

City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, October 4, 2021

In the City Council Chambers at City Hall

259 Kent St., Portland, MI 48875

Present: Mayor Barnes, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck, Council Members Fitzsimmons, Johnston, and Sheehan; City Manager Gorman; City Clerk Miller; Police Chief Thomas; DDA Director ConnerWellman

Guests: Kathy Parsons; Larry Tygesen

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

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Sheehan, to approve the agenda as presented.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

There was no Public Comment.

Under City Manager Report, City Manager Gorman stated that the Toan Park Improvement/Splash Pad Project is nearly complete. The ribbon cutting ceremony has tentatively been set for October 12, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.

Bill Fabiano, of Fabiano's restaurant located at 104 W. Grand River Ave. has offered the property he owns at 103 E. Grand River Ave. for donation to the DDA. The Phase I Environmental Study of the property approved by the DDA is still underway.

All members of the Portland Area Municipal Authority (PAMA); the City of Portland, Portland Township, and Danby Township, will hold a workshop on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:15 P.M. at City Hall to discuss space allocation, potential updates to the PAMA Agreement, and what would happen if Portland Township leaves the emergency services building.

The Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 and hold a Public Hearing to consider a proposed rezoning of a 107-acre parcel from TND PUD to R-2 Traditional Residential District and a 22-acre parcel from TND PUD to C-2 General Business District, located in the area of Rowe Ave. and Rindlehaven Commons, by Mayberry Homes on a portion of the Rindlehaven Development (300-034-000-005-01 and 300-035-000-005-00).

Representatives of Ellen's Properties have contacted the City regarding the potential development of the property between Portland Apartments and Tom's Food Center to construct a

storage unit facility. This use does meet the current zoning of the property but would require a Special Land Use Permit from the Planning Commission.

Electric Superintendent Davlin has been visiting local businesses regarding the upcoming power outage on Friday, October 15th and 16th. Information regarding the power outage has been posted on the City's website, frequently on the City's Facebook page, and will be sent with the utility bills this week.

Under Presentations, DDA Director ConnerWellman provided her report on downtown activities and presented information on the Toan Park Revitalization Project.

Under New Business, the Council considered Resolution 21-52 to approve the purchase of a new snow plow truck for the DPW. The DPW Foreman has sought bids and recommends the purchase of a 2022 International Chassis in the amount of \$86,166.84 and to outfit the truck through the MiDeal program in the amount of \$86,132.00. The purchase is proposed to be financed for a five-year term at 2.25%.

Motion by Johnston, supported by Sheehan, to approve Resolution 21-52 approving the purchase of a new snow plow truck for the Department of Public Works.

Yeas: Johnston, Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 21-53 to approve a capacity purchase to meet a portion of the Board of Light and Power's future load requirements for years 25/26, 26/27, and 27/28 by purchasing capacity not to exceed \$72,000.00 for the entire term. At its meeting on September 28, 2021, the Board of Light and Power voted to recommend the approval of the capacity purchase to City Council.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by Johnston, to approve Resolution 21-53 approving a capacity purchase for the Board of Light and Power through the Michigan Public Power Agency.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 21-54 to approve repairs on the governors on the gate shaft at the hydro dam in the amount of \$19,800.00. At its meeting on September 28, 2021, the Board of Light and Power voted to recommend the approval of the repairs to City Council.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve Resolution 21-54 approving repairs and maintenance to the gate shaft governors at the Hydro Dam.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by Johnston, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting on September 20, 2021,

payment of invoices in the amount of \$57,868.02 and payroll in the amount of \$120,633.75 for a total of \$178,501.77. A purchase order to the Michigan Electric Cooperative Association in the amount of \$14,250.00 for safety dues was also included.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under City Manager Comments, City Manager Gorman stated the DPW will begin Fall leaf pickup soon; they attempt to cover the entire city daily.

Trick-or-treating will be held on Halloween, Sunday, October 31, 2021 from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Under Council Comments, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck reminded residents to be cautious when out driving or walking in the early morning hours. He further encourages residents and school children to use the City sidewalks.

Council Member Johnston noted the Civic Players will perform the play 1776 on November 5th – 7th, 2021 and November 12th – 14th, 2021.

Mayor Barnes reminded residents to keep the storm drains in the area of their property clear of debris so that water will properly drain from the streets.

City Manager Gorman noted the Ambulance Department is now fully staffed. He further stated that former Ambulance Director Dave Brown recently suffered cardiac arrest and that Paramedic Jeff Carrow and EMT Brad Smith were able to revive him; Mr. Brown is home and doing well.

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

Yeas: Johnston, Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Barnes, Mayor

Monique I. Miller, City Clerk