

City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, April 16, 2018

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 Thomas

Guests: Jon Moxey of Fleis & VandenBrink; Cory Grimminck, Librarian for the Portland District Library; Tom Manting of Homeworks Tri-County Electric; Girl Scout Troop 4730 and Parents; Kathy Parsons

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Barnes with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Girl Scout Troop 4730.

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

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under Public Comment, members of Girl Scout Troop 4730 asked questions of the Council and Council Member Johnston presented them with lapel pins with the City logo.

Under City Manager Report, City Manager Gorman reported that the Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 was presented to the Council and stated the Budget Workshop will be held on Monday, April 30, 2018.

The donation of property from ADM Alliance Nutrition is nearly completed; once the final documents are recorded the transaction will be final.

The agreement for the DEQ Redevelopment Brownfield Grant has been signed and executed. The kickoff meeting will be held May 3, 2018 at City Hall.

City Manager Gorman noted that he has received the preliminary drawings of Rindlehaven Phase II which will require adoption of an amendment to the original Planned Unit Development.

City Manager Gorman reported that the Muffler Man project is expected to begin soon.

He further noted that additional parking is being added to the property at 1130 E. Grand River Ave. due to the addition of J-Dubb's Signature Subs, which opened on April 6, 2018.

City Manager Gorman stated that he has had discussions with both Portland and Danby Townships in regard to having a feasibility study completed to address structural issues with the PAMA building.

City Manager Gorman further noted that he and Electric Superintendent Hyland have met with representatives of Homeworks Tri-County Electric to discuss the application that was recently submitted and denied by Council for the installation of a fiber optic network. It is expected that they will resubmit the application soon for consideration by Council at its May 7, 2018 meeting.

Under Presentations, Cory Grimminck, Librarian for the Portland District Library, discussed the library's 2016-2017 Annual Report.

Jon Moxey of Fleis & VandenBrink presented the plans and provided information for the development of street and utility extension on the Cutler Rd. property. The project is expected to go to bid this week with a recommendation for approval to be presented to Council at its May 21, 2018 meeting.

Tom Manting of Tri-County Homeworks Electric presented information on their plan to install fiber optics to their customers which will require a crossing of the Grand River and approval of the METRO Act application that has been under review and discussion.

Mr. Moxey explained the route proposed by Tri-County that would use existing poles to the crossing at the Grand River.

There was discussion regarding a possible timeline for Tri-County to place fiber optic and electric lines underground. Mr. Manting stated he realized that was a priority for the City and acknowledged that there was a missed opportunity when the Ionia Road project was done in 1996. Mr. Manting stated it was the intent of Tri-County's current management to underground the wires they have on poles within the City of Portland.

Mayor Barnes questioned why Tri-County had not made plans to underground the fiber optic cable rather than place it on the poles, only to require it to be moved and placed underground. Mr. Manting stated he did not know why the idea of undergrounding the fiber optic cable had not been considered but they were currently at a point in their project where such consideration could not be given.

Mayor Barnes presented the 2018 Arbor Day Proclamation proclaiming April 27, 2018 as Arbor Day in the City of Portland and indicating seedlings will be distributed at the schools as well as a tree planting across from City Hall in front of Grider Insurance that is planned for Friday, April 27, 2018. The tree will replace the tree that was swept away on video during the tornado in 2015.

Under New Business, the Council considered Resolution 18-29 to approve the Portland Area Fire Authority to seek and award bids for the purchase of a new pumper/rescue vehicle not to exceed \$400,000 and to obtain partial financing for the purchase.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Johnston, to approve Resolution 18-29 approving and authorizing the Portland Area Fire Authority to seek and award bids for the purchase of a new pumper/rescue vehicle and obtain partial financing for same.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 18-30 to schedule a Special Meeting for a Budget Workshop to discuss the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget at 5:30 P.M. on Monday, April 30, 2018.

Motion by Johnston, supported by Baldyga, to approve Resolution 18-30 to schedule a special meeting of the City Council for a Budget Workshop.

Yeas: Johnston, Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 18-31 to schedule a Public Hearing on the Budget proposed for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 on May 7, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 18-31 setting a Public Hearing on the Budget Proposed for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 18-32 to approve a Letter of Authorization for Homeworks Connect to extend fiber optic cable across the Grand River as part of their project to provide fiber services to its customers.

Motion by Baldyga, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve Resolution 18-32 approving, authorizing, and directing the City Manager to sign a Letter of Authorization for Homeworks Connect to extend fiber optic cable across the Grand River.

Yeas: Baldyga, Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, 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 April 2, 2018, payment of invoices in the amount of \$66,646.75 and payroll in the amount of \$117,795.59 for a total of \$184,442.34. Purchase orders to Bader & Sons in the amount of \$6,000.00 for repair of the skid steer, Superior Asphalt in the amount of \$9,337.50 for mill & fill of Lyons Rd. and Looking Glass Ave, and Resco in the amount of \$28,350.00 for kerite wire were also included.

Yeas: Baldyga, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under City Manager Comments, City Manager Gorman stated that he and Council Member Baldyga met with Fred Cowles of the MML to discuss environmental issues and creation of a water trail along the Grand River.

City Manager Gorman reminded residents that this year's Community Clean Up day will take place on Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the DPW compound. Each household will be limited to one load. Hazardous waste will also be collected the same day at the Fire Department.

Under Council Comments, Mayor Barnes stated that WODA has tentatively scheduled an open house at the Portland School Apartments on May 10, 2018.

Mayor Barnes reminded residents to vote in the upcoming Special Election for the Portland Public Schools Bond Proposal on May 8, 2018

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

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Barnes, Mayor

Monique I. Miller, City Clerk