

Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
March 14, 6:30 PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall

In attendance: Mayor Anne Watson, City Manager Bill Fraser, Councilors Rosie Krueger, Dona Bate, Glen Hutcheson, Ashley Hill and Conor Casey. City Clerk John Odum acted as secretary.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:34.

- 18-082. Without objection, the proposed agenda was amended to remove payroll and bills from the consent agenda and the audit discussion item and subsequently approved by unanimous consent.
- 18-084. Councilor Krueger moved to approve the consent agenda with item h) removed for discussion, councilor Hill seconded. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).
- After brief discussion, Councilor Hill moved consent agenda item h (Approve Street closure for March For Our Lives, 3/24/18) be passed with Aiken through Davis roads specified. Councilor Casey seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- 18-085. After discussion, Councilor Krueger moved that Councilor Hill be appointed to the post of City Council President. Councilor Casey seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Councilor Hill moved the Council appoint Councilor Bate to the position of Council Vice president. Councilor Hutcheson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Councilor Hutcheson moved the Council appoint Councilor Krueger as Parliamentarian. Councilor Casey seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 18-086. After a brief discussion, Councilor Casey moved approval of the Council Ethics policy. Councilor Hill seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 18-087. After a brief discussion, Councilor Krueger moved to adopt the Council Rules of Procedure. Councilor Hill seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
- 18-088. After a brief discussion, Councilor Hill moved that Ellen Cheney be appointed to the Central VT Solid Waste Management District board. Councilor Bate seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 18-090. Mayor Watson formally resigned from her District 2 Council position, for which she was no longer eligible, and the Council discussed the process for filling the vacancy. Executive Assistant to the City Manager Jamie Granfield participated in the discussion, and Jim Libby offered comments. Councilor Hill moved the following process for approval: set a deadline of Friday March 30th for candidates for the open District 2 council seat to collect 25 signatures from District 2 (unless they were a district 2 council candidate on the 2018 City Meeting ballot) and submit letters of interest to be considered for the open district 2 city council seat to be chosen at a special meeting on Wednesday the 4th at 7:00. Councilor Bate seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- 18-091. The Council discussed an orientation process. No formal action taken.
- 18-092. After discussion, Councilor Krueger moved to instruct the City Manager to move forward with the goals process as presented, including arranging for a consultant and moving forward with the purchase of tracking software. Councilor Bate seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- 18-093. A discussion of committee appointments was opened. Councilor Krueger moved to appoint Councilor Hutcheson to the Building Code Appeals Committee. Councilor Hill seconded, and following further discussion the motion carried unanimously. Councilor Krueger moved to appoint Councilor Hill as Chair of the Committee on Committees and appoint Councilor Casey as the committee's third member. Councilor Hutcheson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- 18-095. Councilor Hill thanked city staff for the send-off reception for departing council members and welcomed new councilors. Councilor Bate indicated she wanted a better system to inform voters of information regarding City Meeting ballot items. Councilor Casey also complimented the reception, thanked the voters, and noted his appreciation for his welcome from the council. He also noted the coming March 24 march. Councilor Hutcheson noted that he was pleased to be on the council and was grateful for the warm welcome. He also the voters, as well as everyone else who ran for office. Councilor Krueger thanked city staff (in particular Jamie Granfield and Zack Blodgett) for the new parking map on the website.
- 18-096. The Mayor thanked everyone who turned out to vote and thanked citizens for electing her. She indicated she would soon be appointing someone to the Central Vermont Internet body, and was interested in bringing together people to work on digital information with the city. Finally, she noted her intent to open a discussion on art displays in City Hall.
- 18-097. The City Clerk thanked election volunteers and voters before noting the coming water/sewer payment due date. He also offered comments on the election process concerns expressed by Councilor Bate.
- 18-098. The City Manager noted the Vermont League of Cities and Towns upcoming trainings. After a brief update on the TIF process, he opened a brief discussion of the communication process between him, the mayor and the councilors, as well as the timing for future meetings.

Without objection, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:50PM.