

City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, February 6, 2017

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; Police Chief Kirk; Police Officer Phil Gerhardt

Guests: Kathy Parsons; Cory Grimminck, Library Director for the Portland District Library; Tom Teitsma & Family; Denise Barnes; Karen Bota of the Sentinel Standard

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

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

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under City Manager Report, City Manager Gorman stated that the Grand River Water Trail Meeting held on January 26, 2017 at City Hall was a very well attended event with meaningful discussion.

Officer Star Thomas was recently promoted to Sergeant of the Portland Police Department. City Manager Gorman stated that he is pleased with the promotion; she is a good fit for the position.

The City Council Goal Workshop was held on January 30, 2017 in order to discuss the vision/direction for the upcoming Fiscal Year budget preparation. One of the topics discussed was exploring the implementation of curb side recycling. A survey was distributed via Facebook and has been posted to the City's website in order to get input from the community. Current results of the survey show overwhelming support for the implementation of curb side recycling.

City Manager Gorman stated the City is accepting applications for a Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator. Many applications have been received. More information is available on the City's website.

Under Presentations, Tom Teitsma was honored for his retirement after 27 years of service to the Portland Police Department. Mayor Barnes read a message from Sheriff Dale Miller of the Ionia County Sheriff's Department and presented him with a proclamation on behalf of the City Council.

Cory Grimminck, Librarian for the Portland District Library, presented the library's 2015-2016 Annual Report.

City Manager Gorman noted, as an extension of his City Manager Report, that the Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 to consider a proposed rezoning (from residential to commercial) to the property located at 260 W. Grand River near Pleasant Street (34-300-050-000-015-

00) and the property located at 135 Water Street (34-300-250-000-490-00) as requested by Jim Hilligan for his proposed development of the ConfluxCity Brewing Co.

Under New Business, the Council considered Resolution 17-05 to approve a contract with AT&T for telephone service. The City had its phone service under a State of Michigan MiDEAL contract with AT&T but AT&T has been removed from the MiDEAL program. City staff is researching other options, but recommends the City enter into a limited one-year contract with AT&T in order to fully explore other viable long-term options. City staff recommends the City Council approve the one-year contract with AT&T for approximately \$13,000.00 per year.

Motion by Baldyga, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve Resolution 17-05 approving, authorizing, and directing the Mayor to sign a contract with AT&T for telephone service.

Yeas: Baldyga, Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 17-06 to approve a contractual rate increase for residential trash pickup provided by Granger Container Service. Granger Container Service has requested a CPI adjustment for the coming year at 2.1% based on the Consumer Price Index from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mayor Barnes asked when the contract with Granger Container Service is due to expire.

City Manager Gorman stated that the contract will expire at the end of 2017 and will be open for renegotiation and RFP's. He added that Granger provides a quality service.

There was continued discussion regarding the recycling issue and whether the recycling center should be maintained if curb side recycling is implemented. There are costs associated with upkeep and maintenance of the recycling center. It is also in need of a concrete pad for the containers to set on.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Johnston, to approve Resolution 17-06 approving a contractual rate increase for Residential Trash Pickup.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 17-07 to approve Bill No. 7 in the amount of \$85,704.94 to MDOT for work performed on the Kent Street Improvement Project. The City Engineer on the project has reviewed Bill No. 7 and is recommending its payment.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by Baldyga, to approve Resolution 17-07 approving Bill No. 7 to the Michigan Department of Transportation for work performed on the Kent Street Improvement Project.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 17-08 to approve a contract with WOW! Business for phone lines for the Police and Ambulance Departments. The City had its phone service under a State of Michigan

MiDEAL contract with AT&T but AT&T has been removed from the MiDEAL program. Through Resolution 17-05 the Council approved the contract with AT&T for various City phone lines, excluding the Police and Ambulance Departments. The Police and Ambulance Departments, along with the Portland Area Fire Authority, have an opportunity to upgrade phone equipment and other services by entering into a 3-year contract with WOW! Business.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve Resolution 17-08 approving, authorizing, and directing the Mayor to sign a contract with WOW! Business for the Police and Ambulance Department.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 17-09 to approve an agreement with CORE Technology for the Police Department in order to update and convert the current reporting system in the amount of \$7,500.00. The current reporting system is used for LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network), SOS (Secretary of State), and reporting of incidents and reports.

Motion by Baldyga, supported by Johnston, to approve Resolution 17-09 approving, authorizing, and directing the Mayor to sign an agreement with CORE Technology for the Police Department.

Yeas: Baldyga, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 17-10 to approve the Michigan Main Street Program Community Requirements and Expectations Agreement for the purpose of setting forth the requirements and expectations for the Local Main Street Program pursuant to its designation as a Master Michigan Main Street Community and pursuant to the contractual arrangement between the Michigan Main Street Program and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The City of Portland is a designated community that has successfully completed all of the requirements and expectations at the Master level and has been accredited by the Michigan Main Street Program.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 17-10 approving the Michigan Main Street Program Community Requirements and Expectations Agreement.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Baldyga, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting held on January 16, 2017 and the City Council Goal Session held on January 30, 2017, payment of invoices in the amount of \$142,114.18 and payroll in the amount of \$110,795.35 for a total of \$252,909.53. There were no purchase orders over \$5,000.00.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under City Manager Comments, City Manager Gorman noted that the Daddy/Daughter Dance will be held at the KC Hall on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 and Thursday, February 23, 2017. Due to its overwhelming success the event was changed to two nights. Limited to 135 couples each night.

The next Council meeting will be held Tuesday, February 21, 2017 due to Presidents Day.

Under Council Comments, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck stated that the VFW held a Burger Night Fundraiser for the Portland Community Fund. The event was very successful in helping to replenish funds that were depleted after the tornado on June 22, 2015.

Council Member Baldyga commented that the Grand River Water Trail Meeting was a great event. He would like to continue the effort and discussion at a local level. This is a grass roots effort.

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

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Barnes, Mayor

Monique I. Miller, City Clerk