

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Portageville City Hall  
February 2, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City of Portageville Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, February 2, 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

Alderman McCrate  
Alderman Smith  
Alderman Faulk

Council Members Absent

Alderman Simmons

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

Also present were:

Rachel Wrather, City Clerk  
Kevin Guthrie  
Terry Wheeler  
Jimmy Wyman  
Roosevelt Mosby

Carol Bowden  
Gail Lunbeck  
Angela Lunbeck  
Freddie Hill

APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
Reg. Meeting- 1/5/26

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 January.

ORDINANCES OR  
RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Cook introduced Bill 1369:

Ordinance 1369: Deletion of Halloween Age Restriction

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 210.1980(A) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PORTAGEVILLE TO DELETE AGE RESTRICTION FOR THE HALLOWEEN CURFEW

Mayor Cook entertained a motion for the First Reading of Bill 1369. A motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Smith. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Cook entertained a motion for the Second Reading of Bill 1369. A motion was made by Alderman Faulk and seconded by Alderman Smith. A roll call vote was taken.

Alderman McCrate, yea; Alderman Faulk, yea; Alderman Smith, yea; Alderman Simmons, absent. Motion passes.

After hearing Bill 1369 read two times, passed, and approved, Mayor Cook declared Bill 1369 to become Ordinance 1369 passed this 2nd day of February, 2026.

Ordinance 1370: Penalty Change for Pretreatment Violation

Mayor Cook introduced Bill 1370:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 711.510(A) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PORTAGEVILLE TO CHANGE THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS REGARDING SEWER PRETREATMENT.

Mayor Cook entertained a motion for the First Reading of Bill 1370. A motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Faulk. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Cook entertained a motion for the Second Reading of Bill 1370. A motion was made by Alderman Faulk and seconded by Alderman Smith. A roll call vote was taken.

Alderman McCrate, yea; Alderman Faulk, yea; Alderman Smith, yea; Alderman Simmons, absent. Motion passes.

After hearing Bill 1370 read two times, passed, and approved, Mayor Cook declared Bill 1370 to become Ordinance 1370 passed this 2nd day of February, 2026.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

FREDDIE HILL- CHIEF OF POLICE

Turned in a written report for the month of January.

Hill informed the Board that he had an officer who would be out for a couple of weeks and asked that they be understanding when officers were working overtime to cover shifts.

**GEORGE DELISLE- FIRE CHIEF**

Turned in a written report for the month of January.

**PARK BOARD**

No report submitted for the month of January.

**TERRY WHEELER- STREET & SOLID WASTE SUPERINTENDENT**

Turned In a written report for the month of January.

**JIMMY WYMAN- WATER SUPERINTENDENT**

No report submitted for the month of January. Wyman was present and stated that the sample results taken after the water main break should be back within 48 hours in order to have the Precautionary Boil Water Order resolved.

**KEVIN GUTHRIE- SEWER SUPERINTENDENT**

Turned in a written report for the month of January.

Discussion was held about issues on West Eighth Street and a possible repair being done to salvage the pump at the location that is maintained by the City.

**SCOTT PATTERSON - PRETREATMENT**

No report submitted for the month of January.

**ROOSEVELT MOSBY – ANIMAL CONTROL**

Turned in a written report for the month of January.

Mosby was asked about which rescue he utilizes and responded that he uses Malden when necessary.

**PLANNING AND ZONING**

Turned in a written report for the month of January.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

No report was submitted for the month of January.

**PROJECT REPORTS**

**WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Turned in a written report for the month of January.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**FLOORING AT CITY HALL**

Mayor Cook stated that the carpet at City Hall needed to be replaced and that the replacement had been budgeted for each year for the past four years, but never completed. Discussion followed. The Board decided to get quotes to replace the flooring and rearrange areas of City Hall. The subject will be revisited at the March meeting.

#### CODE ENFORCEMENT POSITION

Mayor Cook asked the Board how they would like to proceed with the Code Enforcement position. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Alderman Faulk to reappoint Joseph Denton to the position effective immediately. Alderman McCrate seconded. All members voted in favor.

#### COMMUNITY DUMPSTER AT STREET SHED

Mayor Cook presented pricing information from Republic Services to have a 30-yard dumpster placed at the Street Shed year-round for citizens to utilize. Discussion followed. The issue was tabled until the March 2026 meeting.

#### SRO CAMERA REQUEST

Mayor Cook stated that no new information had been obtained. Discussion followed. Mayor Cook stated that he would like to arrange a meeting with Officer Colbert and Barry Branscum, Portageville School District Superintendent. The issue was tabled until March 2026 meeting.

#### MASSEY FIELD LIGHTING REPAIR- FORMAL VOTE

Mayor Cook stated that an email vote had been taken for purchasing the lights for Massey Field, but a formal vote was needed. Mayor Cook asked for a motion to approve the replacement of Massey Field lighting from Standard to LED from Superior Lighting at a purchase price of \$25,609.95 with the understanding that the Park Board will reimburse the City the difference from the insurance funding in the amount of \$1376.36 and any additional labor installation cost will be split evenly with the Park Board. Motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Smith. All members voted in favor.

#### BACKHOE PURCHASE- FORMAL VOTE

Mayor Cook informed everyone that an email vote had been taken for the purchase of a backhoe, but a formal vote was needed. Mayor Cook asked for a motion to purchase a 2016 John Deere 310SL Loader Backhoe from Dynamic Machinery in the amount of \$44,000.00 to be paid from the Health Fund. Motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Faulk. All members voted in favor.

#### WATER DEPARTMENT COMPRESSOR- FORMAL VOTE

Mayor Cook stated that an email vote had been taken for the purchase of a compressor for the Water Department, but a formal vote was needed. Mayor Cook asked for a motion to approve the purchase of an 80-gallon compressor from Ferguson Home in the

amount of \$3499.99. Motion was made by Alderman Faulk and seconded by Alderman Smith. All members voted in favor.

## NEW BUSINESS

### BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Mayor Cook explained that the City of Portageville previously had a Beautification Committee but it disbanded several years ago. There are citizens who would like to see it brought back and try to obtain grants to revitalize Main Street. Discussion followed. Alderman Smith made a motion to restructure the Beautification Committee. Alderman McCrate seconded. All members voted in favor.

### STREET DEPT: SNOWPLOW ATTACHMENT- GF

Mayor Cook asked Alderman Faulk if he would like to speak on a snowplow attachment. No quotes were available at this time. The issue was tabled until March 2026.

### GOVDEALS- STREET DEPT: 2002 GMC C8500

Mayor Cook asked Alderman Faulk to speak on listing the snowplow. Alderman Faulk stated that he would like to see the 2002 GMC C8500 listed on Govdeals to obtain a newer plow or attachment that would not require a CDL driver to operate. Discussion followed. The issue was tabled until March meeting to obtain additional information.

### REZONING PARCEL FROM I-1 to R-2 at 1305 HIGHWAY 61 NORTH

Mayor Cook informed the Board of Aldermen that the Planning and Zoning Committee had held a public hearing to rezone the property at 1305 Highway 61 North from I-1 to R-2. There were no objections. Planning and Zoning voted to approve the request and send it to the Board of Aldermen. Discussion followed. Mayor Cook asked for a motion to draft an ordinance rezoning the property from I-1 to R-2. Motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Faulk. All members voted in favor.

### SOLAR SECURITY CAMERA AT BURN PILE- KS

Mayor Cook stated that Alderman Simmons was absent but requested that solar cameras be placed at the burn pile. Discussion followed. Mayor Cook stated that he will check with Jordan Robbins and see if it is possible. The issue was tabled until March 2026.

### NMC MAYOR'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DUES

Mayor Cook presented an invoice from the New Madrid County Mayor's Association for annual dues in the amount of \$250.00. Discussion followed. Alderman McCrate made a motion to approve the amount of \$250.00 for annual dues to the New Madrid County Mayor's Association. Alderman Smith seconded. All members voted in favor.

**MRWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE- JIMMY WYMAN ATTENDANCE**

Mayor Cook stated that Jimmy Wyman, Water Superintendent, requested to attend the Missouri Rural Water Association Annual Conference in Branson, Missouri. Vouchers will be used to pay for the conference, but there will be travel expenses. Discussion followed. Alderman McCrate made a motion to approve Wyman's attendance to the conference. Alderman Faulk seconded. All members voted in favor.

**OVERHEAD DOOR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

Mayor Cook presented an agreement that was proposed by Paragould Overhead Door for service and maintenance. Discussion followed. Mayor Cook asked for a motion to approve the service and maintenance agreement with Paragould Overhead Door with terms of 12 months at \$150.00 per month that included 12 overhead doors with 2 preventative services per year along with service discounts for any repairs. Motion was made by Alderman McCrate and Alderman Smith seconded. All members voted in favor.

**STREET DEPT: BOBCAT TIRES- FORMAL VOTE**

Mayor Cook stated that an email vote had been conducted to replace the tires on the Street Department Bobcat, but a formal vote was needed. Alderman Faulk made a motion to purchase a set of 4 foam filled tires from Ebay-RemeisterUSA at a cost of \$2550.00. Alderman McCrate seconded. 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 January as follows:

Fines Collected/ Clerk Fees	\$1408.77
Inmate Security	\$20.00
Crime Victim Compensation	\$3.44
LET Fund	\$20.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1452.21</b>

City Collector  
City Treasurer

**CAROL BOWDEN, CITY COLLECTOR**

**RACHEL WRATHER, CITY TREASURER**

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

Turned over to City Treasurer:	\$337,709.35

Received from City Collector:	
Park Fund	\$28,772.15
General Fund	\$129,075.61
Health Fund	\$34,526.58
Street Fund	\$15.00
Solid Waste Fund	\$37,495.57
Water & Sewer Fund	\$106,704.44
Meter Deposits	\$1120.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$337,709.35</b>
Received from City Clerk:	
General Fund	\$32,785.71
Water & Sewer Fund	\$71.80
PFAS Cost Recovery	\$49,222.19
Sales Tax	\$50,182.43
Water Treatment Plant	\$480,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$612,262.13</b>
<b>Interest on Deposits</b>	<b>\$24.54</b>
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$951,448.23</b>
<i>(Court, Collector, Clerk, &amp; Interest)</i>	

Mayor Cook entertained a motion to approve Municipal Court Judge, City Collector and City Treasurer reports for the month of January. Motion was made by Alderman McCrate 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 January. 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. There were none.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

Motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Smith to adjourn back to regular session at 6:55 p.m.

Roll call was as follows:

Alderman McCrate	"Aye"
Alderman Faulk	"Aye"
Alderman Simmons	"Absent"
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, March 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman McCrate and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 6:56 p.m.



Rachel Wrather  
City Clerk



Michael Cook Jr.  
Mayor

