

# City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

## Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, July 16, 2018

In Council Chambers at City Hall

Present: Mayor Barnes; Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck, Council Members Fitzsimmons, and Baldyga; City Manager Gorman; City Clerk Miller; Police Chief Thomas

Absent: Council Member Johnston

Guests: Kathy Parsons

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

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

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Johnston

Adopted

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by VanSlambrouck, to excuse the absence of Council Member Johnston.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Johnston

Adopted

Under City Manager Report, City Manager Gorman addressed the unauthorized discharge of estimated 2.5 million gallons raw/partially treated sewage into the Grand River on June 29, 2018 by contractors of the Sunset Ridge Mobile Home Community on Grand River Ave. west of Portland. Testing of the river water has been done and found to be safe. The discharge point is in the City limits although the mobile home community is located in Portland Township. The City's position is that it should have been notified in order to alert the residents. The City is doing what it can to protect the residents and its interests. A letter has been sent to the Sunset Ridge Mobile Home Community notifying them of the City's expectations; the contractor, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and the Portland Township Supervisor have all been copied on the letter.

Mayor Barnes stated his appreciation of the efforts by City staff to address this issue.

There was discussion.

City Manager Gorman stated that the environmental assessment of the property at Grand River Ave. and Divine Hwy. was conducted on July 9, 2018. The test pits of the areas identified to have potential anomalies were excavated by Cook Brothers Excavating. No underground tanks were found so no additional testing will be required. This information will be used to update the Baseline Environmental Assessment.

The Planning Commission met on July 11, 2018. Representatives of Mayberry Homes outlined their proposed plan for Rindlehaven Phase II that would deviate from the adopted PUD. The Planning Commission also approved a motion to move forward with the amendment process to allow adult foster care facilities in R-2 and R-3 districts. They will also begin the process of reviewing and updating the Zoning Ordinance. This process will require workshops and discussion.

Under New Business, the Council considered Resolution 18-58 to approve a SAW Grant Professional Services Agreement with Fleis & VandenBrink. The MDEQ is administering a Stormwater Asset Management, and Wastewater Asset Management (SAW) grant and loan program for costs associated with planning and design of sewage collection and treatment projects, asset management plans for sanitary and stormwater systems, development of stormwater plans, and pilot testing of innovative projects. The City of Portland previously applied for the SAW Grant and was recently notified that it was approved for funding in the amount of \$764,849.00 with a match of \$25,851.00.

Motion by Baldyga, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve Resolution 18-58 approving a SAW Grant Professional Services Agreement with Fleis & VandenBrink and authorizing the City Manager to sign same.

Yeas: Baldyga, Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Johnston

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 18-59 to approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$25,902.82 to the contract with CL Trucking, Inc. for the James Street Improvement Project. The City Engineer is recommending approval of the change order.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve Resolution 18-59 approving Change Order No. 2 to the contract with CL Trucking, Inc. for the James Street Improvement Project.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Johnston

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 18-60 to approve Pay Request No. 5 in the amount of \$91,513.23 to CL Trucking, Inc. for work completed on the James Street Improvement Project through July 6, 2018. The City Engineer on the project has reviewed the pay request and recommends its approval.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 18-60 approving Pay Request No. 5 to CL Trucking, Inc. for work done on the James Street Improvement Project.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Johnston

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 18-61 to confirm the Mayor's appointment to City Boards and Commissions.

Motion by Baldyga, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve Resolution 18-61 confirming the Mayor's appointment to City Boards and Commissions.

Yeas: Baldyga, Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Johnston

Adopted

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by Baldyga, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting held on July 2, 2018, payment of invoices in the amount of \$140,431.86 and payroll in the amount of \$105,689.63 for a total of \$246,121.49. A purchase order to Superior Asphalt Inc. in the amount of \$5,050.00 for paving on Riverside Dr. to repair a sewer main.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Johnston

Adopted

Under City Manager Comments, City Manager Gorman the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade was another great event with Mayor Barnes serving as the Grand Marshal.

City Manager Gorman reminded residents to vote for the Community Excellence Award for which the Old School Manor/Portland School Apartments redevelopment was nominated.

Under Council Comments, Mayor Barnes noted that Mayor Exchange with the City of Middleville is coming up in August.

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

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Johnston

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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James E. Barnes, Mayor

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Monique I. Miller, City Clerk