

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Portageville City Hall
January 6, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City of Portageville Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, January 6, 2025, at City Hall, 301 E Main St. Mayor Walker called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present

Alderman Adams
Alderman Faulk
Alderman Cook

Council Members Absent

Alderman Hollingshead

Following roll call, the City Clerk reported that a quorum was present.

Also present were:

Rachel Wrather
Patty Johnson
Jonathan Thacker
Kris Simmons
Martha LeSieur
Susan Warren
George DeLisle
Edith Partee
Karen Gowan
Lori Robinson
Shirley Estes
Vince Berry
Joanne Haulbold

Carol Bowden
Jimmy Wyman
Joseph Denton
Bill Little
Bruce Cronan
Al DeLisle
Lacie Fowler
David Womack
Kevin Guthrie
Terry Wheeler
Joseph Young
Linza Legrand

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Faulk and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Building Com.- 12/9/2024
Reg. Meeting- 12/9/2024

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

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

ORDINANCES OR
RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Walker introduced Bill No. 1356:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 140.020.D OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PORTAGEVILLE TO STATE THE PREFERENCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN THAT ONE MEMBER OF THE PARK BOARD BE A LIASON TO THE PORTAGEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Mayor Walker entertained a motion for the First Reading of Bill No. 1356. A motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Faulk. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Walker entertained a motion for the Second Reading of Bill No. 1356. A motion was made by Alderman Faulk and seconded by Alderman Adams. A roll call vote was taken.

Alderman Adams, yea; Alderman Faulk, yea; Alderman Cook, yea; Alderman Hollingshead, absent. Motion passes.

After hearing Bill No. 1356 read two times, passed, and approved, Mayor Walker declared Bill No. 1356 to become Ordinance No. 1356 this 6th day of January, 2025.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

Edith Partee asked the Board of Aldermen for an updated on an animal issue on Foster Avenue that had previously been reported. Discussion followed. Animal Control will be contacted.

JoAnn Haulbold discussed a property near the intersection of West 7th Street and Meatte Avenue that had not been cleaned up following a fire. Code Enforcement will be contacted.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

RONNIE ADAMS- CHIEF OF POLICE

Turned in a written report for the month of December.

GEORGE DELISLE- FIRE CHIEF

Turned in a written report for the month of December.

Chief DeLisle informed the Board that the ladder truck inspection had been scheduled. He also stated that he would like to see an hourly pay incentive discussed during budget sessions to be given to employees who would join the fire department to increase manpower.

PARK BOARD

Turned in a written report for the month of December.

JONATHAN THACKER- STREET & SOLID WASTE SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of December.

Thacker stated he needed approval to fill the diesel and propane tanks. The propane would be approximately \$840.00, and diesel would be approximately \$900.00. Motion was made by Alderman Cook to approve both tanks being filled. Alderman Faulk seconded. All members voted in favor.

JONATHAN THACKER- CODE ENFORCEMENT

Turned in a written report for the month of December.

Thacker will investigate the previously discussed property at the intersection of West 7th and Meatte Avenue.

JIMMY WYMAN- WATER SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of December.

Wyman stated that he needed approval to purchase a chemical feed pump at a cost of approximately \$1600.00. Motion was made by Alderman Faulk to approve the purchase. Alderman Cook seconded. All members voted in favor.

KEVIN GUTHRIE- SEWER SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of December.

Guthrie stated that he had an issue with a manhole at 9th and Delisle. He also spoke about chain of command issues when there are sewer problems needing to be addressed. Guthrie also commented on the problem with the gate not locking at the street shed and unauthorized individuals coming and going. Discussion followed. Guthrie will obtain a quote to repair the gate.

SCOTT PATTERSON - PRETREATMENT

No report was turned in for the month of December.

ROOSEVELT MOSBY – ANIMAL CONTROL

Turned in a written report for the month of December.

PLANNING AND ZONING

No report was turned in for the month of December.

PROJECT REPORTS

WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Turned in a written report for the month of December.

OLD BUSINESS

CITY ELECTRICIAN APPLICATION REVIEW

Mayor Walker stated that one application was received from J.M. Fowler Electric. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Alderman Cook to appoint J.M. Fowler Electric as City electrician under the same conditions as the former electrician. Alderman Adams seconded. All members voted in favor.

STREET LIGHT ADDITION- COVER LANE & BARNES AVE

Mayor Walker stated that there was no new information provided so the issue was tabled until February 2025.

POLICE DEPARTMENT TASERS

Mayor Walker stated that there was no new information provided so the issue was tabled until February 2025.

COMBINING ELECTION PRECINCTS TO ONE POLLING PLACE

Mayor Walker stated this topic had been tabled from last month to give time to consider the impact of the change among citizens. Discussion followed. Alderman Cook made a motion to combine the two precincts to one polling location to be held at the Community Center. Motion was seconded by Alderman Faulk. All members voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

AUTO READ METER LOAN PAYMENT

Mayor Walker stated that the payment for the First State Community Bank lease for the auto read meters in the amount of \$69,790.07 was due February 1, 2025 and asked the Board how they would like to proceed. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker will investigate making an interest only payment. The issue was tabled until further information was received.

MISSOURI MUNICIPAL LEAGUE RENEWAL

Mayor Walker informed the Board that an invoice from Missouri Municipal League for the annual membership fee had been received in the amount of \$807.46. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to approve the membership renewal. Motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Cook. All members voted in favor.

MISSOURI RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DUES

Mayor Walker stated that the annual membership due to the Missouri Rural Water Association had been received in the amount of \$845.44. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to approve the membership renewal. Motion was made by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Adams. All members voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF
FINANCIAL REPORTS
Municipal Court

CHRIS STINNETT, MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

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

Fines Collected/ Clerk Fees	\$1814.86
Inmate Security	\$18.00
Crime Victim Compensation	\$3.47
LET Fund	\$18.00
TOTAL	\$1854.33

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:	\$227,078.73
Received from City Collector:	
Park Fund	\$16,551.66
General Fund	\$74,100.76
Health Fund	\$19,861.99
Street Fund	\$0.00
Solid Waste Fund	\$28,866.21
Water & Sewer Fund	\$87,058.11
Meter Deposits	\$640.00
TOTAL	\$227,078.73
Received from City Clerk:	
General Fund	\$24,325.69
Street Fund	\$14,699.89
Sales Tax	\$65,625.77
Shop With A Cop	\$1220.00
Water & Sewer Fund	\$92.74
TOTAL	\$105,964.09
Interest on Deposits	\$8.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$334,905.15
<i>(Court, Collector, Clerk, & Interest)</i>	

City Collector
City Treasurer

Mayor Walker entertained a motion to approve Municipal Court Judge, City Collector and City Treasurer reports for the month of

December. Motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Faulk. 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 Walker asked for a motion. Motion was made by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Adams. All members voted in favor.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

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

Trash Services Bids

Alderman Adams stated that after the discussion held during the public hearing regarding Sharp Disposal and trash collection services, she would like to place the trash collection service up for bids to compare our current contract to other companies in the area. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to place the trash collection service up for bids for comparison. Motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Cook. All members voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was none.

OPEN SESSION/
DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regularly schedule Monthly Meeting will be held on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 301 E Main, Portageville.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Alderman Cook, seconded by Alderman Adams and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 6:48 p.m.

Rachel Wrather
City Clerk

Dennis R. Walker II
Mayor

