

City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, May 21, 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; DDA/Main Street Director Reagan; 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 Fabiano, to approve the Agenda as presented.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Fabiano, Calley, Krause, 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 City Offices will be closed on Friday, May 25th and Monday, May 28th for the Memorial Day Holiday. City Staff are using their Floating Holiday on Friday, May 25th.

The VFW will hold its Annual Veterans Parade on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28th at 10:00 A.M. The parade will start at Canal St. and Bridge St. and will then travel up Bridge St. to the cemetery with a couple of stops along the way to honor the Veterans at the Memorials.

On Thursday, May 31st the 2012 Thursdays on the Grand series will begin. The dedication of the Woodwind Sculpture is scheduled that evening after the concert.

Under Presentations, DDA/Main Street Director Reagan commented that the Downtown Block Party was held on Saturday, May 19th. Although the number of cars expected for the car show fell short it was a great event with great weather. Director Reagan thanked all of the sponsors, volunteers, and the Department of Public Works.

The Portland Pay Day event will run from June 1st through August 24th this year with the prize drawing to be held on August 30th. Last year over \$77,000 was kept in the community.

The foundation for the Woodwind Sculpture is being funded by the Main Street/DDA with funds from the Design and Promotions & Marketing Committees. The dedication is scheduled for May 31st.

The Brand Unveiling for the free branding services received from the Michigan Main Street Center will be held on Thursday, May 24th at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall. There will be a new website, banners, publishing materials and more revealed.

Mayor Barnes thanked Director Reagan for all of the hard work and effort he put into the Downtown Block Party.

Mayor Barnes also thanked all of the volunteers for helping with the event. He stated that volunteering is a great way to meet other Portland residents and it is very rewarding.

Under New Business, the Council considered Resolution 12-47 for engineering services in the amount of \$9,413.72 on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project for work done in April. The project is nearly complete; the grinding station is the last item to be completed.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Krause, to approve Resolution 12-47 approving engineering invoices for payment for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Krause, Calley, Fabiano, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 12-48 to Davis Construction in the amount of \$12,398.87 for work done on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project through April 30th. The City Engineers on the project have reviewed Pay Request No. 11 and are recommending its payment.

Motion by Krause, supported by Fabiano, to approve Resolution 12-48 approving Pay Request No. 11 to Davis Construction for work done on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project.

Yeas: Krause, Fabiano, VanSlambrouck, Calley, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 12-49 for 2012 street painting. This season's street painting was bid jointly with the Cities of Belding and Ionia. The bids received were competitive with last year's pricing. The Ionia County Road Commission was bidding pavement marking at the same time, and the low bidder, M&M Pavement Markings agreed to extend the bid pricing to the Cities of Portland, Ionia, and Belding. City Manager Dempsey recommended piggybacking on the Ionia County Road Commission bid and awarding the work to M&M Pavement Markings for an amount not to exceed \$8,851.11.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Krause, to approve Resolution 12-49 approving M&M Pavement Markings bid for 2012 Street Painting.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Krause, Calley, Fabiano, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 12-50 to approve the Parks and Recreation Board's recommendation to purchase playground equipment for Will Toan and Alton Parks. The Parks and Recreation Director has worked with the Nolton Family, who wishes to donate funds to purchase playground equipment for Will Toan Park in memory of their grandson who passed away last year, to select appropriate playground equipment and obtain favorable pricing. The Parks and Recreation Director was able to piggyback the replacement of equipment that was damaged by a car and removed from Alton Park as part of the same purchase to obtain the same favorable pricing and free shipping. The Park and Recreation Board met on May 17th and recommended that the City Council approve the purchase of playground equipment for Will Toan Park with the donated funds and the purchase for

Alton Park with insurance proceeds from the auto accident that damaged the equipment that had to be removed for a total of \$19,399.

Council Member Krause expressed her appreciation to the Nolton Family for their donation in memory of their grandson.

Motion by Krause, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 12-50 approving the Parks and Recreation Board's recommendation to purchase playground equipment for Will Toan Park and Alton Park.

Yeas: Krause, VanSlambrouck, Calley, Fabiano, 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 May 7, 2012, payment of invoices in the amount of \$154,038.54 and payroll in the amount of \$124,007.31 for a total of \$278,045.85. There were no purchase orders over \$5,000.00.

Yeas: Krause, VanSlambrouck, Calley, Fabiano, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under Council Comments, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck thanked all of the volunteers for their help with the Downtown Block Party. It was unfortunate there were not as many cars as expected; this will be overcome next year.

Mayor Barnes reminded residents that applications are still being taken for the Fire Authority Board.

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

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Krause, Calley, Fabiano, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Barnes, Mayor

Monique I. Miller, City Clerk