



City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, May 5, 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; City Clerk Miller; Police Chief Thomas; DDA Director ConnerWellman

Guests: Kathy Parsons; Mike Judd; Denise Barnes; Mary Teachout and Erin Hoard with the Portland Civic Players

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, Mayor Barnes presented a proclamation to the Portland Civic Players recognizing their 70th Anniversary.

Under New Business, the Council considered Resolution 25-25 to approve a Traffic Control Order restricting public parking on the 100 and 200 blocks of Maple Street between E. Grand River Ave. and Academy St. by restricting parking to two hours between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. to promote and sustain the commercial district.

Motion by Sheehan, supported by Johnston, to approve Resolution 25-25 approving a Traffic Control Order restricting public parking on the 100 and 200 block of Maple St. between E. Grand River Ave. and Academy St.

Yeas: Sheehan, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 25-26 to set a Public Hearing for the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 on May 19, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve Resolution 25-26 setting a Public Hearing on the Budget proposed for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Sheehan, Barnes

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Nays: None
Adopted

Motion by Johnston, supported by Sheehan, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting held on April 21, 2025 and the Budget Workshop held on April 22, 2025, payment of invoices in the amount of \$223,242.40 and payroll in the amount of \$156,659.81, for a total of \$379,902.21. Purchase orders to Peerless Midwest Inc. in the amount of \$5,748.00 for repairs to Well No. 4, MSU Surplus in the amount of \$9,000.00 for a reel trailer, MacQueen in the amount of \$12,368.60 for repairs to the leaf machine, Kurt Hinds Building & Renovation, LLC in the amount of \$13,387.76 to replace windows and doors at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and Resco in the amount of \$24,375.00 for transformers were included.

Yeas: Johnston, Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None
Adopted

Under City Manager Comments, City Manager Dymczyk extended his thanks to Electric Superintendent Davlin for his diligence in securing the reel trailer from MSU Surplus at a significant savings.

Under Council Member Comments, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck provided information on the VFW Burger Night scheduled to be held on Friday, May 9, 2025, from 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

Council Member Sheehan reminded residents to keep an eye out for kids out and about in the community.

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

Yeas: Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None
Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Barnes, Mayor

Monique I. Miller, City Clerk