

City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, January 3, 2022

In the City Council Chambers at City Hall

259 Kent St., Portland, MI 48875

Present: Mayor Barnes, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck, Council Members Fitzsimmons, and Sheehan; City Manager Gorman; City Clerk Miller; Police Chief Thomas; Police Officer Rairigh

Absent: Council Member Johnston

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 Fitzsimmons, to approve the agenda as presented.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Johnston

Adopted

Motion by Sheehan, supported by Fitzsimmons, to excuse the absence of Council Member Johnston.

Yeas: Sheehan, Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Johnston

Adopted

There was no Public Comment.

Under City Manager Report, City Manager Gorman wished everyone a Happy New Year.

The donation agreement between Bill Fabiano and the DDA for the property at 103 W. Grand River Ave. has been signed. The property has not been closed on yet.

The cable franchise agreement with Wow has expired. The negotiation process for a new agreement should be relatively uneventful and will likely be presented to Council for approval at the January 17, 2022 meeting. City Manager Gorman further noted he'll take this opportunity to update the City's Franchise Ordinance.

The survey work for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project has been scheduled. The design work will begin this week.

Members of the Portland Area Municipal Authority (PAMA) and will meet again on January 19, 2022. The PAMA agreement is expected to be updated this year.

The Board of Light and Power continues to work on a Fiber Agreement. An educational workshop is expected to be held with the City Council and Board of Light and Power in February.

City Manager Gorman presented before and after photos of the old storage building that was removed at the Hydro Dam property. Security cameras will be placed on the property in the near future.

The City Council Goal Session meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

There were no presentations.

Under New Business, the City Council held the Second Reading of Ordinance 175RR to rezone the 1.97-acre portion of the parcel located at 467 Charlotte Hwy. from R-2 Traditional Residential to C-3 Highway Commercial to match the rest of the parcel already zoned C-3.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Ordinance 175RR to Amend the City Zoning Map.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Johnston

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 22-01 to approve a bid from Hammond Farms, Inc. in the amount of \$16,000.00 for wood waste processing and compost removal.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Sheehan, to approve Resolution 22-01 approving a bid from Hammond Farms, Inc. for wood waste processing and compost removal.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Johnston

Adopted

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting on December 20, 2021, payment of invoices in the amount of \$114,640.04 and payroll in the amount of \$117,258.87 for a total of \$231,898.91. A purchase order to the Portland Area Municipal Authority in the amount of \$6,584.94 for foundation repairs was also included.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Johnston

Adopted

Under City Manager Comments, City Manager Gorman thanked the DPW for their prompt work with the recent snow removal.

Under Council Comments, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck noted the VFW will hold a breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, January 9, 2022 from 8:00 – 11:00 A.M.

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

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Johnston

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Barnes, Mayor

Monique I. Miller, City Clerk