



City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, January 20, 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; Police Officer McCrory

Guests: Attorney Dave Revore of McGinty, Hitch, Person, Anderson & Revore, PC; Jon Moxey of Fleis & VandenBrink; Kathy Parsons; Mike Judd

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

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

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

There was no public comment.

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

Under Presentations, Jon Moxey of Fleis & VandenBrink provided an update on projects related to the downtown and other engineering activities.

There was no New Business.

Motion by Johnston, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting held on January 6, 2025, payment of invoices in the amount of \$121,596.63 and payroll in the amount of \$144,905.61, for a total of \$266,502.24. Purchase orders to Goodrich Masonry LLC in the amount of \$7,000.00 for masonry and framing at 103 E. Grand River Ave., Dickinson Wright PLLC in the amount of \$8,573.00 for legal services related to 103 E. Grand River Ave., and Fleis & VandenBrink in the amount of \$77,247.00 for engineering services related to 103 E. Grand River Ave. were also included.

Yeas: Johnston, Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by Sheehan, to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act, to consider material exempt from disclosure by state statute, Section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act, which exempts from public disclosure "information or records subject to the attorney-client privilege" being Confidential Attorney-Client Written Communications dated January 20, 2025.

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

The Council went into Closed Session at 7:23 P.M.

Motion by Sheehan, supported by Johnston, to return to Open Session.
Yeas: Sheehan, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes
Nays: None
Adopted

The Council returned to Open Session at 8:23 P.M.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve an agreement on this date in substantial form authorizing the City Manager to execute the same.
Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Sheehan, Barnes
Nays: None
Adopted

There were no additional City Manager comments.

Under Council Member Comments, Mayor Barnes noted the passing of former City Police Officer Keith Brown.

Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck noted the concerns of the Portland Area Fire Authority being able to handle the three-story buildings being proposed for future development on the Rindlehaven property due to the lack of a ladder truck. The Portland Area Fire Authority will be reviewing this need.

The VFW will hold a taco night on Friday, January 24, 2025.

Reminded residents to check in on elderly and disabled friends and neighbors during this extremely cold weather.

Motion by Johnston, supported by Sheehan, to adjourn the regular meeting.
Yeas: Johnston, Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes
Nays: None
Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Barnes, Mayor

Monique I. Miller, City Clerk