

**Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
December 18, 2019 6:30pm
City Council Chambers**

In attendance: Mayor Anne Watson (Chair), Councilors Dona Bate, Conor Casey, Glen Hutcheson, Jack McCullough, Ashley Hill and Lauren Hierl. Councilor Ashley Hill arrived at 6:39. City Clerk John Odum acted as secretary.

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

- 19-367. After moving up discussion of the winter parking ban ordinance amendment, the agenda was approved by acclaim.
- 19-368. City Manager Bill Fraser introduced Kelly Murphy, the new finance director. Laura Rose Abbott weighed in on the proposed interim zoning changes.
- 19-369. After brief comments, Councilor McCullough moved approval of the consent agenda. Councilor Casey seconded and the motion carried unanimously (5-0).
- 19-370. The Mayor presented Kate McCarthy with a proclamation acknowledging her being named Professional Planner of the Year. Meagan Tuttle and Kate McCarthy spoke.
- 19-375. The Winter Parking Ban Ordinance Amendment (Sibley & Prospect) 2nd Public Hearing opened at 6:45. Public Works Director Donna Barlow Casey and Fire Chief Bob Gowans came forward to participate in discussion. Comments were offered by Thomas Moore, Heather Corey, Kathleen Burrows, Stephanie Cohen, Scott Sabatino, Valerie Lewis, Stephen Cohen, Laura Rose Abbott, and Stephanie Quaranta.
- Councilor Casey moved the Council approve the addition of Sibley Avenue from College Street to Barre Street for the winter ban. Councilor McCullough seconded. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:38. After brief discussion, the motion was withdrawn. Councilor McCullough moved to set another public hearing at the next Council meeting on the entire ordinance amendment as proposed. Councilor Hutcheson seconded. After further discussion, the motion passed unanimously (6-0). Discussion continued.
- Councilor Hill moved the Council direct staff to report to the council by the end of July in relation to the snow removal discussion and that it be on the agenda for an August or September meeting for discussion. Councilor Hutcheson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously after discussion.
- 19-372. Carolyn Brennan and Rachel Mewes gave a presentation on the proposed Kellogg-Hubbard Library budget. After discussion, Councilor Casey moved to put the Library budget on the coming ballot for the requested appropriation. Councilor Hierl seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor called a recess at 8:07. Meeting was reconvened at 8:15.

- 19-373. Polly Nichol and Jen Hollar gave a Housing Trust Fund update. Discussion followed. No formal action.
- 19-374. Homelessness Task Force report from Ken Russell and Dawn Little. Discussion followed. No formal action taken.
- 19-376. The public hearing for the Interim River Hazard Map Amendment was opened at 9:05. No public comments were offered. Councilor Hutcheson moved the Council schedule the next hearing for the January 8 meeting. Councilor Bate seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Public hearing was closed at 9:08.
- 19-377. Assistant City Manager Cameron Niedermayer and Recreation Director Arne McMullen were joined by John Dale and John Johnston of Breadloaf Corporation to discuss the proposed recreation building project. Fire Chief Gowans participated.
- Councilor Bate moved to hold a January 7 public meeting, and at that meeting hold that Option 1 be held as a base project, and that Options 2 and 3 get combined as a second option moving forward to March Town Meeting. Councilor McCullough seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- 19-378. Budget discussion, no formal action taken. Todd Provencher participated.
- 19-379. The Dog Ordinance discussion was postponed for a later meeting.
- 19-381. Councilor Bate gave a Parks Commission project report, spurring brief discussion which included Police Chief Tony Facos. She also gave a Regional Planning Commission report regarding coming legislation and funding for water projects. Brief further discussion followed. Finally, she expressed appreciation for Councilor Hill who had announced her resignation effective after the meeting.
- Councilor Casey announced he would be running for re-election. He noted that he would miss his retiring District 3 colleagues.
- Councilor Hutcheson noted his coming Bagitos constituent meeting, expressed regret for missing recent Homelessness Task Force meetings, and offered a farewell to Councilor Hill.
- Councilors McCullough and Hierl offered appreciation to Councilor Hill for her service.
- Councilor Hill indicated she was resigning at the end of the meeting and read a prepared statement.
- 19-382. The Mayor expressed appreciation to Councilor Hill and made an open invitation for citizens to participate on the Homelessness Task Force and engage on issues.
- There was brief discussion on the status of a dirt pile relating to multimodal path construction. Donna Barlow Casey participated.

19-383. The Clerk offered a farewell to Councilor Hill and noted a coming election cybersecurity pilot project.

19-384. The City Manager discussed coming work on the Council schedule.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:47.