

**Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
February 23, 2022, 6:30pm
City Council Chambers and videoconference**

In attendance: Councilor Jack McCullough (Chair) and Councilors Conor Casey, Dona Bate, Jennifer Morton, and Jay Ericson. City Clerk John Odum acted as secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

- 2022-051. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
- 2022-052. Peter Kelman asked the council to redirect the role of the Community Development position towards housing and enhance staff coverage of the topic. Vicki Lane had questions about a police cruiser on Sherwood Drive. Stephen Whitaker on the process of discussing the City Manager's contract, city bathrooms, and several listed public records requests.
- 2022-053. Councilor McCullough moved the Consent Agenda without and was seconded by Councilor Bate.
- a. Minutes
 - b. Payroll and Bills
 - c. Liquor Licenses
 - d. Homelessness Task Force Consulting Funding Request Clarification
 - e. Purchase of Truck #6
 - f. Park's Portable Sawmill Purchase
 - g. City Manager's Contract Renewal
 - h. Budget to Actual Report
- Participating in discussion were Assistant City Manager Niedermayer, Peter Kelman, City Manager Fraser, and Stephen Whitaker. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).
- 2022-054. The Budget Informational Meeting began with a presentation from the City Manager. Participating in discussion were Peter Kelman, Didi Brush, Carole Welch, Mandy Perkins, and Mark Billian. No formal action.
- 2022-055. The 2nd Public Hearing on Bonds was opened at 7:30PM. The City Manager resumed his presentation. Participating in discussion were Mandy Perkins, Diane Derby, Joe Castellano, Peter Kelman, Bill Perreault, Carole Welch, Didi Brush, Ethan Atkin.
- The meeting went into recess at 8:37 and reconvened at 8:47. Additional discussion included Lisa Moody, Stephen Whitaker, Jane Kast, and Vicki Lane. The public hearing was closed at 9:18 PM. No formal action.
- 2022-056. Parklet ordinance discussion. Councilor Bate moved the city do a permanent parklet ordinance and use the temporary ordinance this year while we work on a permanent

one. Councilor McCullough seconded. Comments were offered by Stephen Whitaker. The motion carried unanimously.

2022-057. Councilor Bate moved to make the March council meetings remote. Councilor McCullough seconded. Vicki Lane and Stephen Whitaker commented. **The motion carried unanimously.**

2022-058. Councilor Bate praised the City Manager and spoke supportively of voting and the bond questions. Councilor Casey recognized the staff and outgoing Councilor Ericson before encouraging people to vote. Councilor Ericson thanked Council and staff in his farewell to the Council. Councilor Morton echoed the previous Councilors and expressed appreciation for the experience on Council in case she does not get re-elected. Councilor McCullough echoed the prior comments and encouraged voting, speaking supportively of Councilors seeking re-election, before praising the City Manager.

2022-059. The Mayor acknowledge and praised Councilor Ericson and asked for voters to support her. She and Councilor Ericson briefly discussed his participation in the Stormwater utility committee. She also noted her office hours.

2022-060. The City Clerk encouraged voter turnout.

2022-061. The City Manager thanked Councilor Ericson and wished candidates good luck before encouraging voter turnout. He also expressed appreciation for the renewal of his contract and praised city staff.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 by unanimous consent.