

City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, April 4, 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, Johnston, and Sheehan; Police Chief Thomas; Finance Director Tolan

Absent: 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 Fitzsimmons, to approve the proposed agenda with the vacation of Resolution 22-20.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

There was no Public Comment.

There was no City Manager Report.

Under Presentations, DDA Director ConnerWellman presented the Downtown Report and information on the newly developed miportland.org website.

Under New Business, the City Council held the Second Reading and considered the adoption of Ordinance 91A, to amend Chapter 32, Section 32-1 of the Code of Ordinances.

Mayor Barnes explained the purpose of this amendment is to include the term “fiber broadband infrastructure” to the definition of public improvement in anticipation of a possible Special Assessment for a Broadband Fiber Project.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by Johnston, to adopt Ordinance 91A amending Chapter 32, Section 32-1 “Definition of Public Improvement” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Portland.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 22-19 to approve the City Manager’s proposed appointment of Erik L. Litts as the Portland City Assessor.

Motion by Johnston, supported by Sheehan, to approve Resolution 22-19 approving the City Manager’s proposed appointment of Erik L. Litts as the City Assessor.

Yeas: Johnston, Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 22-21 to approve Michigan Pavement Markings LLC’s bid in the amount of \$22,730.00 for 2022 street painting.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve Resolution 22-21 approving Michigan Pavement Markings LLC’s bid for 2022 street painting.

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 March 21, 2022, payment of invoices in the amount of \$57,140.19 and payroll in the amount of \$127,288.43 for a total of \$184,428.62. There were no purchase orders over \$5,000.00.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under City Manager comments, Mayor Barnes reminded residents that leaf pickup will not be done by the leaf machine in the spring any more as it is very time consuming with all of the debris that is in the piles. Leaves in the spring must be placed in biodegradable bags for pickup.

Mayor Barnes also noted the No Parking ban on city streets between 2:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. ended on April 1, 2022.

Under Council Comments, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck noted the VFW will hold a breakfast on Sunday, April 10, 2022.

Mayor Barnes noted the City seal that City Manager Gorman posted on Facebook last week to bring awareness to how suicide has touched Portland in that past several weeks. Mayor Barnes further expressed his condolences to the families and the community.

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

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Barnes, Mayor

Monique I. Miller, City Clerk