

Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
June 28, 2017, 6:00 PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall

In attendance: Mayor John Hollar (Chair), Councilors Justin Turcotte, Anne Watson, Ashley Hill (arrived at 6:07), Rosie Krueger, Dona Bate and Jean Olson. Asst City Manager Sue Allen was in attendance. City Clerk John Odum acted as Secretary of the meeting.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

- 17-196. The proposed agenda was approved without objection by unanimous consent.
- 17-197. Finance Director Todd Provencher initiated a brief conversation of procedure and scheduling for utility rate setting. No formal action taken.
- 16-198. Councilor Bate moved approval of the consent agenda, Councilor Watson seconded. Motion carried unanimously (5-0, Councilor Hill not present).
- 17-199. Kevin Casey of the Planning and Development Department came forward for the public hearing to close out the Community Development Block Grant for Disaster Recovery for the One Taylor St. River Wall Reconstruction Project. Public hearing was opened by the Chair at 6:06. There was brief discussion. No public comments offered. The Chair closed the public hearing at 6:07. No formal action was taken.
- 17-200. Mr. Casey was joined by Jack McCullough of the Housing Task Force. A discussion of the Housing Trust Fund Committee's financial request followed, which developed into a discussion of the correctness of the fund's mission and repayment policies. Councilor Bate moved the Council approve awarding Downstreet Housing and Community Development's request for \$51,250 from the Montpelier Housing Trust Fund to provide funding for the First Time Homebuyer Down payment and Equity Building Assistance Program. Councilor Hill seconded. Motion carried 5-1 (Councilor Krueger voting nay).
- 17-201. The City Council discussed Committee Assignments. No formal action was taken, but the prior Committee membership was informally carried over with the following changes: Councilor Krueger replacing former Councilors Golonka, Edgerly Walsh, and current Councilor Olson on the Building Code Appeals Committee, the One Taylor Street Design Committee, and the Housing Trust Fund Committee respectively. Also, Councilor Watson replaced former Councilor Golonka on the Investment Committee.

For the Council appointment to the Public Safety Authority, Councilor Bate moved the appointment of Tom Golonka, and was seconded by Councilor Olson. Motion failed on a 3-3 vote (Bate, Olson, and Krueger voting aye, Watson, Turcotte, Hollar voting nay, and Hill abstaining as recusal).

Councilor Watson moved that Councilor Hill be appointed to the PSA, and was seconded by Councilor Turcotte. Motion failed on a 3-3 vote (Bate, Olson, Krueger voting nay, Watson, Turcotte, and Hollar voting aye, Hill abstaining as recusal).

Finance Director Todd Provencher briefly participated in the discussion in regards to the Water Rate Study Committee.

- 17-202. There was discussion of the formation of a Council sub-group to work on parking issues. Councilors Watson and Bate expressed interest. No formal action taken.
- 17-203. Planning and Development Director Mike Miller came forward to lead a review of parts 4 and 5 of the proposed Zoning Ordinance. Public comments were offered by Gerry Tarrant, Carl Martineau, and Alan Goldman, all in opposition. Participating in the discussion informationally were Barbara Conrey and Joe Castellano.
- 17-205. Councilor Krueger reported on the meal program based at the middle school. Councilor Watson reported on the flag contest and on fundraising for the proposed pocket park as well as assistance from Yestermorrow, before encouraging people to attend the film "Tomorrow" at the Savoy Theater. Councilor Bate encouraged participation in July 3rd events and emphasized the pocket park GoFundMe page. Councilor Olson encouraged input from Councilors on the city website.
- 17-206. The Mayor reminded councilors to walk in the parade. There was a brief discussion.

Without objection, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.