

Meeting of the Montpelier City Council
September 28, 2022, 6:30PM
City Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Anne Watson, Councilors Dona Bate, Jennifer Morton, Jack McCullough, Conor Casey, and Cary Brown. Assistant City Clerk Josie Klein acted as secretary.

Call to Order by the Mayor at 6:32

2022-277 Meeting logistics reviewed.

2022-278 The agenda was approved without objection.

2022-279 Peter Kelman asked questions regarding the restroom committee, Beth Burgess' homelessness report, the Parker Associates report contract, and the Sustainable Montpelier coalition. Mr. Kelman commented on the City's website. City Manager William Fraser commented on the COVID outbreak among city government staff.

2022-280 Councilor McCullough moved for, and Councilor Bate seconded the approval of the consent agenda. Councilor Bate noted a timing discrepancy in the minutes for the previous council meeting.

- a. Purchase of used vehicle for Montpelier Police Department
- b. Truck body and plow purchase for Green Mountain Cemetery
- c. Towne Hill Water Main
- d. Truck Body, Sander and Plow Purchase for Department of Public Works
- e. Department of Public Works Contract Amendment
- f. Minutes for City Council Meeting 9.14.22
- g. Contract Extension for Berlin Pond Property
- h. Street Closure Application
- i. Community Services Van Purchase
- j. Police Department Contract Amendment

2022-281 William Fraser provided an overview of strategic planning and an update on the resident survey. Linda Berger commented on the strategic plan.

2022-282 Priorities listed for next meeting by council members (respectively) Casey, McCullough, Hierl, Morton & City Manager Frazier, Bate: market rent affordability, evictions & transportation/public transit, potential local uses of federal money provided to state/lobbying & status of VCFA, homeless emergency housing, DEI trainings. Councilor Bate encouraged blood donation.

Councilor McCullough nominated & Councilor Casey seconded the selection of Councilor Bate as the City's representative at the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Conference. Unanimously approved.

2022-283 Councilor Casey suggested tours of Elks' property for public.

Councilor Hierl noted interest in meeting with Social and Economic Justice Committee

Mayor Watson noted the walk to prevent child abuse this weekend. Also noted that Montpelier has excelled in community engagements

Assistant City Clerk provided reminders about upcoming election.

2022-284 City Manager William Frazier noted staffing transitions and overlaps at department-leading positions. Also noted allotment of funds to radio infrastructure. Also noted plans for an on-site event at the Elks' property.

At 8:39, Mayor Watson declared the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.