

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Portageville City Hall
February 3, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Portageville was held on Monday, February 6, 2020, at City Hall, 301 E Main St. Mayor Vince Berry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present

Alderman James
Alderman Doering
Alderman Essary

Council Members Absent

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

Also present were:

Rachel Wrather, City Clerk
Ronnie Adams, Police Chief
Joey Walters, Street Supervisor
Terry Wheeler, Sewer Employee
Michele Crawford, City Collector
Sam Tillman, Financial Advisor
TR Thompson
Carol Bowden

Terry McVey, City Attorney
George DeLisle, Fire Chief
Patty Johnson
Greg Gowan
Freddie Hill
Al DeLisle
Jonathan Thacker
Chance Russell

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

Moved by Alderman Doering seconded by Alderman James and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Reg. Mtg.- 1/6/2020
Mid-Month Mtg.- 1/21/2020

Mayor Berry 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 Berry asked if there were any additions or deletions to the minutes. There were none.
Moved by Alderman Doering, seconded by Alderman James and unanimously carried, to approve the submitted minutes for the month of January.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

RONNIE ADAMS- CHIEF OF POLICE

Turned in a written report for the month of January.

Chief Adams approached the Board of Alderman about purchasing new lights for the recently purchased Tahoe. He presented quotes from Fleet Safety and Speed Tech Lights that set the final price at approximately \$1150.00. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to purchase new lights for the Tahoe. Motion was made by Alderman James and seconded by Alderman Doering. All members voted in favor.

GEORGE DELISLE- FIRE CHIEF

Turned in a written report for the month of January.

Chief DeLisle thanked the members of the City that assisted in repairs to the Fire Shed. He also stated that the department would be taking part in training once a month and be looking at putting together a workable plan for pressure testing hydrants in Portageville.

PARK BOARD

Turned in a written report for the month of January.

JOEY WALTERS- STREET & SOLID WASTE SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of January.

Walters stated that they had finished their repairs on the air drops at the Fire Shed. He also stated that the ton truck needed new tires. He would like the Board of Alderman to approve removing the tires on his truck and placing them on the ton truck. In return new all-terrain tires would be placed on his truck. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to approve the above-mentioned purchase. Motion was made by Alderman Doering and seconded by Alderman James. All members voted in favor.

CHANCE RUSSELL- WATER EMPLOYEE

Turned in a written report for January.

Chance Russell was present filling in for Jimmy Wyman, Water Superintendent, who was on vacation. Alderman Essary stated that he was in contact with Duncan Electric, but no formal price quote had been given. Mayor Berry stated that he would like to start looking into tearing down the old water plant. Chance Russell agreed to have Jimmy contact Vandeventer Engineering about moving the electrical panel by the March 2, 2020 Board Meeting.

TERRY WHEELER- SEWER EMPLOYEE

Turned in a written report for the month of January.

Terry Wheeler was present filling in for Tommy Penrod, Sewer Superintendent. Wheeler stated that the plugs installed on sewer mains for I&I are working well.

SCOTT PATTERSON- PRE-TREATMENT COORDINATOR
Was not present and no report was given.

TAMMY PURYEAR- ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
Turned in a written report for the month of January.

JONATHAN THACKER- CODE ENFORCEMENT
Turned in a written report for the month of January.
Thacker was informed by Alderman Doering that there is a trailer at 1106 DeLisle that she has been receiving calls about because the wheels have been removed and people are living in it. Thacker will check into it. Officer Freddie Hill stated that there are several houses inside the City that look acceptable from the outside but are pretty far gone inside. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry stated that during budget sessions he would like to look at allocating city funds for cleaning up of abandoned properties. Officer Hill also mentioned that there were vines growing around electrical lines and boxes in the alleys of properties along Main Street, specifically in the north side of the 200 block of Main Street, that he feels might be a fire hazard. Thacker stated he would contact Ameren concerning this.

ORDINANCES OR
RESOLUTIONS

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

MINIMUM WAGE/ STARTING PAY
Mayor Berry opened discussion of the minimum wage / starting pay increase held over from last month's meeting. Discussion followed. It was agreed that the issue would be tabled until after budget sessions have been completed.

DISPATCHING
Mayor Berry provided an update from the meeting held in New Madrid concerning the dispatching. It was stated that the City of Portageville and New Madrid dispatch run off of the same server. If the terminal goes down, then the City of Portageville is the backup. If the server goes down, then Portageville dispatch would also be affected so Pemiscot county would be considered the back up. New Madrid dispatching has provided equipment for Portageville dispatch. In the future, Mayor Berry would like to see additional funding from 911 dispatch to go toward a dispatch position for the City of Portageville.
Mayor Berry stated that he would like to see Portageville dispatchers shadow in New Madrid and vice versa so new policies and procedures could be implemented. The main phone line for the City of Portageville will also become a recorded line soon.

FIRE DEPT ASSISTANT CHIEF POSITION

Mayor Berry asked Fire Chief DeLisle about the role of an additional Assistant Fire Chief for the Fire Department. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Alderman Essary and seconded by Alderman Doering to add a second Fire Chief at the cost of \$125.00 per month. All members voted in favor. Lance Crafton will be the new Assistant Fire Chief for the City of Portageville.

EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE

Mayor Berry stated that the itemized list for earthquake coverage was returned to Mark Gibbons and provides a potential savings of approximately \$2000.00. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to approve the Earthquake Insurance for the City of Portageville. Motion was made by Alderman James and seconded by Alderman Doering. All members voted in favor.

SAW FOR WATER & SEWER DEPT

Mayor Berry reviewed the two price quotes for a 16" Husqvarna Saw for the Water and Sewer Department. The quotes were as follows: Amazon, \$1295.00; Ron's Small Engine, \$1550.00. Discussion followed. Alderman Essary made a motion to purchase the saw from Ron's Small Engine for \$1550.00. Motion was seconded by Alderman Doering. All members voted in favor. The purchase will be split equally between the Water and Sewer Department.

NEW BUSINESS

BACKFLOW PREVENTION ON NEW SEWER TAPS

Mayor Berry addressed the idea of requiring backflow preventers installed on every new sewer tap in the City. Discussion followed. Terry Wheeler, Sewer Department, stated that he had checked with Midwest Meter about this and they advised against it. They feel it could cause more harm than good. Wheeler will get a second opinion before the next meeting. The issue was tabled until March 2, 2020.

OLD CITY FIRE TRUCK

Mayor Berry stated that he was approached about the selling the 1939 Fire Truck that is being stored in the former Ambulance Shed. Discussion followed. Fire Chief DeLisle stated that he had no issues selling the truck but was aware that it is a piece of Portageville history. Currently there are no funds or plans to restore it. The issue was tabled until March 2, 2020.

RED BUILDING FUND

Mayor Berry explained that due to lack of paid rentals, the monthly salary for paying someone a set fee for cleaning needed to be addressed. Discussion followed. It was agreed that the salary for janitorial services would be paid at a rate of \$50.00 per rental at the last pay period of every month. The current janitor would be given the chance to accept the change. If it is not wanted, then applications would be accepted for the position.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

T.R. Thompson asked the Board of Alderman about the water tower located on East 1st Street. Mayor Berry informed Thompson that the tower has been out of commission for many years. There is a company who contacted the city about removing the tower, but a quote has not been submitted for consideration at this time.

APPROVAL OF
FINANCIAL REPORTS
Municipal Court
City Collector
City Treasurer

CHRIS STINNETT, MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

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

Fines Collected	\$ 2589.50
Interest	\$ 0.35
Inmate Security	\$ 38.00
Crime Victims Compensation	\$ 7.03
LET Fund	\$ 38.00
Clerk Fees	\$ 228.00
TOTAL	\$ 2900.88

MICHELE CRAWFORD, CITY COLLECTOR

RACHEL WRATHER, CITY TREASURER

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

Turned over to City Treasurer: \$ 209,438.71

Received from City Collector:

Park Fund	\$ 9,288.15	
General Fund	\$ 62,191.00	
Health Fund	\$ 12,467.88	
Street Fund	\$ 775.00	
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 34,275.11	
Water & Sewer Fund	\$ 89,171.57	
Red Building	\$ 150.00	
Meter Deposits	\$ 1,120.00	
TOTAL		\$ 209,438.71

Received from City Clerk:

General Fund	\$ 118,657.69	
Water/ Sewer Fund	\$ 918.00	
Shop With A Cop	\$ 50.00	
Street Fund	\$ 10,537.99	
Sales Tax Fund	\$ 44,176.54	
TOTAL		\$ 174,340.22
Interest on deposits		\$ 27.76
TOTAL DEPOSITS		\$ 383,806.69

Mayor Berry entertained a motion to approve Municipal Court Judge, City Collector and City Treasurer reports for the month of January. Motion was made by Alderman Essary and seconded by Alderman James. All members voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A list of outstanding bills was given to the Mayor and Council for the month of January. After checking the bills, Mayor Berry asked for a motion. Motion was made by Alderman Doering and seconded by Alderman James. All members voted in favor.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Berry asked if there were any comments from any members of the Board of Alderman. There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The vote thereon was as follows:

Alderman James	"Aye"
Alderman Doering	"Aye"
Alderman Essary	"Aye"

Motion was made by Alderman Doering and seconded by Alderman James to adjourn back to regular session at 7:50 p.m.

Roll call was as follows:

Alderman James	"Aye"
Alderman Doering	"Aye"
Alderman Essary	"Aye"

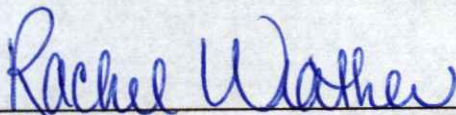
NEXT MEETING

The Board of Alderman will hold a budget session on February 10, 2020 and February 26, 2020 at Sam Tillman's Office from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

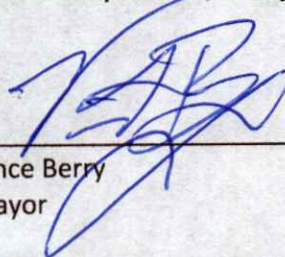
The next regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be March 2, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Alderman James, seconded by Alderman Doering and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.



Rachel Wrather
City Clerk



Vince Berry
Mayor