



**CITY OF
MONTPELIER
MONTPELIER,
VERMONT**

Agenda for City
Council Meeting
Wednesday,
February 27, 2013
06:30 P.M.

- 1) Call to Order by the Mayor
- 2) 13-055. General Business and Appearances
- 3) 13-056. Consideration of the Consent Agenda:
 - a) Consideration of the Minutes from the February 13, 2013 City Council Meeting.
 - b) Summary Budget Report by Department for General Fund and Detailed Budget Status Reports for General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Cemetery Fund, Parks Fund, Parking Fund and Senior Center Fund for a Seven Month Period Beginning July 1, 2012 and Ending January 31, 2012.
 - c) Payroll and Bills
- 4) 13-057. Presentation by staff of the Vermont Department of Health - Barre District Office.
 - a) Staff was contacted by Bonnie Alexander, M.S., R.D. and Public Health Nutritionist, requesting an opportunity to speak to the City Council.
 - b) She and her staff are trying to reach out to cities and towns that they serve in Central Vermont; their purpose being to increase their visibility and inform the various governing bodies about their services including, but not limited to, Emergency Preparedness, the WIC Program, and immunizations and infection control.

c) Recommendation: Receive presentation; opportunity for discussion.

5) 13-058. Conduct a Joint Public Hearing with the School Board to consider the following Articles and their inclusion on the Warning for the City's March 5th Annual Meeting.

a) ARTICLE 9. Shall the voters authorize the City Council to borrow a sum not to exceed \$710,000 for street improvements including sidewalks, retaining walls, storm drains and culverts? If approved, bonds for these capital items would be issued for a term of 20 years. With a 20 year bond, approximately \$15,600 would be required for the first year interest payment and approximately \$53,900 for the second year principal and interest payment and future payments declining each year as the principal is repaid. (Requested by the City Council)

b) ARTICLE 10. Shall the voters authorize the City Council to borrow a sum not to exceed \$670,000 for sewer line improvements in and around River Street? If approved, bonds for these capital items would be issued for a term of 20 years. With a 20 year bond, approximately \$14,700 would be required for the first year interest payment and approximately \$50,900 for the second year principal and interest payment and future payments declining each year as the principal is repaid. The Town of Berlin will share in the cost of a 20 year bond as outlined in the Agreement on Sewage Treatment and Collection Between the City of Montpelier and the Town of Berlin. (Requested by the City Council)

c) ARTICLE 11. Shall the City of Montpelier make the following public school building improvements, namely, repairs, renovations, system replacements, and betterments to the Union Elementary School, Main Street Middle School, and Montpelier High School, and incur indebtedness not to exceed \$2,300,000 for such purpose, subject to reduction from available state and federal grants-in-aid? If approved, bonds would be issued for a term of twenty years, with the first year interest payments of approximately \$54,795, and approximately \$179,892 of second year principal and interest payments, with declining principal and interest payments in subsequent years. (Requested by the School Board) Notice required by 24 V.S.A. 1758(b)(3) - State funds may not be available at the time this project is otherwise eligible to receive state construction aid. The City is responsible for all costs incurred in connection with any borrowing done in anticipation of state school construction aid.

d) Recommendation: Conduct the Public Hearing.

6) 13-059. Appointments to the City's Tree Board

- a) Three terms expire this month; they are currently held by Wendy Blakeman, John Van Deren and Sarah Hoffmeier. John and Wendy have chosen to step down.
- b) Staff advertised and received responses from the following: Sarah Hoffmeier is seeking reappointment; new applicants John Akielaszek (Hubbard Park Drive); Jeff Schumann (Terrace Street); and Ken Libertoff (Sparrow Farm Road, East Montpelier) would like to fill the vacant seats.
- c) Recommendation: Opportunity to meet the applicants; part of this discussion may be eligible for Executive Session under Title 1, V.S.A., §313, (a) (3) "the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee." Upon returning from Executive Session, make appointments to fill all three, 3-year terms.

7) 13-060. Appointments to Montpelier's Energy Committee

- a) Dan Jones, Chair, recently advised staff that three original members are no longer attending and one has moved out of town.
- b) Two citizens have indicated an interest in serving: Jim Stiles (State Street) and Tim Shea (Main Street).

Recommendation: Mr. Jones is recommending that Council appoint Mr. Stiles and Mr. Shea to the Energy Committee.

8) 13-061. Appointments to the Bike Advisory Committee

- a) Mayor Hollar recently received an e-mail from James Sharp, indicating that Nancy Schulz is interested in serving on this committee; the Mayor advised that Council could "add Nancy to the committee at our next city council meeting."
- b) Since then, staff has also received an e-mail from Montpelier Police Officer Mike Philbrick; Mike is the bicycling officer for the department and would also like to be part of this committee.

- c) Recommendation: Opportunity to meet Ms. Shulz and Officer Philbrick; appointments.

9) 13-062. Update from Sidewalk Steward Harris Webster

- a) Attached is a Summary of the 2012 Sidewalk Steward Report and Background for the Major New Recommendation that Mr. Webster has provided.
- b) Mr. Webster's main request is that the "City Council now establish a Pedestrian Board or Committee under Montpelier's, not Vermont Interfaith Action's, umbrella to do the work of the Sidewalk Steward ?" He also feels that if this committee is formed, and a pedestrian plan developed, this group should be given a role.
- c) Recommendation: Receive update from Mr. Webster; discuss his proposals; possible direction to staff.

10) 13-063. Council Reports

11) 13-064. Mayor's Report

12) 13-065. Report by the City Clerk

13) 13-066. Status Reports by the City Manager

14) 13-067. Agenda Reports by the City Manager

Adjournment