

City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, July 2, 2012

In Council Chambers at City Hall

Present: Mayor Barnes, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck, Council Members Calley, Fabiano and Krause; City Manager Dempsey; City Clerk Miller; Police Chief Bauer

Guests: Lynette Seiler of the Ionia County Commission on Aging; Tom Thelen of the Review & Observer

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

Motion by Calley, supported by Krause, to approve the Agenda as presented.

Yeas: Calley, Krause, VanSlambrouck, Fabiano, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under the City Manager Report, City Manager Dempsey presented information on the action items for consideration on the Agenda.

City Manager Dempsey stated that Utility Services Company will begin rehabilitating the Hill Street Water Tower this week. The scope of work includes wet interior blast cleaning and repainting, dry interior abrasive blast cleaning and repainting, and exterior water cleaning, spot power tool cleaning, spot priming, and overcoating the exterior of the tank. Because this is the first time working with Utility Services he has asked them to defer the start date on the South tank. A third party will also be used for some inspection work.

MDOT will be starting the Culvert Project the week of July 16th. The first part of the project will involve getting the pedestrian detour in place for trail users.

Bids will be opened for work on the Hydro Dam on July 10th. Likely, a recommendation will be made to the City Council at its July 16th meeting.

City Manager Dempsey gave a report on the Electric Department based on information supplied by Superintendent Mike Hyland. On Thursday, June 28th Eaton Rapids lost a large 3-phase transformer due to the hot weather. We loaned them a spare to keep, until they get theirs delivered.

Glenn Wrightson of Utility Consulting Group and DaCott Energy were contacted last week about a large jump in transmission billings for May. ITC under-billed Constellation for transmission and a one-time true-up came for the May billing. The result is that the Power Cost Adjustment for May will climb from around \$3.00 to \$15.00. It was decided that the best way to handle this significant increase is to spread it over several months.

Due to some plant outages, costs at the Belle River Plant are up. Costs are spread over a smaller amount of energy delivered, plus MPPA is setting aside capital for some planned environmental issues and plant upgrades.

MPPA received a notice that ITC will be upgrading some power lines at a cost of \$1,225,000. MPPA is responsible for 90% of the cost; the investment by Portland is about \$6,000. This should come from the project account as it is a capital expense. The work is expected to be billed in 2012, but could carry over to 2013.

Due to the hot weather and plant outages, MISO issued a Maximum Generation Alert on June 29th. It was cancelled due to decreased load. This is the first Alert that has been issued in several years, which doesn't bode well for the upcoming hot weather. Portland received a credit for its capacity and is required to run at our own expense. We get one "get out of jail free card" if unable to generate, the next time the City would lose its capacity credit and would be required to make whole the generation which MISO has to replace Portland's. Running generation this year will be a bit of a struggle since the large diesel fuel storage tank is out of service.

The Electric Department took delivery on its new digger/derrick truck and is working on getting it into service.

In other news, Portland Township has agreed to participate in the City's recycling program.

The 4th of July activities planned by the Chamber of Commerce will crown the King and Queen at 4:00 P.M. at the corner of Kent and Bridge Streets. The parade will begin at 5:00 P.M. and fireworks will be at Portland High School at dusk.

Under New Business, City Manager Dempsey presented the First Reading of Ordinance 166A to amend Section 38-28 of the City of Portland Code of Ordinances. The proposed Ordinance corrects a typo in the Ordinance adopted in 1987 that would permit the Police Department to enforce a parking ban in the downtown from 2:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. The correction will limit the ban to 2:00 A.M. to 6:00 A.M.

The Council considered Resolution 12-59 to approve payment of engineering invoices in the amount of \$4,540.85 for work done in the month of April on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Fabiano, to approve Resolution 12-59 approving payment of engineering invoices in the amount of \$4,540.85 for work done on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Fabiano, Calley, Krause, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 12-60 to approve Pay Request No. 12 to Davis Construction for work done on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project through June 30th in the amount of \$29,947.82. The City's Engineers on this project have reviewed the pay request and recommend its approval.

Motion by Krause, supported by Calley, to approve Resolution 12-60 approving Pay Request No. 12 to Davis Construction for work done on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project.

Yeas: Krause, Calley, VanSlambrouck, Fabiano, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 12-61 to approve the Park and Recreation Board's recommendation to approve the Riverfest Committee's request to hold a Circus on August 20th at Bogue Flats. This event will be held the Monday following Riverfest weekend and will include 2 shows; at 4:30 and 7:30 P.M. 10% of the presale ticket revenue will help offset some of the costs of holding Riverfest.

Motion by Calley, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 12-61 approving the Park and Recreation Board's recommendation to approve the Riverfest Committee's request to hold a Circus on August 20th at Bogue Flats.

Yeas: Calley, VanSlambrouck, Fabiano, Krause, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 12-62 to approve the award of the 2012 Kent Street Improvements Project to the low bidder, Cook Brothers Excavating. The City received two bids in response to its request to update obsolete water services, replace failed sidewalk, resurface the street on the 100 and 200 blocks of Kent Street, patch a portion of Academy Street, and place millings on Clark, B and H Streets. Cook Brothers bid was \$128,968.36. Work is anticipated to begin on Monday, July 16th and should be complete by August 6th.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Fabiano, to approve Resolution 12-62 approving award of the 2012 Kent Street Improvements Project to the low bidder, Cook Brothers Excavating, Inc.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Fabiano, Calley, Krause, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Motion by Krause, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting held on June 18, 2012, payment of invoices in the amount of \$406,686.65 and payroll in the amount of \$98,813.02 for a total of \$505,499.67 and a Purchase Order to Resco in the amount of \$8,092.00 for Kerite Wire.

Yeas: Krause, VanSlambrouck, Calley, Fabiano, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under Public Comment, Lynette Seiler of the Ionia County Commission on Aging introduced herself and explained that the goal of the organization is to offer supportive services to keep the elderly in their homes. The Commission on Aging assists with many areas some of which include transportation, meals, and wellness programs. The Commission on Aging is requesting support of its millage request on the August 7th Primary Ballot.

Motion by Fabiano, supported by Krause, to adjourn the meeting.

Yeas: Fabiano, Krause, VanSlambrouck, Calley, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Barnes, Mayor

Monique I. Miller, City Clerk