

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Portageville City Hall
January 5, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City of Portageville Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, January 5, 2026, at City Hall, 301 E Main St. Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present

Council Members Absent

Alderman McCrate
Alderman Simmons
Alderman Smith
Alderman Faulk

Following roll call, Carol Bowden, Assistant City Clerk, reported that a quorum was present.

Also present were:

Rachel Wrather, City Clerk
Freddie Hill
Homer Parker
Al Delisle
George DeLisle
Jimmy Wyman
Gail Lunbeck

Terry McVey, City Attorney
Arleace Green
Kevin Guthrie
Terry Wheeler
Roosevelt Mosby
Joseph Young

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

Moved by Alderman McCrate, seconded by Alderman Simmons and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Reg. Meeting- 12/1/25

Mayor Cook asked members of the Council if they had read a copy of the Minutes made available to them three days prior to the meeting. All answered in the affirmative.

Mayor Cook asked if there were any additions or deletions to the minutes. There were none.

Moved by Alderman McCrate, seconded by Alderman Smith and unanimously carried, to approve the submitted minutes for the month of December.

ORDINANCES OR
RESOLUTIONS

There were none.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Cook asked if there were any visitors present who would like to address the Board of Alderman.

Arleace Green, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, was present to discuss U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Assistance Program.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

FREDDIE HILL- CHIEF OF POLICE

Turned in a written report for the month of December.

Hill discussed bullet proof vests and uniforms. He was asked to get a quote together for the next meeting for the vests. Mayor Cook asked about the pre-inspection of vehicles and Hill stated he would make sure the officers knew.

GEORGE DELISLE- FIRE CHIEF

Turned in a written report for the month of December.

Chief DeLisle stated that the Rural Fire Department had been awarded the grant for eight sets of turnout gear.

Firehouse Sub Grant Submission

DeLisle stated he would like to see the City allow him to apply for the Firehouse Sub Grant in which he would use the funds to purchase new hoses. No match would be required. Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Alderman Faulk and seconded by Alderman McCrate to allow the grant submission on behalf of the Portageville Fire Department. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Cook referenced the repair to the fire shed door and DeLisle agreed that the work completed by Bruce Martin Construction was not exceptional. Mayor Cook stated he was investigating a solution with the company.

PARK BOARD

No report submitted for the month of December.

TERRY WHEELER- STREET & SOLID WASTE SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of December.

The Board stated that they would like to see a more professional and detailed report and asked that a laptop be ordered for the department.

JIMMY WYMAN- WATER SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of December.

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Wyman stated that the air compressor for the department is rusted out and has a hole in the tank. Discussion followed. The Board decided it would be best to purchase a new one instead of repairing the current one. Mayor Cook will look into getting quotes.

KEVIN GUTHRIE- SEWER SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of December.
The auger has been repaired and is ready for pickup.

SCOTT PATTERSON - PRETREATMENT

Turned in a written report for the month of December.

ROOSEVELT MOSBY – ANIMAL CONTROL

Turned in a written report for the month of December.
Mosby was asked about the cat situation. Department of Ag will not allow the City to pick up or capture cats unless they build a separate facility to house them. At this time, the City's permit does allow for cats.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Turned in a written report for the month of December.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

No report was submitted for the month of December.

PROJECT REPORTS

WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Turned in a written report for the month of December.

OLD BUSINESS

MASSEY FIELD LIGHTING REPAIR

Mayor Cook stated that there was no new information available. The issue was tabled until quotes are received.

MASSEY FIELD BLEACHER REPAIR

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GOVDEALS- MOBILE COMMAND CENTER OFFER DECLINED

Mayor Cook reminded the Board of Alderman that an offer had been made to the highest bidder for the Mobile Command Center even though the reserve had not been met; however, the bidder declined the offer. Discussion followed. Alderman McCrate made a motion to relist the Mobile Command Center on Govdeals with a reserve of \$3000.00. Alderman Simmons seconded. All members voted in favor.

FIRE DEPT.- ENGINE 1 REPAIR- FORMAL VOTE

Mayor Cook stated that an email vote had been sent after the last meeting where a leak to Engine 1 for the Fire Department needed repair, but a formal vote was needed. Discussion followed. Alderman Faulk made a motion to have Jess Cagle with Cagle's Mechanical Service repair Engine 1 for a price of \$1474.00. Alderman Smith seconded. All members voted in favor.

LIQUOR LICENSE- HUNGRY HIPPO LLC (CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO 100 KING AVE.)- FORMAL VOTE

Mayor Cook had stated that an email vote had been taken to allow the Hungry Hippo LLC to transfer their liquor license from their location at Highway 61 North to their new location at 100 King Ave after obtaining transfer of their state liquor license, but a formal vote was needed. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Alderman Faulk to allow the transfer of the liquor license for the Hungry Hippo LLC. Alderman McCrate seconded. All members voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

SEWER DEPT.- PUMP PURCHASE

Mayor Cook asked Kevin Guthrie, Sewer Superintendent, to discuss the quotes in the packet from Paragould Overhead Doors regarding a new sewer pump. Discussion followed. Mayor Cook asked for a motion to approve the purchase of a Barmesa pump with installation and start up from Paragould Overhead Door at a cost of \$6350.00. Motion was made by Alderman Smith and seconded by Alderman McCrate. All members voted in favor.

PRETREATMENT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Mayor Cook stated that Scott Patterson, Pretreatment Coordinator, had requested a change to the Pretreatment ordinance following a recommendation during their EPA inspection. Patterson would like to see the violation amount changed from a general violation "as set forth in Section 100.220" to read "at \$1000.00 and include provisions of 40 CFR 19.4." Discussion followed. Alderman McCrate made a motion to amend Ordinance #1333 as needed. Alderman Simmons seconded. All members voted in favor.

P&Z MEMBER APPROVAL- REBECCA MCCRATE

Mayor Cook informed the Board of Aldermen that Planning and Zoning had voted to accept Rebecca McCrate to fulfill the remaining term of Michael Allred who previously resigned after moving. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Alderman Faulk to appoint Rebecca McCrate to the Planning and Zoning Commission for the remaining term set to expire April 30, 2026. Alderman Simmons seconded. Voting was as follows: Alderman McCrate, abstained; Alderman Faulk, yea; Alderman Simmons, yea; Alderman Smith, yea. Motion passes.

COMMUNITY DUMPSTER @ STREET SHED- KS

Mayor Cook asked Alderman Simmons to speak on the issue of a community dumpster. Alderman Simmons stated that he would like to see a Community Dumpster established back at the Street Department to be utilized by citizens during normal business hours only for a fee. The site would be monitored and fenced in. Discussion followed. Quotes will be obtained for a 30yd dumpster and a 40 yd dumpster. Once a size is agreed upon, Ramm Fencing will be contacted to obtain a quote for closing off the area so no illegal dumping could take place.

BACKHOE REPAIR- DM

Mayor Cook asked Alderman McCrate to speak on the backhoe repair. Alderman McCrate stated that an estimate had been produced of around \$10,000.00 to make the necessary repairs to get our current backhoe back up and running. Discussion followed. All agreed that pricing should be obtained for a newer model used backhoe before sinking money into the current one.

MISSOURI MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ANNUAL RENEWAL

Mayor Cook presented a renewal letter from Missouri Municipal League for annual dues in the amount of \$807.46. Discussion followed. Alderman Faulk made a motion to approve the annual fee in the amount of \$807.46 to Missouri Municipal League. Alderman Simmons seconded. All members voted in favor.

SRO CAMERA REQUEST

Mayor Cook reviewed a quote from Randy Guest with Hi-Tech Communications for two additional cameras added to our current network at the request of Dale Colbert, SRO Officer. Discussion followed. The issue was tabled until February 2, 2026.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER POSITION ADVERTISEMENT- FORMAL VOTE

Mayor Cook said an email vote had been taken to advertise for the Code Enforcement position after the resignation of Officer Denton, but a formal vote was needed. Discussion followed. Alderman McCrate made a motion to advertise for a new Code Enforcement officer. Alderman Faulk seconded. All members voted in favor.

CHRIS STINNETT, MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

Stinnett turned in a written report for the month of December as follows:

Fines Collected/ Clerk Fees	\$2,202.23
Inmate Security	\$34.00

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FINANCIAL REPORTS
Municipal Court

Crime Victim Compensation	\$6.55
LET Fund	\$34.00
TOTAL	\$2,276.78

City Collector
City Treasurer

CAROL BOWDEN, CITY COLLECTOR
RACHEL WRATHER, CITY TREASURER

Bowden and Wrather turned in a written report for the month of December as follows:

Turned over to City Treasurer:	\$229,067.59
Received from City Collector:	
Park Fund	\$13,568.00
General Fund	\$61,278.73
Health Fund	\$16,281.60
Street Fund	\$0.00
Solid Waste Fund	\$36,291.27
Water & Sewer Fund	\$100,767.99
Meter Deposits	\$880.00
TOTAL	\$229,067.59
Received from City Clerk:	
General Fund	\$64,681.32
Street Fund	\$14,719.89
Sales Tax	\$46,286.48
Reap acct	\$28,700.00
TOTAL	\$154,387.69
Interest on Deposits	\$21.62
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$385,753.68
<i>(Court, Collector, Clerk, & Interest)</i>	

Mayor Cook entertained a motion to approve Municipal Court Judge, City Collector and City Treasurer reports for the month of December. Motion was made by Alderman Simmons and seconded by Alderman Smith. All members voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A list of outstanding bills was given to the Board of Aldermen for the month of December. After checking the bills, Mayor Cook asked for a

motion. Motion was made by Alderman Faulk and seconded by Alderman McCrate. All members voted in favor.

MAYOR AND
COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Cook asked if there were any comments from any members of the Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Simmons asked that he be able to collect his Alderman pay for the months of May 2025 through January 2026. Discussion followed. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Faulk. Alderman Smith seconded. Voting was as follows: Alderman McCrate, yea; Alderman Faulk, yea; Alderman Simmons, abstained; Alderman Smith, yea. Motion passes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Alderman Simmons, seconded by Alderman McCrate to adjourn to Executive Session in accordance with Section 610-021.1 RSMo to discuss personnel and legal matters.

The vote thereon was as follows:

Alderman McCrate	"Aye"
Alderman Faulk	"Aye"
Alderman Simmons	"Aye"
Alderman Smith	"Aye"

Motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Smith to adjourn back to regular session at 7:30 p.m.

Roll call was as follows:

Alderman McCrate	"Aye"
Alderman Faulk	"Aye"
Alderman Simmons	"Aye"
Alderman Smith	"Aye"

OPEN SESSION/
DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regularly schedule Monthly Meeting will be held at City Hall, 301 E Main Portageville, on Monday, February 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Simmons and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 7:31 p.m.

Rachel Wrather

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City Clerk

Michael Cook Jr.

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Mayor