

**Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
November 15, 2017 6:00 PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall**

In attendance: Councilors Rosie Krueger, Ashley Hill, Justin Turcotte, Jean Olson and Dona Bate, and City Manager William Fraser. Council President Watson presided over the meeting. Mayor Hollar was absent. Deputy City Clerk Crystal Chase acted as secretary of the meeting.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

- 17-350.** Council noted that some rearranging of agenda items may be necessary to comply with others schedules. Manager Fraser also noted that items 6 &7 were pulled from agenda. With those changes the Agenda was approved by unanimous consent, without objection.
- 17-351.** Vicki Lane addressed the council giving her support and asking for City Council's support of the ice rink that was set up on the State House Lawn noting that the capital complex commission was not favorable. Councilor Bate made a motion to direct staff to create a supportive letter to be sent to the commission. Motion was seconded by Councilor Watson and was approved unanimously (5-0).
- 17-352.** Councilor Olson asked a brief clarifying question regarding Item b) (Award engineering contract for Main/Barre Street Scoping study) and moved to approve the consent agenda without item e) (Ratification of Police Union Contract for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020). Councilor Turcotte seconded her motion and the consent agenda was passed as amended, unopposed.
- 17-357.** Tom McArdle and Zach Blodgett were present to give an overview and presentation of the new asset management software, Beehive, and its components
- 17-359.** Councilor Watson opened the Downstreet/Vermont Community Development Program application public hearing at 6:47pm. With no comments offered from the public, the public hearing was closed at 6:48pm. Councilor Hill moved to pass the public hearing and approve submittal of the application to the Vermont Community Development Program. Motion was seconded by Councilor Turcotte, all were in favor
- 17-353.** Jana Clar, Ken Jones, Carrie Clement and Councilor Turcotte led a discussion on our aging population and the growing needs of our community. No formal action was taken.
- 17-356.** Jennifer Gordon, Gary Holloway and Corey line were in attendance for discussion with the council regarding the work that has been done on the Alternative Transportation Fund 5 Year Plan and the work that is planned and needed. Councilor Hill moved to extend the program for 3 years and approve the 5 year plan. Motion was seconded by Councilor Bate. Discussion followed. Motion carried 4-1 (Councilor Turcotte opposed).
- Councilor Krueger moved to change the funding from the 5% to a specific dollar amount defaulting to the \$42,000. Councilor Turcotte seconded and the motion passed

unanimously.

17-358. Mike Miller spoke about what it would take for the City to be in E911 compliance. Discussion followed. Councilor Bate moved to direct staff to go forward with the renumbering over the next 3-5 years for most streets in the city as needed. Councilor Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

17-360. Council received a budget preview (including staffing and 5-year plan) presentation by City Manager Fraser. Finance Director Todd Provencher was in attendance for the discussion and questions.

17-361. Assistant City Manager Sue Allen gave a brief TIF Update. No formal action taken.

17-362. Councilor Olson asked if the removed item e) from the consent agenda could be discussed at a future meeting. Brief discussion followed. Councilor Krueger made a motion to go into executive session tonight, rather than waiting. This motion was seconded by Councilor Hill and all were in favor.

17-363. Councilor Bate gave kudos to the Bashara Family and was sorry to miss the ribbon cutting. She also expressed her gratitude for the new stop signs and lights at the Elm and Spring Street intersection.

Council member Olson announced that she would not be seeking re-election in March.

Councilor Turcotte thanked the DPW staff for their current insert in the Water Bills titled "Don't Flush That." He also announced that he would not be seeking re-election.

Councilor Watson requested a time line on the One Taylor Street project. Brief discussion followed.

17-365. Deputy Clerk Chase reminded folks that property taxes were due today and that payments could still be made online or left in drop box until Midnight.

17-366. The City Manager suggested the council may want to consider starting some meetings early given the workload, particularly the meeting scheduled for December 13. No formal action taken.

Motion was made by Councilor Krueger at 10:20pm to move into executive session to discuss item e) from the consent agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilor Bate. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Hill moved to come out of exec session at 10:25, seconded by Councilor Krueger and approved unanimously. Councilor Hill then moved to approve the Police contract, and was seconded by Councilor Turcotte. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Watson then adjourned the meeting without objection at 10:26pm.