

City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, June 4, 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: Kathy Parsons; 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.

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

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Krause, Calley, Fabiano, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

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

Under New Business, the Council considered Resolution 12-51 to recognize the 4th of July parade and fireworks display as community events for the purpose of issuing Blanket Licenses to Transient Traders.

Motion by Krause, supported by Fabiano, to approve Resolution 12-51 recognizing the 4th of July parade and fireworks display as community events for the purpose of issuing Blanket Licenses for Transient Traders.

Yeas: Krause, Fabiano, VanSlambrouck, Calley, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 12-52 to approve the Board of Light and Power's recommendation to authorize expenditures to relocate underground electric cables under I-96 and the Portland River Trail. Construction is planned to begin on July 16th for an MDOT replacement project to install a box culvert to preserve the River Trail when the I-96 Bridge over the old Railroad right-of-way is eliminated. MDOT is advising that City electric cables and conduits under the River Trail are in conflict with the box culvert installation and that MDOT will reimburse the City 100% of the costs to relocate the City's electric facilities. The Board of Light and Power met on May 30th and made a recommendation that the City Council authorize the necessary expenditures for this project. The Contractor on the MDOT project will install the pedestrian detour by July 9th so the River Trail can be closed while the utility relocation work takes place.

Motion by Fabiano, supported by Krause, to approve Resolution 12-52 approving the Board of Light and Power's recommendation to authorize expenditures to relocate underground electric cables under I-96 and the Portland River Trail.

Yeas: Fabiano, Krause, VanSlambrouck, Calley, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Krause, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting held on May 21, 2012, payment of invoices in the amount of \$81,268.04 and payroll in the amount of \$97,753.77 for a total of \$179,021.81. Purchase Order to Resco in the amount of \$10,832.52 for hi voltage materials.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Krause, Calley, Fabiano, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under Council Comments, City Manager Dempsey stated that due to the 2010 Census the U.S. Census Bureau now classifies the City of Portland as an urban cluster, rather than in the Rural Task Force. This is a great advantage as more funding is available for roads in those areas included in urban clusters. As soon as 2015 the City of Portland may be able to get more funding. City Engineers are currently working on plans for this funding; most notably for Cutler Rd.

City Manager Dempsey stated his appreciation to the Council for their approval of the electric utility work for the MDOT project. There has been a tremendous amount of effort in getting the project to this point.

Danby Township has appointed their representatives to the Fire Authority. Supervisor Pohl and Mark Ackerson will represent Danby Township. Portland Township has not made their appointments yet. The City of Portland appointments are scheduled to be on the June 18th Agenda.

The Woodwind Sculpture dedication has been rescheduled to Sunday, June 10th at 4:00 P.M. at Toan Park.

Council Member Fabiano volunteered to represent the City of Portland on the Fire Authority Board.

Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck commented that VFW had a great Memorial Day Parade. He was honored to address the community. The VFW Annual Golf Outing will be held Saturday, June 16th at Willow Wood Golf Course.

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

Yeas: Fabiano, VanSlambrouck, Calley, Krause, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Barnes, Mayor

Monique I. Miller, City Clerk