

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

~~OLD BOARD~~

Portageville City Hall
June 6, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City of Portageville Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, June 6, 2022, at City Hall, 301 E Main St. Mayor Dennis Walker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present

Alderman Johnson
Alderman Adams
Alderman Hollingshead
Alderman Estes

Council Members Absent

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

Also present were:

Rachel Wrather, City Clerk

Susan Warren

Jimmy Wyman

Joey Walters

Al DeLisle

Michael Allred

Ronnie K. Adams, Police Chief

Angela Lunbeck

Corey Sisk

Greg Gowan

Jonathan Thacker

Members of the Portageville High
School Boy's Baseball Team

Carol Bowden

Terry Wheeler

Roosevelt Mosby

George DeLisle

Larry Dooley

Edna Robinson

Angela Copeland

TR Thompson

Gail Lunbeck

Chris Stinnett

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Adams and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

P&Z Public Hearing Alley Abandonment – 05/03/22

Building Commission – 05/03/22

Reg. Mtg.- 05/03/22

PCDC – 05/12/22

Mid Month – 05/16/22

Mayor Walker 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 Walker asked if there were any additions or deletions to the minutes. There were none.

Moved by Alderman Hollingshead, seconded by Alderman Adams and unanimously carried, to approve the submitted minutes for the month of May.

PROCLAMATION

2022-2: PHS Baseball

Mayor Walker introduced Proclamation 2022-2 recognizing the accomplishments of the Portageville High School Boy's Baseball team and setting the week of June 6, 2022 as Portageville High School Baseball week in Portageville, Missouri.

Mayor Walker entertained a motion to approve Proclamation 2022-2. Motion was made by Alderman Adams. Alderman Hollingshead seconded. All members voted in favor.

ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2022-1: ARPA Authorization

Mayor Walker introduced Resolution 2022-1:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CENTER'S STATE ARPA GRANT PROGRAMS FOR SUBAWARD OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO THE STATE OF MISSOURI BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY PURSUANT TO SECTION 602(B) OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, AS ADDED BY SECTION 9901 OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

Mayor Walker entertained a motion for the First Reading of Resolution 2022-1. A motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Johnson. All members voted in favor. Mayor Walker entertained a motion for the Second Reading of Resolution 2022-1. A motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Hollingshead. A roll call vote was taken. Voting was as follows: Alderman Johnson, yea; Alderman Adams, yea; Alderman Estes, yea; Alderman Hollingshead, yea. Motion passes.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

Mayor Walker recognized Angela Lunbeck who asked the Board of Aldermen about Speed Limits within the City and was informed that the speed limit was 20 mph unless posted.

Mayor Walker recognized TR Thompson who had an issue with manhole lids on Huffman Ave and was told the issue would be addressed with Terry Wheeler, Sewer Superintendent.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

RONNIE ADAMS- CHIEF OF POLICE

Turned in a written report for the month of May.

Alderman Johnson would like to see checks done for ATV and City Stickers. Chief Adams stated he would obtain the necessary lists from City Hall.

GEORGE DELISLE- FIRE CHIEF

Turned in a written report for the month of May.

Chief DeLisle updated the Board regarding the pressure testing of the hydrants and stated that they had found one plug that needed to be replaced. He also asked if the Board could agree that the funds from the sell of the fire equipment due to the new tanker/pumper be placed in the bank account established for the payment of the truck. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to approve the request. Motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Hollingshead. All members voted in favor.

PARK BOARD

Turned in a written report for the month of May.

Mayor Walker stated that the report referenced that three people had been nominated to fill vacancies on the Park Board. Nominations were Dustin Crafton, Marcus Partin and Henon Thacker. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to approve the nominations. Motion was made by Alderman Adams. Alderman Estes seconded. All members voted in favor.

JOEY WALTERS- STREET & SOLID WASTE SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of May.

Alderman Johnson stated that the Solid Waste Department needed to make sure that dumpster pickups go through City Hall, and that department members do not just pick them up on their own anymore.

JIMMY WYMAN- WATER SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of May.

Wyman stated that the transducer was in and that he would be climbing the water tower when the weather cooperated to install it.

TERRY WHEELER- SEWER SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of May.

ROOSEVELT MOSBY- ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Turned in a written report for the month of May.

Mosby was asked about the dogs on 7th street that previously had been an issue but taken out of town. Mosby confirmed they were back and he would be contacting the owner.

JONATHAN THACKER- CODE ENFORCEMENT

Turned in a written report for the month of May.

Thacker was asked about the expansion at PJ Express and asked to present to P&Z before the permit was written.

Alderman Johnson asked about properties with pools requiring fencing to which Thacker replied that they all have material ordered but have not received it yet.

Several Aldermen questioned the progress on James Bumpus' property on West 8th Street that was removed from the Building Commission list in May 2022. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to have the City proceed with cleaning up the lot and invoicing Bumpus for the expense. Motion was made by Alderman Adams. Alderman Johnson seconded. All members voted in favor.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Turned in a written report for the month of May.

Alderman Johnson reported that at their last meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission agreed to drop the R1 to C1 changes previously recommended to the Board of Alderman. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to cancel the drafting of an ordinance amending the changes brought by Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion was made by Alderman Johnson. Alderman Adams seconded. All members voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

MEATTE PARK WATER TOWER REPAIR

Mayor Walker stated that there was no additional information to report. Jimmy Wyman is still in the process of securing bids for the repair.

MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK APPLICATIONS

Mayor Walker asked Chris Stinnett if he would like to speak about the hiring of a new court clerk. Stinnett stated that he had conducted an interview with an applicant, but they mutually agreed that the time required would not fit with their schedule. Discussion followed. Stinnett stated that he would like to see Sarah Williams who is a part-time dispatcher with the City of Portageville fill the position for the time being at a rate of \$12.00 per hour. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to approve Sarah Williams at \$12.00 per hour for the part-time Municipal Court Clerk position. Motion was made by Alderman Adams. Alderman Estes seconded. All members voted in favor.

CITY ELECTRICIAN APPLICATIONS

Mayor Walker stated that no additional applications had been received for the position of electrician for the City. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to hire Brett James at the rate of \$50.00 monthly retainer and \$50 per hour for work completed. Motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Estes. All members voted in favor.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT - WATER RATES

Mayor Walker explained that Horner Shifrin had updated the City of Portageville on the ARPA funding scoring system that will be used to determine eligibility for funding of the new Water Treatment Plant. At this time, it is recommended that to obtain additional points the water rate needed to be amended. The proposed change would see the base rate stay at \$9.56 and the amount per 1,000 gallons would increase from \$3.26 to \$3.37. This would set the rate for 5000 gallons at \$26.41 instead of \$25.86. Discussion followed. Alderman Estes voiced that she was against the increase. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to draft an amendment to the ordinance setting the proposed rate as stated above. Motion was made by Alderman Adams. Alderman Johnson seconded. Voting was as follows: Alderman Johnson, yea; Alderman Adams, yea; Alderman Hollingshead, yea; Alderman Estes, nay. Motion passes. The amendment will be drafted for voting at the mid-month meeting June 21, 2022. The change will become effective as of July billing.

NEW BUSINESS

STREET PAVING 2022

Mayor Walker stated that it was time to be looking for areas that needed to be paved with the Road Tax funds collected during FY2022. He asked that all members prepare a list for review at the July 5, 2022 meeting. The amount allocated for the street paving is \$203,886.55.

JAYCEE FIREWORKS DONATION

Mayor Walker stated that a requested had been made from the Portageville Jaycees for a donation toward the firework show planned for Community Day on July 2, 2022. Discussion followed. Alderman Estes expressed her concerns with allowing fireworks inside City limits. Alderman Johnson made a motion to donate \$1000.00 toward the fireworks. Alderman Hollingshead seconded. Voting was as follows: Alderman Johnson, yea; Alderman Adams, yea; Alderman Hollingshead, yea; Alderman Estes, nay. Motion passes.

JAYCEE COMMUNITY DAY SPONSORSHIP

Mayor Walker asked the Board of Alderman if they would like to be sponsors for Community Day to be held on July 1 & 2, 2022.

Discussion followed. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to sponsor the event at the Platinum Level in the amount of \$500.00. Motion was made by Alderman Adams. Alderman Johnson seconded. All members voted in favor.

FIREWORK APPLICATIONS

Mayor Walker informed the Board that two businesses had requested fireworks license to sell fireworks within the City limits of Portageville. The two applicants were as follows:

Spencer Walls DBA K&S Fireworks	301 Highway 61 N Portageville, MO 63873
Ashlie Patton DBA Ashlie Patton Enterprises LLC	102 W Main St Portageville, MO 63873

Alderman Estes again expressed her dislike of citizens being allowed to shoot fireworks inside city limits. Discussion followed.

Mayor Walker asked for a motion to approve K&S Fireworks. Motion was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Hollingshead. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Walker asked for a motion to approve Ashlie Patton Enterprises LLC. Motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Hollingshead. All members voted in favor.

Alderman Estes asked to revisit fireworks being allowed inside city limits at the mid-month meeting on June 21, 2022.

MOU SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER 2022-2023

Mayor Walker presented last year's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Portageville and the Portageville School District concerning our School Resource Officer (SRO) to the Board of Alderman. Mayor Walker asked if there were any changes to be made for the 2022-2023 School Year. There were none. Mayor Walker informed the Board of Alderman that Michael Allred, Superintendent of Portageville School District, did not have any changes to make. Alderman Adams made a motion to draft and sign an MOU for the 2022-2023 school year and list Dennis Walker as the signer of the document. Alderman Johnson seconded. All members voted in favor.

SIDEWALK REMOVAL @ 303 HUFFMAN AVE

Mayor Walker explained that Susan Warren had approached the Code Enforcement Officer about removing the sidewalk in front of her residence at 303 Huffman Ave., but not placing it back. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker stated that he would like to consult with Terry McVey, City Attorney, before making a decision on

this matter. It will be placed on the agenda for the June 21, 2022, mid-month meeting.

CHILD AT PLAY SIGNS – WEST 11TH BETWEEN HUFFMAN AND MACARTHUR

Mayor Walker asked Alderman Johnson to address the placement of the child at play sign. Alderman Johnson stated that a citizen had approached her with the request to place a Child At Play sign on West 11th St. between Huffman Ave and MacArthur Ave. Discussion followed. Alderman Johnson made a motion to place the sign at the above-mentioned location. Alderman Adams seconded. All members voted in favor.

JUNETEETH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE ADDITION

Mayor Walker stated that last year Juneteenth, observed on June 19th, had been made a federal holiday and needed to be added to the employee holiday schedule. Discussion followed. Alderman Johnson made a motion to add Juneteenth as a paid holiday to the holiday schedule for City employees. Alderman Hollingshead seconded. All members voted in favor.

1013 DELISLE ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS

Mayor Walker stated that the city had acquired 1013 Delisle Ave after the tax sale held last August. A Collector's Deed was obtained on the property from the New Madrid County Collector who stated the City was able to proceed with selling the property. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to advertise that the City was accepting sealed bids on the property, and they would be reviewed at the July 5, 2022, meeting. A minimum bid would be set at the amount of money the City has in the property. Motion was made by Alderman Hollingshead. Alderman Johnson seconded. All members voted in favor.

LARRY DOOLEY CLASS REGISTRATION & HOTEL – FORMAL VOTE

Mayor Walker explained that Larry Dooley was able to secure a spot at a class held in Fenton, Missouri for his operator certification, but would like to stay overnight one day a week instead of having to drive back and forth. A text vote was taken over email, but a formal vote needed to be taken for the record. Alderman Adams made a motion to approve the overnight stay. Alderman Johnson seconded. All members voted in favor.

CHRIS STINNETT, MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

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

Fines Collected	\$2574.02
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APPROVAL OF
FINANCIAL REPORTS
Municipal Court

Inmate Security	\$31.00
Crime Victime Compensation	\$6.33
LET Fund	\$32.00
Clerk Fees	\$205.75
TOTAL	\$2849.10

City Collector
City Treasurer

MICHELE CRAWFORD, CITY COLLECTOR

RACHEL WRATHER, CITY TREASURER

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

Turned over to City Treasurer:	\$123,064.03
Received from City Collector:	
Park Fund	\$222.59
General Fund	\$3,116.76
Health Fund	\$267.11
Street Fund	\$299.00
Solid Waste Fund	\$33,989.84
Water & Sewer Fund	\$83,888.73
Meter Deposits	\$1,280.00
TOTAL	\$123,064.03
Received from City Clerk:	
General Fund	\$65,951.41
Street Fund	\$12,903.10
Sales Tax	\$59,818.35
TOTAL	\$138,672.86
Interest on Deposits	\$18.28
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$261,755.17

Mayor Walker entertained a motion to approve Municipal Court Judge, City Collector and City Treasurer reports for the month of May. Motion was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Hollingshead. All members voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A list of outstanding bills was given to the Mayor and Council for the month of May. After checking the bills, Mayor Walker asked for a motion. Motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Estes. All members voted in favor.

Alderman Estes did comment that she was going to approach local businesses about providing a discount for City purchases.

MAYOR AND
COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Walker asked if there were any comments from any members of the Board of Alderman.

Mayor Walker took the time to let the current Board of Alderman know how much he appreciated them and how happy he was with the way things were moving forward.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Johnson to adjourn to Executive Session in accordance with Section 610-021.1 RSMo to discuss personnel and litigation.

The vote thereon was as follows:

Alderman Johnson	"Aye"
Alderman Adams	"Aye"
Alderman Hollingshead	"Aye"
Alderman Estes	"Aye"

Motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Johnson to adjourn back to regular session at 9:02 p.m.

Roll call was as follows:

Alderman Johnson	"Aye"
Alderman Adams	"Aye"
Alderman Hollingshead	"Aye"
Alderman Estes	"Aye"

OPEN SESSION/
DATE OF NEXT MEETING

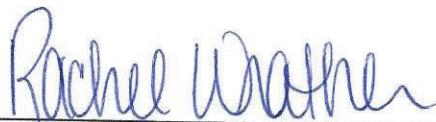
There will be a Building Commission meeting on June 21, 2022 at 5:45 p.m. at City Hall, 301 E Main, Portageville.

There will be a mid-month meeting on June 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 301 E Main, Portageville.

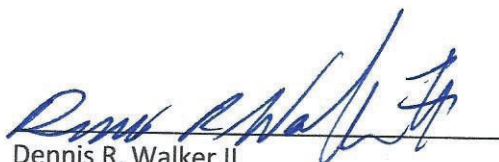
The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 301 E Main, Portageville.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Alderman McCrate, seconded by Alderman Hollingshead and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.



Rachel Wrather
City Clerk



Dennis R. Walker II
Mayor