

# City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

## Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, July 20, 2020

In the City Council Chambers at City Hall

259 Kent St., Portland, MI 48875

Present: Mayor Barnes, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck, Council Member Fitzsimmons, Johnston and Sheehan; City Clerk Miller

Absent: City Manager Gorman

Guests: Kathy Parsons; Bob Lathers of The Beacon

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

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

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

There was no Public Comment.

Under City Manager Report, Mayor Barnes stated that City Manager Gorman is on vacation. Mayor Barnes went over the highlights of the written report from City Manager Gorman which was included in the packet.

Under New Business, the Council held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and consideration of Ordinance 67B to amend Section 6-2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Portland to add the Portland Police Department as an enforcement agency along with the Ionia Council Animal Control Officer for enforcement of the Animals Ordinance.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by Johnston, to approve Ordinance 67B to amend Section 6-2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Portland.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Motion by Johnston, supported by Sheehan, to approve Resolution 20-49 confirming the Mayor's appointments to City Boards and Commissions.

Yeas: Johnston, Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting on July 6, 2020, payment of invoices in the amount of \$282,512.95 and payroll in the amount of \$127,755.86 for a total of \$410,268.81. A purchase orders to Cook Brothers in the amount of \$8,810.11 for repair of an electric vault was also included.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

There were no City Manager comments.

Under Council Comments, Kathy Parsons stated the Portland Area Fire Authority will hold a fundraiser at the CreeMee on Saturday, August 1, 2020 from 4:00 – 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck noted that all of the board members of the Portland Area Fire Authority were reappointed, there were no changes to the board.

Mayor Barnes stated that he and his wife Denise emceed the Two Rivers Sounds of Summer event on Thursday, July 16, 2020. Music was provided by Clique Vocals and Take Note Barbershop Quartet who both did a fantastic job.

Mayor Barnes further noted that he played on Portland's team for the Vintage Baseball Game at Mackinac Island on Saturday, July 18, 2020. Portland lost a close game 3-4 to the Mackinac Island team. It was a great time. Another game will be played in September, more information to come.

Council Member Sheehan noted the Civic Players will host their Summer Showcase at the Band Shell July 22 – 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. each evening.

Motion by Johnston, supported by VanSlambrouck, to adjourn the regular meeting.

Yeas: Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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James E. Barnes, Mayor

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Monique I. Miller, City Clerk