

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Portageville City Hall
February 17, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City of Portageville Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at City Hall, 301 E Main St. Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present

Council Members Absent

Alderman McCrate
Alderman Faulk
Alderman Smith
Alderman Simmons

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

Also present were:

Rachel Wrather, City Clerk
Sam Tillman

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

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

OLD BUSINESS

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REVIEW

Proposed budget for May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027 fiscal year was discussed for all departments.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT:

INCOME- The line item for Pem-Dunklin Franchise tax was removed. Any income from them is reported under Electric Franchise Taxes.

EXPENSE- A new expense category was created for Emergency Management and the budget was set at \$1000.00. The line item for GPS-Fleet was removed under administration as that is reported with the ATT charges for the Police Department since they are the only ones utilizing the service.

MUNICIPAL COURT:

No budget was set. There was discussion about the current Prosecuting Attorney for the City running for elected office and possibly letting New Madrid County take over the Municipal Court duties.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

EXPENSES- The line item for uniforms was removed. It was determined last year that all turnout gear expenses will be shown in Equipment Purchased.

Salary expenses were discussed due to the increase in minimum wage for the state of Missouri. Currently they are paid \$25 per hour for the first 2 hours (that increases to \$30 per hour if you are Fire Fighter 1 or 2), and then \$10 per hour for every hour after that. Discussion followed. The Board decided they would keep the rate the same for the first 2 hours but increase the \$10 per hour to \$15.00 per hour for each additional hour after the first two. That will be voted on at the April Board Meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

INCOME- The line item for Housing Authority income was removed as the Housing Authority Board terminated the Community Policing Program last year.

EXPENSE- The line item for Bond Surety was removed as all bonds are paid through Administration.

WATER DEPARTMENT:

INCOME- The line item for Meter Deposits was removed as that is its own fund.

EXPENSES- The line item for Insurance Unemp was removed. The line item for Lease Payment was removed as the Auto Read Meter payment was paid in full.

SEWER DEPARTMENT:

Per EPA audit suggestions, PreTreatment Program will now have its own budget set and be disconnected from the Sewer Department. The income will consist of Fines and Collections from Program Participants. The expenses will include INI (\$10,000), Salary (\$20,000), Payroll Taxes and Insurance (\$4500).

INCOME- The line item for Tech Fee was removed as that is only in the Water Department.

EXPENSE- The line item for Loan Payment was removed. The line item from Rental was removed. The line item for INI was moved to PreTreatment.

STREET DEPARTMENT:

INCOME- The line item for Interest Receipts was removed.

EXPENSE- The line item for Office Supplies was removed.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

There were no removals or additions.

SRO:

There were no removals or additions.

PARK FUND:

There were no removals or additions.

SOLID WASTE:

There were no removals or additions. Solid Waste Collections was raised to account for the 5% increase that Republic Services will implement during the year.

SALES TAX:

There were no removals or additions.

METER DEPOSITS:

There were no removals or additions.

PARK BOARD:

Park Board will set their own budget to be approved April 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman McCrate and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.



Rachel Wrather
City Clerk



Michael Cook Jr.
Mayor

