

City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, February 2, 2015

In Council Chambers at City Hall

Present: Mayor Barnes, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck, Council Members Fitzsimmons, and Butler; City Manager Gorman; City Clerk Miller; Police Chief Knobelsdorf; Eric Proctor

Guests: Portland District Librarian Grimminck; 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 Fitzsimmons, to approve the Proposed Agenda as presented.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Butler, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under the City Manager Report, City Manager Gorman reported the Economic Development Corporation met last week and decided to reconsider its scope and to revisit the Grand River Access Management Plan to determine if it is achieving its intended purpose.

City Manager Gorman also stated a quote has been received in the amount of \$12,000-\$14,000 to chip and remove the large brush piles at the DPW that are the result of last year's ice storm and normal brush removal.

Under Presentations, Portland District Librarian Grimminck presented the 2013-2014 Annual Report for the Portland District Library which serves the City of Portland, Portland Township, and Danby Township. The library had a very good year and has changed to a new circulation system.

Under New Business, the Council considered Resolution 15-05 to approve the Board of Light & Power's recommendation to approve a capacity purchase through the Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA) to remain in compliance with its previously approved Risk Policy and Hedge Plan. The Board of Light and Power met on January 27, 2015 to review the parameters of the proposed capacity purchase and is recommending the Council authorize the Electric Superintendent or City Manager to sign an Authorized Member Representative Authorization Letter to approve a capacity purchase through the MPPA for 700 kw for June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2021; 500 kw for June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2025 for a total commitment not to exceed \$264,000.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Butler, to approve Resolution 15-05 approving the Board of Light and Power's recommendation to approve a capacity purchase through the Michigan Public Power Agency.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Butler, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 15-06 to approve a 1.2% contractual rate increase for residential trash pick-up provided by Granger Container Service based on the Consumer Price Index from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 15-06 approving a contractual rate increase for residential trash pick-up.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Butler, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Motion by Butler, supported by VanSlambrouck, to go into Closed Session at the end of the meeting to discuss the vacant Council Member seat.

Yeas: Butler, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting held on January 19, 2015, payment of invoices in the amount of \$59,829.67 and payroll in the amount of \$124,438.79 for a total of \$184,268.46. There were no purchase orders over \$5,000.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Butler, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under City Manager Comments, City Manager Gorman extended his thanks and appreciation to the Public Works Superintendent Hyland and Department of Public Works Foreman Gensterblum and staff for their efforts in clearing the city streets of snow after Sunday's snowstorm. He further reminded residents that snow must be cleared from all sidewalks within 10 hours.

City Manager Gorman reminded residents that the Parks and Recreation Department will hold the Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance on Thursday, February 5th.

Under Council Comments, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck reminded residents that due to the winter storm Granger Container will pick-up refuse on Tuesday, February 3, 2015.

Council adjourned to Closed Session at 7:15 P.M.

Council returned from Closed Session at 7:53 P.M.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Butler, to appoint Julie Clement as Council Member to fill the Council seat vacated by Council Member Smith.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Butler, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

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

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Butler, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Barnes, Mayor

Monique I. Miller, City Clerk