

# City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

## Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, June 1, 2015

In Council Chambers at City Hall

Present: Mayor Barnes, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck, Council Members Fitzsimmons, Butler, and Clement; City Manager Gorman; City Clerk Miller; Police Chief Knobelsdorf; Eric Proctor

Guests: Kathy Parsons; Joe Russman, Starla Robertson, and Brandon Martin with the Portland Rodeo; Tom Thelen of the Review & Observer

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Barnes with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Brandon Martin.

Motion by Clement, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve the Proposed Agenda as presented.

Yeas: Clement, Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Butler, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under the City Manager Report, City Manager Gorman reported that the Cutler Road reconstruction is substantially complete. The deadline of May 29, 2015 was met. A final walkthrough and evaluation of the punch list will take place soon.

A ribbon cutting ceremony, sponsored by Fleis & VandenBrink, will be held on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> in celebration of the effort that has been invested in this project and the collaboration between the MDOT, the City of Portland, and Danby Township.

Now that construction of Cutler Rd. has been completed the EDC will be discussing the marketing of the 58 acres at Cutler Rd. and Grand River Ave. owned by the City. Discussions will include whether the property should be listed with a realtor or whether RFP's should be solicited from potential developers of the property.

City Manager Gorman further stated that ADM is moving forward with plans to remove the silos on the corner of Divine Hwy. and Grand River Ave. this summer.

Under Presentations, Joe Russman presented information on Portland Rodeo Days to be held June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at Bogue Flats.

Under New Business, the Council considered Resolution 15-42 to approve Pay Request No. 3 to MDOT in the amount of \$63,116.79 for work completed on the Cutler Road Project.

Motion by Butler, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 15-42 approving Pay Request No. 3 to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for work performed on the Cutler Road Project.

Yeas: Butler, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Clement, Barnes

Nays: None  
Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 15-43 to approve the Board of Light and Power's recommendation to purchase Brenau hi-score wire and Sweetbriar hi-score wire from Power Line Supply for an estimated cost of \$8,720 to be used for residential service and undergrounding work.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 15-43 approving the Board of Light and Power's recommendation to purchase four rolls of Brenau Hi-Score Wire and four rolls of Sweetbriar Hi-Score Wire from Power Line Supply.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Butler, Clement, Barnes  
Nays: None  
Adopted

Motion by Clement, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting held on May 18, 2015, payment of invoices in the amount of \$156,775.66 and payroll in the amount of \$87,600.05 for a total of \$244,375.71. There were no purchase orders over \$5,000.

Yeas: Clement, Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Butler, Barnes  
Nays: None  
Adopted

Under City Manager Comments, City Manager Gorman commented that 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities will be held on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The parade will begin at 8:00 P.M. and follow the normal route. The crowning of the king and queen will be held following at Portland High School with the fireworks at dusk.

City Manager Gorman reminded residents that individuals are allowed to shoot fireworks in the City the day before, the day of and the day after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

Thursdays on the Grand will begin this Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Band Shell at Two Rivers Park with music provided by We Three Strings.

A check presentation from the MEDC to the Friends of the Red Mill will be held at 1:00 P.M. at the Red Mill Pavilion.

The ribbon cutting ceremony for the Cutler Road Project will be held at 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at Cutler Rd. and Charlotte Hwy.

Under Council Comments, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck commented that he had the opportunity to drive on Cutler Rd. today and that it looks great.

Mayor Barnes noted that the First Baptist Church will hold a 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and that he will be presenting a proclamation in acknowledgement of their service to the community.

Mayor Barnes further noted the Council is in the process of its annual review of City Manager Gorman.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Butler, to adjourn the regular meeting.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Butler, Fitzsimmons, Clement, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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James E. Barnes, Mayor

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Monique I. Miller, City Clerk