



# City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

**Held on Monday, April 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 Johnston, and Sheehan; Finance Officer Tolan; Police Chief Thomas; DDA Director ConnerWellman

Absent: Council Member Fitzsimmons

Guests: Kathy Parsons

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

Motion by Johnston, supported by Sheehan, to approve the proposed agenda.

Yeas: Johnston, Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons

Adopted

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

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons

Adopted

There was no Public Comment.

Under City Manager Report, Mayor Barnes noted and outlined the written report provided by City Manager Gorman who was not present.

Under Presentations, DDA Director ConnerWellman presented her downtown report.

Under New Business, the Council considered Resolution 23-22 to publish a Notice of Intent to issue Municipal Security Bonds to fund capital improvements to the City's electric system which will include the purchasing of automated metering infrastructure and construction of an additional substation.

Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck noted how important these projects are in order to maintain the integrity of the electric system.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Sheehan, to approve Resolution 23-22 to purchase, acquire, and construct Capital Improvements and to publish Notice of Intent to issue Municipal Securities.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Johnston, Barnes  
Nays: None  
Absent: Fitzsimmons  
Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 23-23 to approve the purchase and installation of a new phone service and system with Midwest Dial Tone, LLC in the amount of \$12,847.00. The monthly service fee of \$721.51 will result in significant savings to the City.

Motion by Johnston, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 23-23 approving a new phone service and system with Midwest Dial Tone, LLC.

Yeas: Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Barnes  
Nays: None  
Absent: Fitzsimmons  
Adopted

Motion by Sheehan, supported by Johnston, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting on March 20, 2023, payment of invoices in the amount of \$127,224.94 and payroll in the amount of \$130,176.25 for a total of \$257,401.19. A purchase order to McKearney Asphalt & Sealing, Inc. in the amount of \$8,250.00 for asphalt repair at E. Grand River Ave. and Bridge St. for a water main break was also included.

Yeas: Sheehan, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Barnes  
Nays: None  
Absent: Fitzsimmons  
Adopted

Under Council Comments, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck and Mayor Barnes recognized and thanked Tom Antaya for his 35 years of service to the DDA. He has been a valued member of the board and to the community.

Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck reminded residents that high-speed fiber service is coming to the City of Portland as they consider new contracts for service by other providers. Construction on the new system will begin soon.

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

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Sheehan, Barnes  
Nays: None  
Absent: Fitzsimmons  
Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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James E. Barnes, Mayor

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Monique I. Miller, City Clerk