

City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, June 4, 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: Kathy Parsons

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

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

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under City Manager Report, City Manager Gorman reported the ConfluxCity Brewery will hold their Grand Opening on Friday, June 8, 2018 at 5:00 P.M.

City staff will concentrate efforts on cleaning up the area around the DPW at the Flats and is obtaining quotes for new fencing around the area. If funds are available as part of capital improvements new fencing will also be installed.

An RFP is being drafted for the potential privatization of the Wastewater Treatment Plant; the best course of action will be evaluated as more information is gathered.

The James Street Improvement Project is nearly complete; the punch list will be reviewed tomorrow with staff, City Engineers, and the contractor on the project.

Under New Business, the Council considered Resolution 18-42 to approve Fleis & VandenBrink's proposal to update the City's Wellhead Protection Program Plan to protect the groundwater that surround the City's well area, in the amount of \$9,000.00 with a 50% reimbursement. It has been 5 years since the last plan update was completed and approved by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). The MDEQ requires that plans be updated every 5 years.

Motion by Baldyga, supported by Johnston, to approve Resolution 18-42 approving Fleis & VandenBrink's proposal to update the City's Wellhead Protection Program Plan.

Yeas: Baldyga, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 18-43 to approve the purchase of basketball systems for Alton Park and Brush Street Park from AB Hoops in the amount of \$11,560.02.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Baldyga, to approve Resolution 18-43 approving the purchase of basketball systems for Alton Park and Brush Street Park for the Parks Department.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 18-44 to approve an Archery Program for the Parks & Recreation Department. The City received a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) for the purchase of archery equipment as part of a statewide initiative. The Parks & Recreation Department is seeking to establish an archery program and target ranges at certain City parks that will adhere to the USA Archery Safety Standards and be supervised by certified archery instructors at all times.

Motion by Johnston, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve Resolution 18-44 approving an Archery Program for the Parks & Recreation Department.

Yeas: Johnston, Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 18-45 to opt out of the Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund created by Public Act 95 of 2013 which requires all electric utilities to charge up to \$.99 per month on customer bills to raise revenue to provide heating assistance to needy individuals. PA 95 provides that municipally owned electric utilities can opt out of collecting the funds but cannot shut off electricity to residential customers from November 1st to April 1st for nonpayment of a delinquent account. The City of Portland previously adopted electric shut-off rules that protect low-income and senior citizens from electric shut-offs during the same time period. The City of Portland has opted out of this program since 2013. The Board of Light and Power met on May 29, 2018 and passed a recommendation that the City Council opt out of collecting funds for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Baldyga, to approve Resolution 18-45 to opt out of the Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund created by Public Act 95 of 2013.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 18-46 to approve the City of Portland's Defined Benefit Adoption Agreements for Union and Nonunion employees. City employees hired prior to July 1, 2010 who are covered under the MERS Plan B4 Plan with the F 50/25 waiver must now contribute 3% of their gross wages each payroll into the MERS Retirement Plan, beginning July 1, 2018. This requirement applies to union (GELC & POLC) and nonunion employees.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 18-46 approving the City of Portland's Defined Benefit Adoption Agreements for Union and Nonunion Employees.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 18-47 to approve the Revised MERS Hybrid Plan Adoption Agreements (Benefit Program HA/HB/HC). The City has reformed its pension plan for all employees hired after July 1, 2010 so that new hires will be placed in a MERS Hybrid Pension with a 1% Defined

Benefit (DB) pension multiplier that cannot be increased and a Defined Contribution that requires new hires to contribute 3% of their wages to the Defined Contribution (DC) pension portion. The Employer's DB and DC combined pension contribution is capped at 7% and if the DB portion costs less and 7%, then the Employer will contribute the difference to the employees DC portion.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Johnston, to approve Resolution 18-47 approving the Revised MERS Hybrid Plan Adoption Agreements (Benefit Program HA/HB/HC) and approving, authorizing, and directing the City Manager to sign same.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 18-48 to amend the Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. The Finance Director has reviewed current fund balances and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and recommends Council approve the proposed budget amendments.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Baldyga, to approve Resolution 18-48 to amend the Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 18-49 to confirm the Mayor's appointments to City Boards and Commissions.

Motion by Baldyga, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve Resolution 18-49 confirming the Mayor's appointments to City Boards and Commissions.

Yeas: Baldyga, Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 18-50 to accept and dedicate an additional section of Rowe Avenue as a public street. The City recently discovered that only the first 350 feet of the road has been certified within the City Street System for the purposed of obtaining funds under Act 51. The actual public length of Rowe Ave. is an additional 488 feet.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by Baldyga, to approve Resolution 18-50 accepting and dedicating an additional section of Rowe Avenue as a public street.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Johnston, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting held on May 21, 2018, payment of invoices in the amount of \$80,840.13 and payroll in the amount of \$156,855.96 for a total of \$237,696.09. Purchase orders to Moyer Construction in the amount of \$13,533.44 for installation of concrete pads for the bleachers at Bogue Flats and to Resco in the amount of \$422,572.35 for fault interrupter switches (previously approved by Resolution 17-66 in the amount of \$400,140.00) were also included.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under City Manager Comments, City Manager Gorman reminded residents that Thursdays on the Grand at the Band Shell will begin this week, June 7, 2018 from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.

The Portland Ranch Rodeo will be held Saturday, June 9, 2018 at Bogue Flats from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

The Farmers Market at the Red Mill Pavilion began this past Saturday and will continue through October.

The Portland St. Patrick's Summerfest event will be held Friday, June 22, 2018 through Sunday, June 24, 2018.

Under Council Comments, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck noted his appreciation to everyone that came to the Memorial Day Parade.

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

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Barnes, Mayor

Monique I. Miller, City Clerk