

## MINUTES

MID MONTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Portageville City Hall  
May 20, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Portageville was held on Monday, May 20, 2019, at City Hall, 301 E Main St. Mayor Simmons presided and call the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present

Alderman Doering  
Alderman Essary  
Alderman Berry

Council Members Absent

Alderman James

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

Also present were:

Rachel Wrather, City Clerk	Carol Bowden
Ronnie Adams, Police Chief	Tammy Puryear, Animal Control
Scott Patterson, Pre-Treatment	Chris Rudd
Michele Crawford, City Collector	Corey Sisk
Freddie Hill	Linda Sweatt
Chris Cooley	Jimmy Barron
Tracy Rone, Court Money Rep	

APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA

Moved by Alderman Berry seconded by Alderman Essary and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as submitted.

ORDINANCES OR  
RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance # 1286  
Ordinance # 1287

Mayor Simmons introduced Ordinance No. 1286:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 205.180 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PORTAGEVILLE TO PLACE THE HUMAN OFFICER UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE.

Mayor Simmons entertained a motion for the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1286. Motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Doering. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Simmons asked for a motion for the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1286. Motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Doering. Roll Call was taken.

Roll Call was as follows:

Alderman James, absent; Alderman Doering, yea; Alderman Essary, yea; Alderman Berry, yea.

Ordinance 1286 was passed and introduced into the Ordinance Book.

Mayor Simmons introduced Ordinance No. 1287:

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A SALES TAX OF ON-FOURTH OF ONE PERCENT AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF PORTAGEVILLE, MISSOURI ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO IMPOSE SAID SALES TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING REVENUE TO FUND SECURITY RESOURCE OFFICERS FOR PORTAGEVILLE SCHOOLS AND FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES OF THE CITY, SAID TAX SHALL EXPIRE TEN YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

Mayor Simmons entertained a motion for the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1287. Motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Doering. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Simmons asked for a motion for the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1287. Motion was made by Alderman Doering and seconded by Alderman Berry. Roll Call was taken.

Roll Call was as follows:

Alderman James, absent; Alderman Doering, yea; Alderman Essary, no; Alderman Berry, yea.

Ordinance 1287 was passed and introduced into the Ordinance Book.

## OLD BUSINESS

### COURT MONEY PRESENTATION – TRACY RONE

Mayor Simmons introduced Tracy Rone with Court Money who gave a presentation of the use of debit and credit card operations within government agencies at no cost to the said agency. Rone stated that there is a fee schedule of transactions less than \$50 for a \$2.00 flat rate fee or transactions greater than \$50 for 4%. All fees are paid by the customer at the time of the transaction. Payments will be deposited into the City Collector account on a weekly basis, but reports can be generated at any time to view the payments that are processed. All processed payments are guaranteed by Court Money. There is no liability to the City and no storing of customer credit information. Discussion followed. Mayor Simmons asked

for a motion to approve the use of the Court Money system for City Hall. Motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Essary. All members voted in favor.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Mayor Simmons asked if all the council members had a chance to review the Social Media Policy that was provided to them at the previous board meeting. All answered in the affirmative. Mayor Simmons asked if there was any action to be taken on the matter. Discussion followed. Alderman Berry made a motion to adopt the social media policy into the City of Portageville Handbook. Alderman Doering seconded. All members voted in favor.

#### SUMMER HELP APPLICATIONS

Mayor Simmons presented the candidates who had applied for the Summer Help Positions for Summer 2019. Discussion followed. The following applicants were selected for the following city departments:

City Hall	Kelsey Kellams
Police Dept	Kaitlyn Cooley Hunter Ellis Dasmine Johnson
Street Dept	Robert Alan Carter Alexander Riddle Megan Maddox Makayla Pullum
Sewer Dept	Zachary Douglas
Water Dept	Wyatt Robbins

All summer help employees will start work on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 and work 30 hours per week with a pay rate of \$8.60 per hour. Summer help can be shared between departments if something arises that needs extra help. Mayor Simmons asked for a motion to approve the above applicants. Motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Essary. All members voted in favor.

#### TERMITE CONTRACTS

Mayor Simmons presented a contract proposal from United Termite & Pest Control for annual inspection and treatment for 201 E Main (Police), 205 E Main (Rental), Fire Department and Red Building. Total annual price for all above mentioned buildings is \$915.00. Initial treatment for the Fire Department would be \$1000.00 and initial treatment for the Red Building would be \$1603.00. Treatment is required for these two buildings in order to be put on an annual contract. Discussion followed. Mayor Simmons asked for a motion to treat the Fire Department and Red Building as well as

sign an annual contract with United Termite and Pest Control at the above-mentioned price. Motion was made by Alderman Essary and seconded by Alderman Berry. All members voted in favor.

#### THACKER STORMWATER CLASS

Mayor Simmons asked Alderman Berry about the Stormwater Class that was approved for Jonathan Thacker. Alderman Berry stated that he was contacted by Thacker and asked if there would be a pay increase following certification for the class. Discussion followed. The issue was tabled until the next council meeting on June 3, 2019 when Thacker could be present.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### MINIMUM WAGE EMPLOYEES

Mayor Simmons explained to the Board of Alderman that following the decision to raise starting pay to \$8.60 per hour for City employees, a problem was created for three current full-time employees (Kenneth Taylor, Jeremy Morefield and Tyler Haynes). After a new employee receives his 90 day pay raise of \$0.50/ hour, the new employee would be making more than the others who have been employed for four years with the exception of Haynes who has been employed for one. Discussion followed. Mayor Simmons asked for a motion to raise the pay rate for Kenneth Taylor and Jeremy Morefield to \$9.40 per hour and Tyler Haynes to \$9.10 per hour effective immediately. Motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Essary.

#### CHANGE ORDER #6 – STP SIDEWALKS

Mayor Simmons introduced Change Order #6 for the Sewer Treatment Plant project. This change order would install 180 ft of sidewalks at the location. Discussion followed. Alderman Essary stated that both proposed costs only factored in a 4inch depth. He would like to see the 4ft wide sidewalk at a 6inch depth. The issue was tabled until June 3, 2019. Rachel Wrather, City Clerk, will contact our engineers to revise the change order.

#### DANGEROUS DOG ADDITION TO ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

Mayor Simmons presented a proposal from Animal Control Officer Tammy Puryear to be added to the current Animal Control ordinance in regard to dangerous dogs. Discussion followed. Alderman Berry stated that he would like to add to the proposed addition that after a three-year period if there are no incidents reported with an animal located on the dangerous dog registry then it could be removed. Rachel Wrather, City Clerk, will contact Terry McVey, City Attorney, to get that added in. The issue was tabled until June 3, 2019.

#### AIR COMPRESSOR OLD TRASH TRUCK

Mayor Simmons asked Alderman Berry if he wanted to present the issues regarding the back up trash truck. Alderman Berry explained that the air compressor on the back up trash truck had gone out. A quote from D&D

Wrecker Service was presented with a repair cost of \$2475.12. Discussion followed. Mayor Simmons asked for a motion to accept the quote from D&D Wrecker Service for \$2475.12 to repair the back up trash truck. Motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Essary. All members voted in favor.

#### PUBLIC FORUM

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

#### JIMMY BARRON

Jimmy Barron approached the Board of Alderman. Barron would like to see the property he owns on Skyview Road be voluntarily annexed into the City of Portageville so he can have sewer service ran to the property. Discussion followed. Rachel Wrather, City Clerk, will contact Terry McVey, City Attorney, in order to see what this process would intel. Mayor Simmons stated that Barron would be working with Alderman Berry and Scott Patterson on this project. The issue was tabled until more information is available.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was none.

#### MAYOR AND ALDERMAN COMMENTS

Mayor Simmons stated that the Street Department Chipper previously listed on Govdeals sold for \$8500.00, and the Water Department Chevy previously listed on Govdeals sold for \$3075.00.

Mayor Simmons called Ronnie Adams, Police Chief, up to discuss the copy machine at the Police Department. Adams stated that the copy machine at the Police Department had quit and was too old to repair. He distributed two quotes from Novacopy. Discussion followed. The issue was tabled until the June 3, 2019 meeting. Amy Hargrave with Novacopy will be asked to attend this meeting.

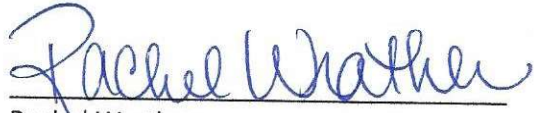
Ronnie Adams, Police Chief, approached the Board of Alderman regarding pay rates for certain officers. Discussion followed. Mayor Simmons asked for a motion to approve a pay rate increase for Linda Sweatt, Lead Dispatcher, to \$14.00 per hour while removing the monthly tech pay of \$50.00 she currently received. Motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Doering. All members voted in favor. Freddie Hill and Rachel Wrather, City Clerk, will come up with a rate chart based on rank for review at the June 3, 2019 meeting. Chris Cooley, SRO officer, will be working for the Portageville Police Department during the summer months until school starts back in August. Rachel Wrather, City Clerk, was advised that he will be paid \$15.78 per hour during these months.

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Board of Alderman will hold a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 3, 2019 at City Hall, 301 E Main, starting at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Alderman Berry, seconded by Alderman Essary and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.



Rachel Wrather  
City Clerk



Floyd Simmons  
Mayor

