

# City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

## Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, April 5, 2021

In the City Council Chambers at City Hall

259 Kent St., Portland, MI 48875

Present: Mayor Barnes, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck, Council Members Johnston, and Sheehan; Finance Officer Tolan; Income Tax Clerk Baum

Absent: Council Member Fitzsimmons, City Manager Gorman, City Clerk Miller

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 Johnston, to approve the Proposed Agenda.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons

Adopted

There were no Public Comments.

Under New Business, the Council considered Resolution 21-15 for an Interlocal Agreement for Assessing services between the City of Portland and the City of St. Johns. The City Manager recommends approval of the agreement.

Motion by Johnston, supported by Sheehan, to approve Resolution 21-15 approving, authorizing, and directing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement for Assessing services between the City of Portland and the City of St. Johns.

Yeas: Johnston, Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 21-16 to approve the recommendation of the Board of Light and Power to approve a Consulting Services Agreement with Total Assurance Group, Inc. regarding broadband development. The City and Board of Light and Power have been exploring the feasibility of providing broadband internet services to its residents; this is the next phase of the project.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Johnston, to approve Resolution 21-16 approving the recommendation of the Board of Light and Power to approve a Consulting Services Agreement with Total Assurance Group, Inc. regarding broadband development.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 21-17 to approve Michigan Pavement Marking LLC's bid for 2021 street painting in the amount of \$21,075.00. The City Manager and Director of Public Works recommend the approval.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Sheehan, to approve Resolution 21-17 approving Michigan Pavement Markings LLC's bid for 2021 street painting.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 21-18 approving participation in the State bid process for winter road salt for 2021-2022 through the MiDEAL program.

Motion by Johnston, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 21-18 approving participation in the State bid process for winter road salt for 2021-2022.

Yeas: Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons

Adopted

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Sheehan, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting held on March 15, 2021, payment of invoices in the amount of \$99,354.31 and payroll in the amount of \$209,060.98 for a total of \$308,415.29. Purchase orders to Detroit Pump in amount of \$5,323.46 to replace Canal Street Lift Station Pump #1 and to McKearney Asphalt in the amount of \$26,000.00 for Rivertrail repairs behind the Wastewater Department were also included.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons

Adopted

Under Council Comments, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck stated the Ionia County Township Officers Association will hold a meeting on Monday, April 12, 2021 at Danby Township Hall. All elected officials in the County are invited to attend to hear updates from County and State officials. He further stated the Portland Area Fire Authority has invited Jim Valentine, Director of Ionia County 9-1-1, and Ionia County Commissioner Georgia Sharp to their meeting on April 13, 2021 to provide information on the 9-1-1 Millage.

Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck also extended thanks on behalf of the VFW. The Fish Fries held on Friday, March 19, 2021 and Friday, April 2, 2021 both sold out of food. They're thankful for the continued support of the community.

Mayor Barnes noted that construction taking place throughout the City on sidewalks and crosswalks are all part of the Safe Routes to School Project. The work on the new traffic signal at Grand River Ave. and West St., as part of the project, will take place mid-June once school is out for the summer.

Mayor Barnes further noted the fundraising campaign for the proposed Toan Park Improvements is underway and will last until late May.

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

Yeas: Johnston, Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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James E. Barnes, Mayor

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Monique I. Miller, City Clerk