



# City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

**Held on Monday, April 7, 2025**

In the City Council Chambers at City Hall

259 Kent St., Portland, MI 48875

Present: Mayor Barnes, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck, Council Member Johnston; City Manager Dymczyk; City Clerk Miller; Police Chief Thomas; DDA Director ConnerWellman

Absent: Council Members Fitzsimmons and Sheehan

Guests: 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 VanSlambrouck, supported by Johnston, to approve the proposed agenda as presented.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons, Sheehan

Adopted

Motion by Johnston, supported by VanSlambrouck, to excuse the absence of Council Members Fitzsimmons and Sheehan.

Yeas: Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons, Sheehan

Adopted

There was no Public Comment.

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

Under Presentations, Director ConnerWellman presented the DDA report.

Under New Business, the Council considered Resolution 25-19 to award a Mill & Fill Project to McKearney Asphalt & Sealing, Inc. for an estimated amount of \$32,000.00 on the westbound lane of W. Grand River Ave. between Grape St. and Grove St.

Motion by Johnston, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 25-19 approving the award of a Mill & Fill Project to McKearney Asphalt & Sealing, Inc. on W. Grand River Ave. between Grape St. and Grove St.

Yeas: Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons, Sheehan

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The Council considered Resolution 25-20 to approve Michigan Pavement Markings LLC's bid for an estimated amount of \$20,874.00 for 2025 street painting.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Johnston, to approve Resolution 25-20 approving Michigan Pavement Markings LLC's bid for 2025 street painting.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons, Sheehan

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 25-21 to approve a proposal from Utility Financial Solutions (UFS) in the amount of \$14,900.00 to provide an electric financial projection and one-year rate design.

Motion by Johnston, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 25-21 approving the proposal from Utility Financial Solutions (UFS) to provide an electric financial projection and one-year rate design.

Yeas: Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons, Sheehan

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 25-22 to authorize the Mayor to sign the Joint Funding Agreement for the operation of a streamgaging station on the Grand River at the hydroelectric plant.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Johnston, to approve Resolution 25-22 approving, authorizing, and directing the Mayor to sign the Joint Funding Agreement for the operation of a streamgaging station.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons, Sheehan

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 25-23 to approve Pay Request No. 8, in the amount of \$113,617.09, to the State of Michigan for work done on the Kent Street Improvement Project.

Motion by Johnston, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 25-23 approving Pay Request No. 8 to the State of Michigan for work done on the Kent Street Improvement Project.

Yeas: Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons, Sheehan

Adopted

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Johnston, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting held on March 17, 2025, payment of invoices in the amount of \$525,204.70 and payroll in the amount of \$136,507.16, for a total of \$661,711.86. Purchase orders to the Michigan Municipal Electric Association in the amount of \$5,966.00 for 2025 membership dues, HECO, Inc. in the amount of \$7,734.00 to repair and replace the leads on generator #2 at the Portland Municipal Dam, GRP Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$20,500.00 for electric distribution planning, and Resco in the amount of \$43,330.00 for transformers were included.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons, Sheehan

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Under City Manager Comments, City Manager Dymczyk noted that he and Finance Officer Tolan are working through the budget process for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Under Council Member Comments, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck noted the VFW will host a Fish Fry on Friday, April 11, 2025 from 5:00 – 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Barnes noted the winter parking restrictions were lifted on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

Yeas: Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons, Sheehan

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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James E. Barnes, Mayor

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Monique I. Miller, City Clerk