



City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, November 18, 2024

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

Absent: Council Member Fitzsimmons

Guests: Kathy Parsons; Lee Schneider

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 revised agenda as presented.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons

Adopted

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

Yeas: Johnston, Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons

Adopted

There was no public comment.

Under City Manager Report, City Manager Dymczyk reported on recent activities.

There were no presentations.

Under New Business, the Council considered Resolution 24-99 to approve Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$189,059.50 to Plummer's Environmental for work on the TMF Water Service Material Verification Project.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Johnston, to approve Resolution 24-99 approving Pay Request No. 1 to Plummer's Environmental for work done on the TMF Water Service Material Verification Project.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons

Adopted

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The Council considered Resolution 24-100 to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Lee Schneider to the Downtown Development Authority.

Motion by Johnston, supported by Sheehan, to approve Resolution 24-100 confirming the Mayor's appointment to City Boards and Commissions.

Yeas: Johnston, Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 24-101 to ratify the Settlement Agreement and Release in the amount of \$12,000.00 with Bird Dog Real Estate, LLC and William Fabiano.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Sheehan, to approve Resolution 24-101 ratifying the Settlement Agreement and Release with Bird Dog Real Estate, LLC and William Fabiano.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Johnston, 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 and the Closed Session hold on November 4, 2024, payment of invoices in the amount of \$91,204.32, and payroll in the amount of \$162,764.53, for a total of \$253,968.85. There were no purchase orders over \$5,000.00.

Yeas: Sheehan, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons

Adopted

City Manager Dymczyk noted the Settlement Agreement and Release with Bird Dog Real Estate, LLC has been signed in counterparts.

Under Council Member Comments, Mayor Barnes noted the memo by City Manager Dymczyk in the communication regarding the ongoing siren issues with Ionia County Central Dispatch.

There was discussion.

Mayor Barnes thanked City Clerk Miller for the November 5, 2024, election results report and for her efforts on holding a smooth election in Portland.

Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck stated the VFW will hold a fish fry on Friday, November 22, 2024 and will hold a free Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day from 12:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.

Council Member Sheehan congratulated the Civic Players on the success of their most recent show. She further noted the Small Business Saturday events coming up the next two weekends.

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

Yeas: Johnston, Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Barnes, Mayor

Monique I. Miller, City Clerk