

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Portageville City Hall  
April 5, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City of Portageville Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, April 5, 2021, 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 McCrate  
Alderman Doering  
Alderman Essary

Council Members Absent

Alderman Johnston

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

Also present were:

Rachel Wrather, City Clerk  
Ronnie Adams  
Scott Patterson  
Al DeLisle  
Bruce Fisher  
Lisa Kirk

Terry McVey, City Attorney  
Freddie Hill  
Carol Bowden  
George DeLisle  
Stephanie Ivie

APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
Reg. Mtg.- 03/01/21  
Budget – 03/08/21

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 McCrate and unanimously carried, to approve the submitted minutes for the month of March.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

RONNIE ADAMS - CHIEF OF POLICE

Turned in a written report for the month of March.

GEORGE DELISLE- FIRE CHIEF

Turned in a written report for the month of March.  
DeLisle asked that a notice be distributed on City of Portageville social media outlets reminding citizens of the importance of 911 addresses being displayed.

PARK BOARD

Turned in a written report for the month of March.  
Mayor Berry informed the Board of Alderman that we were still scheduled for the last two weeks of April for the repairs on the Red Building Roof.  
Mayor Berry also stated that he would be talking to Todd Higgs, Park Board President, concerning ball game parking on McCrate Ave.

JOEY WALTERS- STREET & SOLID WASTE SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of March.

JIMMY WYMAN- WATER SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of March.

TERRY WHEELER- SEWER SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of March.  
Mayor Berry reported that the sewer department had an issue with the auger in the grit chamber being clogged up. Vandeventer Engineering would be looking at it later in the week.  
Mayor Berry also stated that an issue with a sewer locate for Ozark Cable had led to damage of Donney and Teri Benthall's sewer line on Brown Drive. Discussion followed. Terry McVey would review the claim further and then notify the counsel of how he would suggest proceeding. A text vote will be taken if reimbursement for sewer expenses is necessary.

SCOTT PATTERSON- PRE-TREATMENT COORDINATOR

No report was turned in for the month of March.  
Patterson stated that the SRG Inspection was to be held in April. He is also still working on the SWIP program.

ROOSEVELT MOSBY- ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Turned in a written report for the month of March.

JONATHAN THACKER- CODE ENFORCEMENT

Turned in a written report for the month of March.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

No report was turned in for the month of March.

Mayor Berry introduced Bill No. 1308:

ORDINANCES OR  
RESOLUTIONS



AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE II, TABLE II-C, OF SECTIONS 335.020 AND 335.030 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PORTAGEVILLE, MISSOURI TO PROVIDE FOR THE PLACING OF STOP SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF KING AVENUE AND NINTH STREET TO STOP ALL TRAFFIC TRAVELING ON KING AVENUE AT THAT INTERSECTION AND TO MAKE SAID INTERSECTION A THREE-WAY STOP.

Mayor Berry entertained a motion for the First Reading of Bill No. 1308. A motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Doering. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Berry entertained a motion for the Second Reading of Bill No. 1308. A motion was made by Alderman Doering and seconded by Alderman McCrate. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting was as follows: Alderman McCrate, yea; Alderman Doering, yea; Alderman Essary, yea; Alderman Johnston, yea.

After hearing Bill No. 1308 read two times, passed, and approved, Mayor declared Bill No. 1308 to become Ordinance No. 1308 this 5th day of April 2021.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### DUTCH ENTERPRISES UPDATED SCOPE OF WORK

Mayor Berry updated the Board of Alderman on Dutch Enterprises. They will be at the Water Plant later in the week with a team to review the situation.

##### DONATED PROPERTY- TITLE SEARCH RESULTS

Mayor Berry informed the Board that Terry McVey, City Attorney, had reviewed the Highway 61 North property liens and they appear to only be back taxes. If the property were to be donated to the City, the property would be exempt from those taxes and no longer be legally subject to any measure by which collections could be coerced. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to proceed with accepting the donation of the property located on Highway 61 North. Motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Essary. All members voted in favor.

##### PARK FUND

Mayor Berry asked the Board of Alderman to review the collection of tax funds for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2021. Discussion followed. After withholding the money approved for the Red Building roof repair in the amount of \$8753.02 and current bill charges of \$591.76, the Park Fund was currently at \$43,855.04. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to turn over \$40,000.00 to the Park Board for FY2021. A motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Essary. All members voted in favor.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### TORNADO SIRENS

Mayor Berry introduced Bruce Fisher with Blue Valley Public Safety Inc. who was present to talk about replacing the outdated tornado siren at Meatte Park. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry stated he would talk with Ameren about setting a pole at no charge to the City. The issue was tabled until the meeting on May 3, 2021.

#### SUMMER HELP

Mayor Berry stated that it was time to start advertising for summer help. The City would hire temporary summer positions starting June 1 for the following departments: Administration (1), Police Department (1), Street (2), Water (2) and Sewer (1). Mayor Berry asked for a motion to advertise the temporary summer positions on the City website and Facebook page. Motion was made by Alderman Doering and seconded by Alderman Essary. All members voted in favor.

Applications will be due before mid-month meeting on May 17, 2021 when applicants will be chosen for the positions.

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Mayor Berry announced that Ronnie K. Adams had submitted a resignation letter for Emergency Management Director for the City of Portageville due to his elected position of Chief of Police beginning May 2021. Discussion followed. The resignation was accepted, and a replacement will be named at the May 3, 2021 meeting. Ronnie K. Adams will remain in the position until a replacement is named.

#### SCOTT TURF GRANT- FORMAL VOTE

Mayor Berry stated that a Scott Turf grant opportunity to rehab Shumate Field had been presented to him, but it would require a \$5000.00 city match if Portageville is awarded the grant. A text vote was done on March 31, 2021. Mayor Berry asked for a formal vote to be taken. Alderman McCrate made a motion to approve the grant application being submitted. Alderman Doering seconded. All members voted in favor.

#### PHONE SYSTEM DIGITAL UPGRADE- FORMAL VOTE

Mayor Berry stated that due to the fiber upgrade with ATT that was previously approved, the City would need to update their existing phone hub to receive the digital service. There were two options: analog or digital. A text vote was taken on March 27, 2021 in which the Board members voted for digital service. Mayor Berry asked for a formal vote. Alderman McCrate made a motion to upgrade the phone system to digital service for a price not exceeding \$8500.00. Alderman Essary seconded. All members voted in favor.

#### EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE RENEWAL – FORMAL VOTE

Mayor Berry stated that Mark Gibbins, Ellington Insurance, had reached out with the 6-month extension on the City's earthquake insurance policy in the



amount of \$10,755.15. A text vote was taken on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 to approve the extension. Mayor Berry asked for a formal vote. Alderman McCrate made a motion to approve the extension in the amount of \$10,755.15. Alderman Essary seconded. All members voted in favor.

**SPRING CLEAN UP WEEK- FORMAL VOTE**

Mayor Berry stated that a text vote had been taken on March 23, 2021 to set the dates for Spring clean Up Week so that citizens would have plenty of notice. Mayor Berry asked for a formal vote to be taken. Alderman Doering made a motion to set Spring Clean Up Week for April 19-23, 2021 on citizen's normally scheduled trash day. Alderman McCrate seconded. All members voted in favor.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

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

Lisa Kirk and Shannon Cobb with Kemper Financial Group approached the Board of Alderman about offering supplemental insurance to City employees. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry stated that they would get together with Rachel Wrather, City Clerk, to work out a time to talk to each employee.

**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 March as follows:

Fines Collected	\$1370.00
Inmate Security	\$28.00
Crime Victim Compensation	\$5.62
LET Fund	\$28.00
Clerk Fees	\$182.84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1614.46</b>

**MICHELE CRAWFORD, CITY COLLECTOR**

**RACHEL WRATHER, CITY TREASURER**

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

Turned over to City Treasurer:	\$132,754.48
Received from City Collector:	
Park Fund	\$922.46
General Fund	\$4,165.31
Health Fund	\$1,106.95
Street Fund	\$615.00
Solid Waste Fund	\$34,794.61
Water & Sewer Fund	\$89,490.15

Red Building	\$300.00
Meter Deposits	\$1,360.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$132,754.48</b>
Received from City Clerk:	
General Fund	\$17,689.25
Street Fund	\$10,199.08
Sales Tax	\$58,884.81
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$86,773.14</b>
Interest on Deposits	\$25.08
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$219,552.70</b>

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A list of outstanding bills was given to the Mayor and Council for the month of March. After checking the bills, Mayor Berry asked for a motion. Motion was made by Alderman Doering and seconded by Alderman McCrate. 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.  
Alderman Doering commented on overdue water bills.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The vote thereon was as follows:

Alderman McCrate "Aye"  
Alderman Doering "Aye"  
Alderman Essary "Aye"  
Alderman Johnston Absent

Motion was made by Alderman Doering and seconded by Alderman Essary to adjourn back to regular session at 7:02 p.m.

Roll call was as follows:

Alderman McCrate "Aye"  
Alderman Doering "Aye"

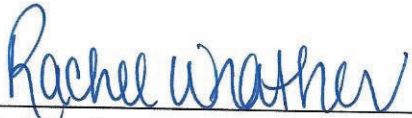
Alderman Essary "Aye"  
Alderman Johnston Absent

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

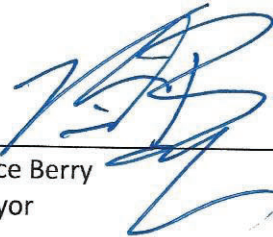
There will be a regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 301 E Main, Portageville.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Alderman McCrate, seconded by Alderman Doering and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.



Rachel Wrather  
City Clerk



Vince Berry  
Mayor