dates. Councilor Golonka noted that the city leases the lot for public use and that in a similar situation we charge rent to the Farmers Market for the time that their lot is in private use. Council agreed that this was an important issue but that this was a trial run for this event. If continued in the future, rent would be considered. Councilor Golonka also raised issue of notice to adjacent businesses and was assured by the Mayor and City Manager that notice had been provided.

Councilor Guerlain moved to grant the extension. Councilor Watson seconded, and the motion carried with a vote of 4-0 in favor (with Mayor voting).

14-181. Fred Bashara asked to speak about the State St closures which were on the consent agenda. He raised concerns about traffic control, signage and alternate parking. Ashley Witzemberger and City Manager said that they would incorporate his suggestions into the event planning.

14-183. The City Manager explained how the proposed District Heat rates were determined (Councilor Bate arrived during the discussion). Steve Everett asked a couple of technical questions. Councilor Guerlain asked about the status of construction work. Mayor Hollar asked if all was ready to go for the heating season.

Councilor Guerlain moved to approve the rates as presented. Councilor Watson seconded. Motion carried 4-0 (with Mayor not voting).

14-185. The Council discussed appointments to Planning Commission, Development Review Board and Design Review Committee. Issues of longevity, term limits, introducing new people to the process, attendance, quorums and selection criteria were discussed. Council concluded that their goal was to appoint the best possible candidate for each position when weighing all factors.

Councilor Guerlain moved to adjourn at 6:05 PM, Councilor Golonka seconded. Vote was 4-0 in favor.