

**Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting  
November 18, 2015, 6:30PM.  
City Council Chambers**

In attendance: Mayor John Hollar (Chair), Councilors Anne Watson, Justin Turcotte, Tom Golonka, Jean Olson, Jessica Edgerly Walsh and Dona Bate. 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 6:30PM.

- 15-301. Councilor Golonka moved approval of the proposed agenda with the Executive Session item (a) be removed from the agenda (a general discussion regarding real estate with the City Manager). Motion was seconded by Councilor Edgerly Walsh and passed unanimously.
- 15-303. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilor Watson and seconded by Councilor Bate. Councilor Turcotte asked to have for the following amendment to the minutes from the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting: item 15-289 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence of the second paragraph include: "That included an estimate from the vendor that this project would reduce the cost of the cities electricity by about \$50,000 per year." Without objection, the motion was amended and was seconded by Councilor Watson. Motion carried 6-0 at 6:33.
- 15-304. Kevin Casey of the Planning Department gave a brief background and requested that the city approve the Loan Fund Committee's proposed recommendations regarding the refinancing and reassignment of Heaton Woods Community Development Loan. Councilor Watson made motion to approve which was seconded by Councilor Turcotte. Motion carried with all voting in favor.
- 15-305. Public Works Director Tom McArdle came forward for the discussion of City Council Goal D: Address Long-term Utility and Environmental Infrastructure Needs. Mr. McArdle introduced Julie Moore from Stone Environmental, who has been working with the City to help develop the Storm Water Management Master Plan.
- Councilor Watson asked that further discussion of the topic be put on hold to move up the next agenda item.
- 15-306. In the context of City Council Goal D: Address Long-term Utility and Environmental Infrastructure Needs, Rep. Warren Kitzmiller rose to thank the Council for their support for the proposed Berlin Pond protective City charter amendment. Maxine Leary also addressed the council to recommend a language revision ("The City shall have the authority to regulate the use of its water supply, including the use of the source of the water supply, in order to protect it and prevent its corruption"). Page Guertin suggested a possible language change to include "Public Water Supply" and "Continue to be in Power of." Paul Giuliani, Jed Guertin, and Jeff Shuman all came forward to thank council for their support. No formal action was taken.

- 15-305. At 7:31, Mr. McArdle resumed his presentation. The Mayor called for a recess at 8:06PM. The meeting reconvened at 8:14PM, and the discussion resumed. No action was taken.
- 15-307. In context of City Council Goal B: Balance and Control Municipal Budgeting, Taxes and Services Relative to Current Population and Grand List Tax Base, Bev Hill and Paul Guiliani addressed the Council regarding the history and process of the Montpelier Foundation. No formal action was taken. The city agreed to advertise to fill the vacancies on the Montpelier Foundation board.
- 15-308. Finance Director Sandy Gallup reviewed the budget memo that was presented to the Council. A discussion of the budget targets followed. No formal action was taken.
- 15-310. Councilor Bate noted that she would like to see more public forums on the CIP and storm water issues.
- Councilor Turcotte thanked all involved in the Veterans Day parade and celebration. He also noted that he had talked with the head of the Kellogg Hubbard Library and that they would not be asking for an increase this year.
- Councilor Watson spoke of e-mails she had received about serious safety issues from bicyclists on Elm Street, and requested a timeline on implementing the bike master plan and getting an update.
- 15-313. Mayor Hollar Thanked the fire departments and all involved with getting holiday lights up thought they looked great. He also congratulated Montpelier teacher Susan Koch for being names Teacher of the Year.

Motion to move into executive session pursuant to Title 1, V.S.A. Section 313(a)(3) to discuss the Council's 6-month evaluation of City Manager was made by Councilor Edgerly-Walsh and seconded by Councilor Olson. The motion passed 6-0 at 10:05pm.

Without objection, the Mayor ruled the meeting return to open session, and then be adjourned, by unanimous consent.