

City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, July 18, 2016

In Council Chambers at City Hall

Present: Mayor Barnes, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck, Council Members Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, and Johnston; City Manager Gorman; City Clerk Miller; DDA/Main Street Director Perry; Police Chief Kirk; Eric Proctor

Guests: Kathy Parsons; Walt Downes, Candidate for Ionia County Prosecutor

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

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Baldyga, to approve the Proposed Agenda as presented.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under Public Comment, Walt Downes, candidate for Ionia County Prosecuting Attorney, introduced himself and stated that he is seeking election at the August 2, 2016 Primary Election. He provided his background and qualifications for the position.

Under City Manager Report, City Manager Gorman provided an update on the Kent Street Improvement Project. The project is on schedule and is going well.

Construction of the road in Rindlehaven has been completed and engineers for the City confirm the road meets City standards. City staff will also be verifying the road meets the City standards. When the City takes over maintenance of the road it will mark the completion of Phase I of the Rindlehaven development. Mayberry Homes is considering the development of Phase II of the plan.

Field work on the PASER study has been completed by City staff and has been turned over to Fleis & VandenBrink for analysis and completion of the final report.

City Manager Gorman further reported that another developer is interested in a possible development on the property owned by the City at Cutler Rd. and Grand River Ave. Fleis & VandenBrink is preparing an estimate of the cost of completion of infrastructure; the road through the property and eliminating curb cuts.

The contractor for The WODA Group has received the Notice to Proceed on the Old School Manor project so construction has fully commenced. They are planning a ribbon cutting ceremony late spring/early summer of 2017.

The owner of the Muffler Man property on Grand River Ave. is in the planning stages of redevelopment of that property which will potentially include the expansion of the building footprint and extensive remodeling.

Under New Business, City Manager Gorman stated that he had contact from the legal counsel of Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) today and they would like to further discuss the terms of the agreement proposed with Resolution 16-57. Therefore, City Manager Gorman suggested that Resolution 16-57 and Resolution 16-58 for the Environment Site Assessment of the same property be tabled at this time.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by Baldyga, to table Resolution 16-57 to approve a Donation Agreement between ADM and the City of Portland.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Motion by Baldyga, supported by VanSlambrouck, to table Resolution 16-58 to approve an Environmental Site Assessment proposal from Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering.

Yeas: Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 16-59 to approve the Board of Light and Power's recommendation to terminate the Portland Community Arts Council's lease of one of two buildings owned by the Board of Light and Power at the municipal dam property and demolish it. The Portland Community Arts Council substantially repaired one of two buildings, however, the other building that is closest to Lyons Road has fallen into disrepair. At its regular meeting on June 21, 2016 the Board of Light and Power recommended the City Council approve the termination of the lease on hydro-house #1 and add demolition work to Cook Brothers Excavating existing work in the amount of \$7,270.00.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve Resolution 16-59 approving the Board of Light and Power's recommendation to terminate the lease of the Portland Community Arts Council of the building that has fallen into disrepair located at the Dam and demolish the building.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 16-60 to direct the City Manager to sign a Biosolids Management Services Agreement with Synagro Central, LLC. The City previously entered into a Biosolids Management Services Agreement for a term of five years with Synagro Central, LLC on July 1, 2009. Both the City Manager and Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Sherman have reviewed the agreement and recommend its approval by the City Council.

Motion by Baldyga, supported by Johnston, to approve Resolution 16-60 approving, authorizing, and directing the City Manager to sign a Biosolids Management Services Agreement with Synagro Central, LLC.

Yeas: Baldyga, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 16-61 a Resolution of Intent to sell surplus property owned by the City at 628 Canal St. that was acquired through tax reversion.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve Resolution 16-61 a Resolution of Intent to sell surplus real property owned by the City.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 16-62 to confirm the Mayor's appointments to City Boards and Commissions.

Mayor Barnes read over the names of those being considered for appointments.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 16-62 to confirm the Mayor's appointments to City Boards and Commissions.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Motion by Baldyga, supported by Johnston, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting held on July 5, 2016, payment of invoices in the amount of \$82,688.55 and payroll in the amount of \$104,685.10 for a total of \$187,373.65. Purchase orders to Resco in the amount of \$7,650.00 for Kerite wire, Fleis & VandenBrink in the amount of \$13,976.95 for engineering services on the Kent Street Improvement Project, and Utility Service Co. in the amount of \$19,888.02 for quarterly service on the water tower tanks were also included.

Yeas: Baldyga, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under City Manager Comments, City Manager Gorman thanked Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Director Brown for having his crew power wash and clean the City Hall building, he has been doing a great job in his position.

City Manager Gorman further extended his support to our local police officers.

There were no Council Comments.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by Baldyga, to adjourn the regular meeting.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Barnes, Mayor

Monique I. Miller, City Clerk