

City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, May 2, 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; City Manager Gorman; City Clerk Miller; DDA Director ConnerWellman

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 Sheehan, to approve the proposed agenda.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

There was no Public Comment.

Under City Manager Report, City Manager Gorman stated that work continues on design for the Kent St. Improvement Project. The parking study is being finalized and work has begun on the required easements. Obtaining the necessary easements will be quite time consuming and may result in the project being pushed back to 2024. The City also wants to allow adequate time to gather public feedback on the project.

Design work also continues on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. The design is close to the 90% completion point for a design review, which may take place at the June 6, 2022 City Council meeting.

Representatives of the Army Corps. of Engineers visited Portland on April 28, 2022 to evaluate potential flood conflicts. It was a very beneficial meeting.

Gerry Schneider, began work today with the City. He will be reading meters, and taking on some code related duties.

The Planning Commission will meet next week to consider a rezoning request for 126 and 132 Riverside Dr. and will continue review of the draft zoning revision.

City Manager Gorman further noted that he recently met with Bob Schroeder of Mayberry Homes to discuss the Rindlehaven property. There is still hope they will move forward to rezoning of the property so more homes can be constructed.

Under Presentations, DDA Director ConnerWellman presented the Downtown Report.

Under New Business, the City Council held the Second Reading and consideration of Ordinance 101M, to amend Chapter 40 of the Code of Ordinances to authorize the setting of various electric rates by resolution of the City Council as is done for the water and wastewater rates, rather than by revising the ordinance.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Ordinance 101M amending Chapter 40, Sections 40-213, 40-214, 40-215, 40-216, 40-217, 40-218, 40-219, 40-220, 40-221, 40-222, 40-225, 40-226 of Article IV “Electrical System” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Portland in order to authorize the setting of various rates by resolution of the City Council.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 22-33 to approve the award of the Virginia Avenue Improvement Project to McKearney Asphalt & Sealing, Inc. in the amount of \$95,995.00. Virginia Avenue is in poor condition and has been rated accordingly by the City’s PASER Assessment.

Motion by Johnston, supported by Sheehan, to approve Resolution 22-33 approving the award of the Virginia Avenue Improvement Project to McKearney Asphalt & Sealing, Inc.

Yeas: Johnston, Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 22-34 to approve the recommendation to award various road repairs, along Grand River Ave. and Charlotte Hwy., to McKearney Asphalt & Sealing, Inc. in the amount of \$35,000.00.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Johnston, to approve Resolution 22-34 approving the award of various road repairs to McKearney Asphalt & Sealing, Inc.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Fitzsimmons, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 22-35 to approve the proposal in the amount of \$60,000.00 from Asphalt Restoration, Inc. to provide crack sealing services to extend the life of paved streets and roadways in the City of Portland.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by Sheehan, to approve Resolution 22-35 approving the proposal from Asphalt Restoration, Inc. to provide crack sealing services for the City of Portland.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 22-36 to approve the award of River Trail maintenance work in the amount of \$125,000.00 to McKearney Asphalt & Sealing, Inc.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve Resolution 22-36 approving an award of River Trail maintenance work to McKearney Asphalt & Sealing, Inc.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 22-37 to approve a proposal in the amount of \$15,500.00 from Asphalt Restoration, Inc. to provide crack sealing services on the River Trail.

Motion by Sheehan, supported by Johnston, to approve Resolution 22-37 approving the proposal from Asphalt Restoration, Inc. to provide crack sealing services for the Portland River Trail.

Yeas: Sheehan, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 22-38 to approve a proposal, in the amount of \$6,400.00 from Integrity Mobile Services, LLC to provide fire hydrant painting services.

Motion by Johnston, supported by Sheehan, to approve Resolution 22-38 approving the proposal from Integrity Mobile Services, LLC to provide fire hydrant painting services in the City of Portland.

Yeas: Johnston, Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 22-39 to approve the purchase of diesel fuel storage tanks in the amount of \$41,893.61 for storage of fuel for the diesel engines at the Electric Department. The current tanks are in need of repair.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Johnston, to approve Resolution 22-39 approving the purchase of diesel fuel storage tanks for the Electric Department.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Fitzsimmons, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 22-40 to authorize the Mayor to sign a permit for a fireworks display at the Bogue Flats Recreation area on Friday, July 1, 2022 to celebrate Independence Day.

Motion by Sheehan, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 22-40 approving, authorizing, and directing the mayor to sign a permit for a fireworks display at Bogue Flats Recreation Area.

Yeas: Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 22-41 to set a Public Hearing for the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 on Monday, May 16, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Motion by Johnston, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve Resolution 22-41 setting a Public Hearing on the Budget proposed for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Yeas: Johnston, Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, 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 April 18, 2022, payment of invoices in the amount of \$82,758.65 and payroll in the amount of \$143,048.91 for a total of \$225,807.56. Purchase orders to Riverside Integrated Systems in the amount of \$2,183.00 to upgrade the fire alarm system to cellular technology, Moyer Construction Co. in the amount of \$6,300.00 for curb replacement along Virginia Ave., Fleis & VandenBrink in the amount of \$9,932.02 for design work on the Kent St. Improvement Project, Lyden Oil Company in the amount of \$12,330.00 for oil to perform an oil change on the Fairbanks Morse Engine, and Riverside Integrated Systems in the amount of \$16,110.00 to replace the fire alarm system at City Hall were also included.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under City Manager comments, City Manager Gorman noted the City Council will hold its Budget Workshop on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. in the Conference Room.

The Annual Cleanup Day will be held Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 7:00 A.M. to Noon at the DPW complex. The Hazardous Waste Collection will be held the same day from 8:00 A.M. to Noon at the parking lot of the Fire Department.

Under Council Comments, Mayor Barnes thanked City staff for their efforts in putting together the packet for tonight's meeting. He reminded residents the Council packet is available to the public on the City's website.

Council Member Johnston noted she attended “The Influential Women of Portland” event this past weekend hosted by the Portland Historical Society. It was a very nice event.

Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck stated the annual chicken dinner hosted by the Methodist Church on Memorial Weekend is being moved to the VFW.

Council Member Fitzsimmons stated that McKearney Asphalt & Sealing, Inc. does great work and is very efficient; the work in Portland should be completed fairly quickly.

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

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Barnes, Mayor

Monique I. Miller, City Clerk