

# City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

## Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, September 17, 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 Baldyga, to approve the Proposed Agenda as presented.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under City Manager Report, City Manager Gorman stated the DPW site project is moving forward. The base layer of asphalt was laid last week and the top coat was put down today. The vehicle storage building and salt barn will be constructed in late September/early October.

The construction of the Sparrow Access Road located off from Cutler Rd. is on schedule and nearing completion. The project is on budget. City Manager Gorman noted that he is hoping to hear from Sparrow soon in terms of their timeframe for construction and what type of facility they plan to construct.

The Planning Commission will hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. to consider a request for a Special Land Use Permit for an Adult Foster Care Congregate Facility for the property located at 223 Charlotte Hwy., to expand the current adult foster care center from 20 residents to a maximum of 30 residents, per Section 42-341 (b) of the Zoning Ordinance.

The City has been engaged with Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) over the past year and has recently received their recommendations. City Manager Gorman stated that he will be looking at compiling all of the City's Capital Improvement Plans into one document as recommended.

The Annual Bridge Inspections have recently been completed and resulted in further load restrictions on the Divine Hwy. Bridge.

New backboards were installed at the basketball court at Brush Street Park. This was the final step in the revitalization of the park.

The first new “Welcome to Portland” sign was installed on Kent St. at the city limit. It looks very nice and has been well received.

Under Presentations, Mayor Barnes presented a proclamation proclaiming September 17-23, 2018 as Constitution Week in the City of Portland.

Under New Business, the Council considered Resolution 18-70 to approve the Board of Light & Power’s recommendation to purchase solar energy from January 1, 2021 to continue 25 years after through the Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA) to meet a portion of future load requirements.

Motion by Baldyga, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve Resolution 18-70 approving the Board of Light & Power’s recommendation to purchase solar energy through the Michigan Public Power Agency.

Yeas: Baldyga, Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 18-71 to approve a License Agreement to permit holding a Haunted House at The Red Mill.

Motion by Johnston, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 18-71 approving, authorizing, and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a License Agreement to permit holding a Haunted House at The Red Mill.

Yeas: Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, 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 September 4, 2018, payment of invoices in the amount of \$210,079.10 and payroll in the amount of \$118,947.19 for a total of \$329,026.29. A purchase order to PLB Planning Group, LLC in the amount of \$5,487.75 for August zoning services was also included.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under City Manager Comments, City Manager Gorman noted that the RFQ for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent position are ready. One last review of the document will take place this week before it is released.

City Manager Gorman reminded residents to watch their speed; especially around the schools.

Hydrant flushing began today and will continue through September 28, 2018 or until completed.

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 October 3, 2018. The test will assess the operational readiness of the infrastructure for distribution of a national message and determine whether technological improvements are needed.

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,

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James E. Barnes, Mayor

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Monique I. Miller, City Clerk