



**CITY OF  
MONTPELIER  
MONTPELIER,  
VERMONT**

Agenda for City  
Council Meeting  
Wednesday, June 25,  
2014  
06:30 P.M.

- 1) 5:15 P.M. ?
- 2) 14-158. Meeting with Attorney Robert Fletcher regarding the Vermont College of Fine Arts vs. City, Tax Appeal Case.
  - a) It is anticipated that the entire substance of this update/discussion will be conducted in Executive Session in accordance with Title I, §313, Executive Sessions, (a) (1) "Contracts, labor relations agreements with employees, arbitration, mediation, grievances, civil actions, or prosecutions by the state, where premature general public knowledge would clearly place the state, municipality or other public body, or person involved at a substantial disadvantage."
- 3) 6:20 P.M. ?
- 4) 14-159. Meeting of the Board of Abatement
- 5) 6:30 P.M. Regular/Televised Portion of Meeting Begins ?
- 6) Call to Order by the Mayor
- 7) 14-160. General Business and Appearances
- 8) 14-161. Consent Agenda:
  - a) Consideration of the Minutes from the June 11, 2014 Regular City

Council Meeting.

- b) Authorize the City Manager to sign the Department of Public Works' Union Contract for July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2017 which has been ratified by the Union.
- c) Accept the bid proposal for a new Trackless MT6 Sidewalk Plow with Sander, submitted by H.P. Fairfield, Inc. of Morrisville, Vermont, in the amount of \$104,640; and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to this purchase. (This item was tabled from the June 11th Council Meeting; Councilors had questions that could not be answered at that time.)
- d) Accept the bid proposal for a new  $\frac{3}{4}$  Ton Pickup with Plow, submitted by Cody Chevrolet of Montpelier, Vermont, in the amount of \$32,071; authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to this purchase.
- e) Accept the bid proposal for a new Dump Truck Cab & Chassis, submitted by Gateway Motors, White River Junction, Vermont, in the amount of \$25,953; authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to this purchase.
- f) Adopt a Parking Meter Regulation addressing the reservation of parking meters in the downtown business district to allow providers of commercial services to park vehicles necessary for the performance of the service, on an intermittent and temporary basis. This regulation was reviewed by the Parking Committee and approved by the Police Chief, City Clerk, Building Inspector, etc.
- g) Accept the Community National Bank's bid for a Tax Anticipation Note for \$2,500,000 for FY15 (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015) to cover the expenses for the General Fund, School Department and Recreation Department; approve the Tax Anticipation Note Resolution; and execute the loan documents. Bids on loan and investment interest rates were received on Wednesday, June 18, 2014. A tabulation sheet listing the results is attached. After considering the City's cash flow needs throughout the fiscal year, the Finance Director and the City Treasurer recommend the acceptance of Community National Bank's bid for tax anticipation borrowing at the rate of 2.80%. This bid combines a loan/deposit borrowing and includes an investment account with a 3.52% interest rate.

- h) Accept the Merchants Bank's bid for a Grant Anticipation Note for \$1,200,000 to cover the grant expenses for the District Heat Project, approve the Grant Anticipation Note Resolution and execute the loan documents. A Federal Recovery Act: Montpelier Community Renewable Energy Project Grant was awarded \$8,000,000 in 2010. The City's share of this grant is \$2,193,218 and to date, we have drawn down \$982,248 of the City's share. We are waiting for the remaining federal funds (\$1,210,969) and expect to receive them by the end of July 2014. Bids on loan and investment interest rates were received on Wednesday, June 11, 2014. A tabulation sheet listing the results is attached. After considering the District Heat Project's cash flow needs until the grant funds are received, the Finance Director and the City Treasurer recommend the acceptance of Merchants Bank's bid for a grant anticipation Line of Credit at the rate of .80% for the period June 27, 2014 - August 31, 2014.
- i) Adopt the revised Water and Sewer Rate Resolution as recommended by the Water and Sewer Rate Committee with an annual \$8 increase in the Fixed Charge for Water Users.
- j) Review the 2013 Bridge Inspection memorandum and reports; execute the Receipt and Reply Memorandum to be returned to the Vermont Structures Division.
- k) Accept the bid submitted by Poirier Guidelines of Athol, Massachusetts, for Highway Pavement Markings on city streets, in the amount of \$6,835.20, based on estimated quantities, and authorize the City Manager to sign all contracts and other documents related to this purchase.
- l) Payroll and Bills

10) 14-163. One Taylor Street Redevelopment Public Hearing Regarding Use.

- a) The City Council is conducting this public hearing allow the public to offer direct comments to the Council about their preferences. The Council will then identify any additional information that they may want in order to reach a decision.
- b) The Council will make the use decision at their regular July 9th meeting. At that point, they will have the benefit of the three public work sessions, the economic data, the direct testimony and any other information they

request.

- c) Following the use decision, the fourth public work session will be held on July 30th at the Senior Center. This is a date change from July 16th. The reason for the change is to allow the design team sufficient time to develop preliminary plans based on the use selected on July 9th. The purpose of the July 30th meeting will be to present initial designs and receive comment about them.
  - d) Recommendation: Conduct the public hearing; possible direction to staff.
- 11) 14-164. Update from the Tax Collector on delinquent taxes, water and sewer; Council will also have an opportunity to ask questions regarding the process.
- a) Tax Collector refers the Council to the Charter and Ordinances on Delinquencies. City Charter is Title XII and the pertinent Ordinance is Chapter 16.
  - b) Council has been provided a memo with general information from the Tax Collector; a spreadsheet regarding FY 2012-2013 delinquencies; and a spreadsheet showing status of current year (2013-2014) tax delinquencies. Reports on the first three quarters of water/sewer delinquencies are also enclosed and the fourth quarter, which was due June 16, 2014, will be available at the meeting, if not ready for enclosure in the Council packet.
- 12) 14-165. Council Reports
- 13) 14-166. Mayor's Report
- 14) 14-167. Report by the City Clerk
- 15) 14-168. Status Reports by the City Manager
- 16) Adjournment