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**Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting  
January 21, 2016, 5:30PM  
City Council Chambers, City Hall**

In attendance: Mayor John Hollar, Councilors Justin Turcotte, Tom Golonka and Jean Olson, Jessica Edgerly Walsh, Dona Bate and Anne Watson. City Manager William Fraser was in attendance. City Clerk John Odum served as Secretary of the meeting.

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

16-029. Review and Approve Agenda (without minutes) – without objection 6:31

16-030. General Business and Appearances – John Bloch regarding EC Fiber regarding financing. Presented a letter of intent for the council to sign. Discussion followed.

Move: send a letter from staff to the board reconfirming our interest in having fiber available to the city, and ask that the board allow us another council meeting to fully understand the proposal. Turcotte – second. Discussion. Unan 6:43.

16-031. Consideration of the Consent Agenda as amended (no minutes). Jessie Baker came forward to clarify the MOU. Some discussion. Watson recused. Turcotte had questions. Baker answered. Turcotte moved, Bate second. Unan 6:46.

16-032. Guy Tapper addressed the council regarding his interest in an Appointment to Montpelier's Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Bate moved Guy Tapper. Turcotte second. Unan 6:47

16-033. Conduct Second Public Hearing on Proposed FY17 Municipal Budget. Public hearing at 6:48 opened. Power point presentation from Fraser on city budget, hearing closed at 6:57

Bate moved approve budget. Golonka second. Discussion.

Jessica: Move we amend the motion to add \$50,000 to the general fund budget, that council and staff will make more specific allocation around the goal meetings. Second by Bate. More discussion. 3-3 (Jess, Anne, Dona/Justin, Tom, Jean) tie, Mayor votes no. fails 7:23.

More discussion on underlying motion. Passed Unan, 7:24.

presentation from Ricca, and Michelle Braun on school budget. Anne recused herself from discussion. Discussion followed.

Golonka moved school budget on ballot, Jess second. Passed 7:38.

16-034. Receive FY15 Audit Report. Sandy Gallup, Ruth Dokter and Teresa Kajenski of Fothergill Segal & Valley, CPAs. Gallup intro'd, noted Charlotte Hoyt.

Mayor left at 7:48

Jess move accep report, bate second. Unan at 7:52.

16-035. Receive, review and approve any Petitions filed for inclusion on the March 1, 2016 Annual City Meeting Warning. Clerk described the status on the one ballot item offered for inclusion.

Report from clerk - Jes – accept petition. Subject to 3 sigs. Bate second. Unan 7:55.

16-036. Bond Public Hearing. Mayor returned at 7:55. City manager introduced. Public hearing opened at 7:56. Closed at 7:56.

a) The Warning Article would read:

1) Shall the voters authorize the City Council to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$180,000 for design and development costs for pollution control improvements to the Water Resource Recovery Facility (Wastewater Treatment Plant)? If approved, bonds for these capital items would be issued for a term of 20 years. With a 20 year bond, approximately \$3,728 would be required for the first year interest payment and approximately \$13,629 for the second year principal and interest payment and future payments declining each year as the principal is repaid. (Requested by the City Council)

16-037. Conduct the Second Public Hearing on the Warning for March 1, 2016 Annual City Meeting. Sand gallup introduces. Opened at 7:58. Anne moved. Bate second. Discussion.

Move amend – jess. Turcotte second. Add phrase “will be authorized for...” at the beginning of the “and economic development” at the end of Article 15 intro. Unan 8:02

Unan underlying motion 8:02

16-038. tom – thank sandy g for her work on the budget materials.

Dona – got a notice about VLCT local govt day event. Encouraged councilors to lobby for charter changes. Also, dona sez cant attend Montpelier alive meetings. Resigned from board position, asked that someone else from council be appointed.

Justin – thank city manager for budget... thanked clerk, finance and senior center for adjustments. Noted upcoming showing of when henry met sally.... Also noted the union playground fundraising event. Also noted his re-election intent.

16-039. Mayor’s Report – thanked staff for budget work/materials.

16-040. election update. Petitions for ballot articles closed. Petitions for officers a week from Monday.

16-041. City Manager’s Report – winter ban challenges. Discussion followed.

16-042. exc session moved Turcotte, second olson. Continuation of discussion regarding City Manager’s Contract. It is anticipated that this entire discussion will be held in Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 V.S.A., Section 313(a)(3).

Adjournment

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