



City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, January 6, 2025

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; Finance Director Tolan; Police Chief Thomas; Officer Max McCrory; Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Tony Smith; DDA

Guests: Kathy Parsons

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

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

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

There was no public comment.

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

Under presentations, Downtown Development Authority Director ConnerWellman reported on downtown activity and updated City Council on a business wide communication that will be addressed by the Downtown Development Authority at the next authority meeting.

Under New Business, the Council considered Resolution 25-01 to approve a contract with Merrell Bro., Inc. for the landfill application of biosolids.

City Manager Dymczyk discussed the contributing factors towards the wastewater treatment plant operational pivot from land application to landfill application and thanked Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Smith for his efforts on the initiative.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Smith spoke to the technical details of this transition, efficiency gained within the department and the options available to the City on this new initiative.

Motion by Johnston, supported by Sheehan, to approve Resolution 25-01 approving a contract with Merrell Bro., Inc. for the landfill application of biosolids at a cost of \$63,687.00 for a term of one year.

Yeas: Johnston, Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

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Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting held on December 16, 2024, payment of invoices in the amount of \$155,066.57 and payroll in the amount of \$387,103.75, for a total of \$542,170.32. A purchase order to D&E Electric, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$15,725.00 to install conduit at the Portland Wastewater Treatment Plant was also included.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under City Manager Comments, City Manager Dymczyk highlighted that the D&E Electric purchase order is tied to the to landfill application of biosolids.

Under Council Member Comments, Mayor Barnes noted the passing of former City Council member Roger Habegger highlighting his service to the City of Portland. Mayor Barnes also noted the passing of President Carter.

Council Member VanSlambrouck noted the local VFW has food offerings on Fridays that include a burger burn and fish fry and Sundays with breakfast.

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

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Barnes, Mayor

Andrew Dymczyk, City Manager