

# City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

## Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, August 20, 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 Officer Kauffman

Guests: Fred Cowles, President of the Middle Grand River Organization of Watersheds (MGROW); Elaine Sterrett Isely, Director of Water Programs for West Michigan Environmental Action Council (WMEAC); Tim Krizov; 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, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under City Manager Report, City Manager Gorman stated that a draft RFP for the potential privatization of the Wastewater Treatment Plant has been developed and will be reviewed this week. The goal is to present it to Council for approval at its September 4, 2018 meeting.

The Pulse Broadband Feasibility Study is underway. The existing conduit and infrastructure was evaluated last week.

City Manager Gorman provided an update on grant applications and projects that are underway.

City Manager Gorman provided a history of the property at Grand River Ave. and Cutler Rd. and explained that an access road is being constructed off from Cutler Rd. as part of the purchase agreement made with Sparrow for 5 acres next to the Nazarene Church. Sparrow anticipates building a medical office facility on the property.

Under Presentations, Mr. Cowles of MGROW and Ms. Sterrett Isely of WMEAC presented the Grand River Water Trail Development Plan to designate the Grand River as a Water Trail.

There was discussion.

Under New Business, the First Reading of Ordinance 175LL to amend Sections 42-6, 42-131, 42-132 (c)(3), and 42-341 (b) of the Portland City Code of Ordinances as recommended by the Planning Commission to provide for Adult Foster Care Congregate facilities. City Manager Gorman explained that the proposed amendment is related to the Portland Assisted Living & Memory Center's interest in expanding. The current ordinance definition limits their facility to 20

beds which mirrors state law. The proposed definition would allow them and anyone else in this situation to offer more than 20 beds.

The Council considered Resolution 18-66 to approve the award of the Department of Public Works (DPW) improvements that include the site work required in preparation of the building and construction of a new salt barn and vehicle storage facility to Cook Brothers Excavating in the amount of \$117,036.75.

Motion by Baldyga, supported by Johnston, to approve Resolution 18-66 approving the award of the Department of Public Works improvements to Cook Brothers Excavating, Inc.

Yeas: Baldyga, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting held on August 6, 2018, payment of invoices in the amount of \$198,113.88 and payroll in the amount of \$131,471.82 for a total of \$329,585.70. There were no purchase orders over \$5,000.00.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under City Manager Comments, City Manager Gorman reminded residents that the Red Mill Community Day will be held on Saturday, August 25, 2018 from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. with a wide variety of activities. There will also be a horse show and the Adoption Days 5k on the same day. Water St. will be closed to through traffic.

City Manager Gorman noted that he attended a meeting of the State Emergency Management Committee, of which he is a member, and learned that the Federal Emergency Management Agency, in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), will conduct a nationwide test of the [Emergency Alert System \(EAS\)](#) and [Wireless Emergency Alert \(WEA\)](#) on September 20, 2018 (primary date) or October 3, 2018 (secondary date). The WEA portion of the test commences at 2:18 PM EDT and the EAS portion follows at 2:20 p.m. EDT. The test will assess the operational readiness of the infrastructure for distribution of a national message and determine whether technological improvements are needed.

Under Council Comments, Council Member Johnston noted that the outdoor playground at Oakwood Elementary School in memory of her mother Vicki Lawless was dedicated earlier today with a beautiful ceremony.

Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck noted that as part of Mayor Exchange, the Village of Middleville visited Portland last Wednesday, August 15, 2018. He stated that Middleville is a very similar community. Their visit was very enjoyable and was an opportunity to view the City of Portland from a different point of view.

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

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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James E. Barnes, Mayor

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Monique I. Miller, City Clerk