

Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
December 12, 2017 6:30 PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall

In attendance: Mayor Anne Watson (Chair) and City Manager Bill Fraser, Councilors Conor Casey, Ashley Hill, Glen Hutcheson, Rosie Krueger, Jack McCullough, Dona Bate. Deputy City Clerk Sheila Healy acted as secretary.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30.

18 -375. With consent agenda item “k” bulled off tabled for discussion, the proposed agenda as amended was approved by acclaim.

18 -376. Gretchen Elias shared thoughts on the city transportation system. Brief comments were offered from Councilor Bate.

The city manager made note of the new sound system in the room.

18 -377. Councilor McCullough moved approval of the consent agenda as amended. Councilor Casey seconded. After a brief discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

The mayor took consent agenda item “k” (Complete Streets Plan) off the table for discussion. Anthony Minona participated. Councilor Hill moved the council adopt the plan and was seconded by Councilor Bate. The motion carried unanimously.

18 -378. After some discussion and comments from Richard ~~Alvarez~~, Councilor McCullough moved that a decision on the Central Vermont Internet Board appointment be postponed to see both candidates’ applications. Councilor Hutcheson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

18 -379. Carrie Clement came forward to discuss proposed Silver Maple Group Housing. No formal action taken.

18 -380. Paul Giuliani and Ed Flanagan came forward for the discussion of the Montpelier Foundation Bylaws and Incorporation. After discussion, Councilor Casey moved to approve the Montpelier Foundation Bylaws and request to become an independent public benefit nonprofit corporation under condition of the change expressed by Councilor McCullough. Councilor Bate seconded. After further discussion, the motion carried 5-1 (Councilor Hill voting nay).

18 -381. Tom McKone and Rachel Muse came forward for the Kellogg-Hubbard Library Budget presentation. Tom McKone and Rachel Muse. After the discussion, Councilor Hill moved to approve the library’s request to be on the ballot with the expected budget increase. Councilor McCullough seconded. After further discussion, the motion carried 4-2 (Councilors Bate and Krueger voting nay).

The mayor called a recess at 7:50. Council reconvened at 7:56.

- 18 -382. The mayor opened the public hearing on the sprinkler ordinance amendments, 2nd reading, at 7:57. There was brief discussion including Fire Chief Bob Gowans. No comments from the public. The public hearing was closed at 7:58. Councilor McCullough moved to adopt the language as proposed, Councilor Hill seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- 18 -383. The mayor opened the public hearing for the proposed sprinkler ordinance amendments regarding parking structures at 7:59. With no comments from the public, the hearing was closed at 7:59. Brief discussion with Fire Chief Bob Gowans followed. Councilor Hill moved to pass 1st reading and set 2nd reading for the next council meeting. Councilor Hutcheson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- 18 -384. The mayor opened the parking ordinance amendments 1st reading public hearing at 8:03. Discussion followed with comments from Richard Latouer. The public hearing was closed at 8:21. Councilor Hill moved to pass 1st reading and set 2nd reading for the next council meeting December 19th. Councilor Bate seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- 18 -385. The city manager offered an update on the East North Branch Property. Discussion followed. No formal action taken.
- 18 -386. The city manager gave a budget presentation to the council. After discussion, no formal action was taken.
- 18 -388. Councilor Bate spoke about her draft of a council self-evaluation tool and reported on efforts to encourage people to be more visible at night in re: vehicle traffic.
- Councilor Casey reported on his work on responsible contract language, as well as Bird scooter statistics. He also indicated his desire to work on a city survey and provided information on the proposed charter changes.
- Councilor Hutcheson reminded listeners of his weekly constituent meetings.
- 18 -389. The mayor reported that the Investment Committee will have a report soon.
- 18 -390. The city clerk reported on his participation in an election cybersecurity roundtable.

Without objection, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:20 by acclaim.