

City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, March 7, 2011

In Council Chambers at City Hall

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

Guests: Kathy Parsons; Tom Thelen of the Review & Observer; Jon Szerlag of the Sentinel Standard

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

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

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Clement, Calley, Fabiano, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under the City Manager Report, City Manager Dempsey presented the results of the Community Attitude Survey that was sent out with the property tax bills in December of 2010.

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

City Manager Dempsey covered the new requirements for the 2011 Board of Review meetings and gave the dates the Board of Review will meet.

City Manager Dempsey reported that the group appointed to develop a draft Fire Authority Agreement has successfully completed its task and the document has been distributed to the City Council with the City Manager Report. This will be on a future agenda for discussion.

City Manager Dempsey reminded residents that the spring time change is March 13th.

Under New Business, the Council considered Resolution 11-18 to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Wastewater Treatment Plant Contract with Davis Construction before the bond closing to comply with USDA RD requirements. The resolution also designates the City Manager as the authorized signatory to administer the Contract including signing the Notice of Award and the Notice to Proceed.

Motion by Clement, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 11-18 authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Wastewater Treatment Plant Contract with Davis Construction and designate the City Manager as the authorized signatory to administer the Contract.

Yeas: Clement, VanSlambrouck, Calley, Fabiano, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Council considered Resolution 11-19 to approve the Board of Light and Power's recommendation to approve Collins Engineering's Proposal for professional engineering services. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Division of Dam Safety and Inspection completed a dam safety inspection at the Portland Dam late last summer and no deficiencies requiring repairs were noted. They are requiring the City to conduct an underwater inspection to review the condition of the 2005 repairs to eliminate voids and scour beneath the spillway apron. The voids were eliminated by installing geotextile fabric, articulated block mat and grout bags and grouting the area behind the grout bags. The City Engineer and the Board of Light and Power reviewed a proposal from Collins Engineering and are recommending the approval of this proposal for the inspection and report, including a sonar scan.

Motion by Fabiano, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 11-19 approving the Board of Light and Power's recommendation to approve Collins Engineering's Proposal for Professional Engineering Services.

Yeas: Fabiano, VanSlambrouck, Clement, Calley, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 11-20 to approve Michigan Pavement Marking's bid for 2011 street painting. Michigan Pavement Marking was the low bidder again this year, even beating their bid from last year.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Clement, to approve Resolution 11-20 approving Michigan Pavement Marking's bid for 2011 street painting.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Clement, Calley, Fabiano, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 11-21 to approve Portland's participation in the State of Michigan MiDeal bid process for winter road salt for the 2011-2012 winter.

Motion by Clement, supported by Fabiano, to approve Resolution 11-21 approving participation in the State bid process for winter road salt 2011-2012.

Yeas: Clement, Fabiano, VanSlambrouck, Calley, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 11-22 to approve having the Mayor and Clerk sign a License Agreement to permit the farming of 52.9 acres at the corner of Grand River Ave. and Cutler Rd. for the 2011 growing season.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Fabiano, to approve Resolution 11-22 approving, authorizing, and directing the Mayor and Clerk to sign a License Agreement to farm the 52.9 acres at Grand River Ave. and Cutler Rd.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Fabiano, Clement, Calley, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 11-23 to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Diane Smith to the DDA to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Georgina Trappen.

Council Member VanSlambrouck thanked Georgina for her service on the DDA and thanked Diane for offering time to serve on the DDA.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Clement, to approve Resolution 11-23 confirming the Mayor's appointments to City Boards and Commissions.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Clement, Calley, Fabiano, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Motion by Clement, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting held on February 22, 2011, payment of invoices in the amount of \$67,924.64 and payroll in the amount of \$129,572.10 for a total of \$197,496.74. There were no purchase orders over \$5,000.00.

Yeas: Clement, VanSlambrouck, Calley, Fabiano, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under Council Comments, Council Member Fabiano stated that the Portland Fire Department did an excellent job in assisting the Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority, where he is the Chief, in a house fire that couldn't have had worse conditions.

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

Yeas: Clement, VanSlambrouck, Calley, Fabiano, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Barnes, Mayor

Monique I. Miller, City Clerk