

City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023

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 Officer Kauffman; 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 Fitzsimmons, to approve the proposed agenda.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

There was no Public Comment.

Under City Manager Report, City Manager Gorman complimented the Department of Public Works and City staff for their handling of the snow event just prior to Christmas.

The 2nd employee training conducted by Heidi Frye was held December 22nd at City Hall. It was a great session with a great deal of employee engagement.

The Invitation to Bid for refuse service has been published. This is a requirement under the Refuse Ordinance. Bids are due at noon on January 24, 2023. A recommendation for a new contract will be presented to Council at its February 6, 2023 meeting.

A Public Hearing to receive comment on the proposed 2023-2027 Five-Year Park & Recreation Plan is scheduled to be held at the January 16, 2023 City Council meeting. City Manager Gorman explained the Park & Recreation Plan is meant to be a flexible tool for future planning.

Under Presentations, DDA Director ConnerWellman presented the Downtown Report and provided a recap of activities and accomplishments for 2022.

Under New Business, the Council considered Resolution 23-01 to approve the Michigan Public Power Agency's recommendation to approve the Energy Services Project Amended and Restated Power Purchase Commitment Authorization for Solar Power through Hart Solar Power for a percentage of the output of renewable energy for solar projects.

Motion by Johnston, supported by Sheehan, to approve Resolution 23-01 approving the Michigan Public Power Agency's recommendation to approve, authorize, and direct the Member Authorized Representative to sign the Energy Services Project Amended and Restated Power Purchase Commitment Authorization for Solar Power contingent upon the approval of the Board of Light and Power.

Yeas: Johnston, Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 23-02 to approve payment to F&V Construction in the amount of \$146,133.00 for work performed for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 23-02 approving payment to F&V Construction for work performed for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Johnston, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting on December 19, 2022, payment of invoices in the amount of \$96,377.03 and payroll in the amount of \$117,700.68 for a total of \$214,077.71. There were no purchase orders over \$5,000.00.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Fitzsimmons, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under City Manager Comments, City Manager Gorman stated the HolidayFest event held in December was a great event and thanked Director ConnerWellman and of the volunteers for their efforts.

He further reminded residents to keep their sidewalks clear of snow.

Under Council Comments, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck stated he is looking forward to all the upcoming projects in the City of Portland and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Barnes stated that as resources continue to grow over the next couple of years the City will be ready to take advantage of them.

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

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Barnes, Mayor

Monique I. Miller, City Clerk