



City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, October 21, 2024

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 Dymczyk; City Clerk Miller; Finance Director Tolan; Police Chief Thomas

Guests: Kathy Parsons; Ryan Johnston; Phil Quinn; Bill Fabiano

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

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by Johnston, to approve the agenda as presented.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under Public Comment, Phil Quinn asked questions regarding the suggested detour for the upcoming Divine Hwy. Bridge Project.

There was discussion.

Under City Manager Report, City Manager Dymczyk noted the Divine Hwy. Bridge Project is expected to be pushed to the 2026 construction season due to issues related to the possibility of endangered mussels in the river.

City Manager Dymczyk continues to work through issues related to the demolition of the building at 103 E. Grand River Ave. His goal is to present a clarifying document to the Council for approval at the November 4, 2024, Council meeting.

Trick-or-Treating will be held on Thursday, October 31, 2024, from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. The sirens will be sounded to both begin and end trick-or-treating.

Plummers Environmental will be conducting work related to the TMF Grant – Lead Line Replacement program soon. Property restoration will take place sometime in November, when the work is complete.

There were no Presentations.

Under New Business, the Council considered Resolution 24-89 to approve the purchase of a 2023 MTEch Trailer Mounted Leaf Vac in the amount of \$100,051.53. The current leaf vac that will be replaced was purchased in 1992 and has become unreliable and difficult to maintain.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Sheehan, to approve Resolution 24-89 approving the purchase of a 2023 MTech Trailer Mounted Leaf Vac for the Department of Public Works.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 24-90 to approve payment to CL Trucking & Excavating in the amount of \$182,308.04, for the River Trail Renovation Project through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Passport Program.

Motion by Johnston, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve Resolution 24-90 approving payment to CL Trucking & Excavating for the River Trail Renovation Project.

Yeas: Johnston, Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 24-91 to approve payment to F&V Construction, in the amount of \$190,344.00 for work performed for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project.

Motion by Sheehan, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 24-91 approving payment to F&V Construction for work performed for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.

Yeas: Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, 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 October 7, 2024, payment of invoices in the amount of \$424,815.57, and payroll in the amount of \$158,823.55, for a total of \$583,639.12. Purchase orders to CL Trucking & Excavating in the amount of \$6,049.70 for additional work performed on Kent Street, and to Fleis & VandenBrink in the amount of \$11,449.03 for engineering services related to the Kent Street Improvement Project were included.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

City Manager Dymczyk had no additional comments.

Under Council Member Comments, Mayor Barnes noted the application from Mike Fox in the communications for appointment to the Board of Light Power. The appointment will be recommended to the Council at the November 4, 2024, Council meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck noted the VFW will host a Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, October 25, 2024, from 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Barnes reminded everyone to have a safe Halloween.

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

Yeas: Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Barnes, Mayor

Monique I. Miller, City Clerk