

Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
February 28, 6:30 PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall

In attendance: Mayor John Hollar, Councilors Rosie Krueger, Dona Bate, Justin Turcotte, Ashley Hill and Jean Olson. Councilor Anne Watson was not present. City Manager Bill Fraser who was absent. City Clerk John Odum acted as secretary.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:31PM.

- 18-064. Without objection, the proposed agenda was approved by acclamation.
- 18-066. Councilor Bate moved approval of the consent agenda. Councilor Hill seconded. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).
- 18-067. Recreation Director Arne McMullen was joined by Brian Gallagher of the Vermont Mountaineers organization to offer a general update on the Mountaineers, particularly regarding wheelchair seating. After discussion, Councilor Hill moved the Council approve the proposed revisions to the seating. Councilor Bate seconded. After brief further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously at 6:41.
- 18-068. The Mayor opened the following hearings concurrently at 6:42PM:
18-069. Budget Public Information Hearing.
18-070. Warning Public Information Hearing.
18-071. Proposed Charter Changes Public Hearing.
Bond Informational Public Hearing.
Finance Director Todd Provencher offered comments. Hearing no comments from the public, the Mayor closed the public hearings at 6:42PM.
- 18-072. At 6:43, the Mayor opened the 2nd Reading/public hearing on modifications to the Parklet Ordinance. Assistant City Manager Sue Allen reviewed the status of the proposal. Following discussion, Councilor Krueger moved to amend section six to insert the following language (underlined): “parklets may only be restricted to use by patrons of a particular establishment or a group of cooperating businesses during their business hours, or may be open to the general public for their enjoyment.” Councilor Bate seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried 4-1 (Councilor Hill voting nay).
- Councilor Hill moved to add to section 4 “with preferential review given to applications received on or before March 15.” Councilor Krueger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- After further discussion, Councilor Krueger moved to add to section 6: “h) advertising is not permitted on parklet.” Councilor Bate seconded. Motion fails on a vote of 3-3 (Councilors Bate, Hill and Krueger voting aye, Councilors Olson and Turcotte, along with Mayor Hollar, voting nay).
- Further discussion followed, with Public Works Director Tom McArdle participating. Councilor Turcotte moved to amend section 8(b) to reduce the \$812 to \$612. Motion

died for lack of second.

Councilor Bate move the Council pass second reading and approve the parklet ordinance as amended. Councilor Hill seconded. Motion carried 4-1 (Councilor Krueger voting nay).

18-073. Nolan Langweil, Kip Roberts and Recreation Director Arne McMullen came forward for the discussion of the pump track proposal. Following discussion, Councilor Bate moved the Council approve the Recreation Department's request to build a pump track at the Recreation Field. Councilor Hill seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

18-075. Councilor Krueger offered her thanks to departing council members. Councilor Hill passed on Councilor Watson's thanks to departing members and added her own. Councilor Bate also thanked the departing members and spoke positively of the coming reception in their honor.

Councilor Olson offered thanks to the Council and said it had been a privilege to serve. Councilor Turcotte reminded the public that the annual city report was available before thanking his family and District 3 residents for allowing him to serve.

18-076. Mayor Hollar gave his farewell, added that it had been an honor to serve, and offered well wishes to incoming Mayor Watson and the new council.

18-077. The City Clerk noted that the Clerk/Treasurer's office would have limited services available on Town Meeting Day before thanking the Mayor and outgoing councilors for their service.

18-078. Assistant City Manager Sue Allen thanked the Mayor and outgoing councilors for their service on behalf of herself and the city staff. She then noted that Olympic Gold Medalist Amanda Pelkey would be returning to Montpelier on the coming Thursday and that the city would hold a celebration.

The Mayor took a moment to acknowledge his wife and thank her for her support during his tenure as Mayor.

18-079. Councilor Bate moved the Council enter executive session to discuss the City Manager's Contract. Councilor Turcotte seconded, and the motion carried unanimously at 7:42.

Without objection, the Mayor ruled the Council return to open session and subsequently adjourn by unanimous consent.