

CITY OF PORTAGEVILLE, MO
BUDGET MEETING
April 17, 2024

The Portageville City Council met in special budget session Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at City Hall, 301 East Main Street, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was postponed by thirty minutes to have a quorum. Mayor Walker called the meeting to order. The following members of the Board of Aldermen were in attendance:

Mayor Walker	Present
Alderman Johnson	Present
Alderman Adams	Present
Alderman Estes	Absent
Alderman Hollingshead	Present

Also present were the following:

Rachel Wrather, City Clerk
Sam Tillman, City Accountant
Carol Bowden, City Collector

Mayor Walker asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Johnson. All members voted in favor.

The proposed draft budget for the May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025 fiscal year was reviewed and discussed.

Police Department- K9 Vehicle and Equipment

Alderman Hollingshead spoke with Bootheel Regional about a grant opportunity for a new K9 unit that would be 75% grant and 25% City match. Discussion followed. Alderman Hollingshead made a motion to increase the Health Fund Equipment Purchased Expense to \$18,500 to cover the City's 25% match if awarded. Alderman Johnson seconded. All members voted in favor.

Police Department- Training

Mayor Walker stated that at the monthly meeting the police department presented two officers who would like to attend a training class and the issue was tabled until it could be discussed at the budget meeting. Discussion followed. Alderman Johnson made a motion to increase the Police Department Training expense to \$6000.00 and the Police Department Travel expense to \$4000.00 to accommodate this extra training. Alderman Hollingshead seconded. All members voted in favor.

Salaries and Wages/ Minimum Wage Increase

Mayor Walker explained that a proposed increase to salaries and wages including minimum wage was tabled at the monthly meeting until it could be discussed at the budget meeting. Discussion followed. Alderman Adams made a motion to increase minimum wage to meet the Missouri state minimum wage to \$12.30 per hour. Alderman Johnson seconded. All members voted in favor.

After reviewing several options for salary increases, Alderman Adams made a motion to distribute an additional temporary salary adjustment to full-time employees in the amount of

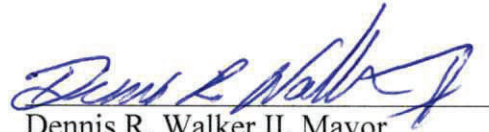
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\$600.00 in March of 2025. This is in addition to the temporary salary adjustment given to employees in November of each year. The temporary salary adjustment would be for full-time employees only who are employees of the City as of the time of distribution, and prorated for employees who have been with the City for less than a year. Alderman Hollingshead seconded. All members voted in favor. This addition is estimated to increase the department's salaries and wages budget by the following amounts: Administration- \$665.00; Police Department- \$7980.00; Sewer- \$3325.00; Street- \$2660.00; Water- \$2660.00.

There being no further business, Mayor Walker asked for a motion to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. Motion was made by Alderman Hollingshead and seconded by Alderman Adams. All members voted in favor.



Rachel Wrather, City Clerk



Dennis R. Walker II, Mayor