

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Portageville City Hall
June 7, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City of Portageville Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, June 7, 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 Walker
Alderman Johnston

Council Members Absent

Alderman Adams

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

Also present were:

Rachel Wrather, City Clerk
Mary Kate Hollingshead
Al DeLisle
Carol Bowden
Chris Cooley
Ben Morman
Sam Tillman
Joe DeLisle
Chris Stinnett

Terry McVey, City Attorney
Ronnie K Adams
George DeLisle
Corey Sisk
Dave Devaughn
Jonathan Thacker
Freddie Hill
Kim Ivie

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Reg. Mtg.- 05/03/21
Budget – 05/19/21

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 McCrate, seconded by Alderman Johnston and unanimously carried, to approve the submitted minutes for the month of May.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

RONNIE ADAMS - CHIEF OF POLICE

Turned in a written report for the month of May.

Chief Adams stated that there was a discrepancy on the report. They had 3 drug investigations, not one.

GEORGE DELISLE- FIRE CHIEF

Turned in a written report for the month of May.

DeLisle approached the Board of Alderman concerning the purchase of a new tanker/pumper truck for the Fire Department. The price would be between \$300,000.00 and \$400,000.00. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry will talk with USDA about grant or loan opportunities associated with the purchase of a new truck.

DeLisle also commented that he is struggling getting the Fire Hydrant Testing Policy put into motion. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry will talk to Jimmy Wyman, Water Superintendent, about the testing that needs to be completed.

PARK BOARD

Turned in a written report for the month of May.

JOEY WALTERS- STREET & SOLID WASTE SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of May.

JIMMY WYMAN- WATER SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of May.

TERRY WHEELER- SEWER SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of May.

Alderman McCrate stated that the report showed where the pumps were pulled at the lift station near the former Fred's Building multiple times. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry will meet with management from the Portageville Nursing Home about this issue.

SCOTT PATTERSON- PRE-TREATMENT COORDINATOR

No report was turned in for the month of May.

ROOSEVELT MOSBY- ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Turned in a written report for the month of May.

Mayor Berry reported that Mosby had received the new tranquilizer gun.

JONATHAN THACKER- CODE ENFORCEMENT

Turned in a written report for the month of May.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

No report was turned in for the month of May.

ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Berry introduced Bill No. 1309:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 500.100 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PORTAGEVILLE TO REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION OF WATER AND SEWER TAPS PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS.

Mayor Berry entertained a motion for the First Reading of Bill No. 1309. A motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Johnston. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Berry entertained a motion for the Second Reading of Bill No. 1309. A motion was made by Alderman Johnston and seconded by Alderman McCrate. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting was as follows: Alderman McCrate, yea; Alderman Adams, absent; Alderman Walker, yea; Alderman Johnston, yea.

After hearing Bill No. 1309 read two times, passed, and approved, Mayor declared Bill No. 1309 to become Ordinance No. 1309 this 7th day of May 2021.

OLD BUSINESS

TOTON PROPERTY ISSUES

Mayor Berry asked Jonathan Thacker, Code Enforcement Officer, to update the citizens and Board of Aldermen regarding the Toton Property on West 5th Street. Discussion followed. Terry McVey, City Attorney, informed everyone that an administrative search warrant will need to be issued to gain entrance into the property to determine if it meets criteria to be considered a health and/or safety hazard. The issue was tabled until the July 12, 2021, meeting.

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mayor Berry stated that he would like to table this issue until the July 12, 2021, meeting.

AUTO-READ METERS FINANCING BID

Mayor Berry stated that the City of Portageville received three bids for the financing of auto-read meters in the amount of \$300,000.00 for a five-to-seven-year period. The bids were as follows:

First State Bank and Trust Company, Inc.	2.866%	Five-to-Seven-year term
Bank of New Madrid	2.6%	Five-, Six- or Seven-year term
First State Community Bank	1.98%	Five-year fixed rate term
	2.49%	Seven-year fixed rate term

Discussion followed. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to accept the bid from First State Community Bank for a five-year fixed rate at 1.98% interest. Motion was made by Alderman Johnston and seconded by Alderman Walker. Voting was as follows: Alderman McCrate, abstained; Alderman Adams, absent; Alderman Walker, yea; Alderman Johnston, yea. Motion passes.

AUTO-READ METERS TECHNOLOGY FEE

Mayor Berry asked Dave Devaughn from Midwest Meter to answer questions anyone had about the auto-read meter system. Discussion followed. The meters will come with an \$0.89 technology fee that will need to be added to customer bills beginning in September 2021. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to approve the purchase of auto-read meters from Midwest Meter and implement the \$0.89 technology fee on all utility billing beginning September 2021. Motion was made by Alderman Walker and seconded by Alderman Johnston. Voting was as follows: Alderman McCrate, abstained; Alderman Adams, absent; Alderman Walker, yea; Alderman Johnston, yea. Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS

STREET PAVING 2021

Mayor Berry stated that City had \$198,210.41 to spend on street paving in 2021. Based on current market prices, that would allow for approximately 1.5 miles of paving. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry asked for each Alderman to provide a list of streets needing resurfaced at the next meeting. The paving list will be decided on July 12, 2021.

WATER PLANT ENGINEERING REPORT

Mayor Berry informed the Board of Aldermen that the meeting with USDA had went well and that the City was advised to put out a Request For Qualifications (RFQ) for an Engineering Report to get the project of updating the water treatment plant started. Discussion followed. It was stated that Lambert Engineering would be added, and Smith and Company would be omitted from the list of potential engineering firms. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to advertise for Preliminary Engineering Report Request for Qualifications. Motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Walker. All members voted in favor.

The submitted RFQs will be opened at the July 12, 2021 meeting.

POLICE OFFICER BULLET PROOF VESTS

Mayor Berry stated that the Police Department would like to purchase the bullet proof vests that were approved in their budget. The ten vests are from Ed Roehr Safety Products for \$8850.00 which is with state contract bid #CC-201981002. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry would like to see this applied to the USDA equipment grant with the remaining funds that are left. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to approve the above-mentioned

purchase in the amount of \$8850.00. Motion was made by Alderman Walker and seconded by Alderman Johnston. All members voted in favor. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to approve adding the item to the USDA equipment grant if applicable. Motion was made by Alderman Johnston and seconded by Alderman McCrate. All members voted in favor. Rachel Wrather, City Clerk, will contact Jason Hartke with USDA about adding the purchase to the equipment grant.

POLICE DEPT FULL & PART TIME PAY RATE INCREASE – DW

Mayor Berry asked Alderman Walker to discuss the item he placed on the agenda. Alderman Walker stated that he would like to see the pay increased for part-time reserve officers to \$18.00 per hour to lessen the overtime load of the full-time officers. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to approve the reserve officer pay increase to \$18.00 per hour effective immediately. Motion was made by Alderman Walker and seconded by Alderman Johnston. All members voted in favor. Pay increases for full-time officers will be placed on the July 12, 2021 agenda.

POLICE DEPT DUTY WEAPONS – DW

Mayor Berry asked Alderman Walker to discuss the current situation with police officer weapons. Alderman Walker stated that many officers are using their own weapons, instead of department issued guns due to the lack of weapons available. Alderman Walker would like to see four additional weapons purchased for the department. Discussion followed. Alderman McCrate stated that while he was Mayor the Police Department purchased ten Glock 40 for department use. Sam Tillman will check the system and Chief Adams will try to account for all purchased weapons. The issue was tabled until July 12, 2021.

REINSTALLING 5500 PHONE LINE @ POLICE DEPT – DW

Mayor Berry asked Alderman Walker to elaborate on the reinstallation of the 5500 phone line to the Police Department. Alderman Walker stated that many agencies still rely on 573-379-5500 to contact the Portageville Police Department and currently it is set up to an answering machine redirecting people to call 911 for an emergency. Alderman Walker would like to see the number placed back at the Portageville Police Department. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry stated that once the fiber digital lines are installed, calls made to 5500 will once again be rerouted to New Madrid County Emergency personnel to be answered. Alderman Walker stated he would like the line to be answered at the Portageville location instead of rerouted. The issue was tabled until the July 12, 2021 meeting.

RADAR UNITS FOR POLICE DEPT - DW

Mayor Berry stated that the Portageville Police Department are in need of two additional radar units for police vehicles. Alderman Walker presented a

quote in the amount of \$1611.00 per radar gun from Stalker Radar. The department would need two of these. Discussion followed. The Board of Aldermen believe that this purchase is necessary for public health and safety of their citizens. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to approve the purchase in the amount of \$3222.00 from Stalker Radar. Motion was made by Alderman Walker and seconded by Alderman McCrate. All members voted in favor. The funding for this purchase will come from the Health Fund.

FIREWORKS SALES APPLICATIONS

Mayor Berry informed the Board of Aldermen that there were two applicants who would like to sale fireworks in the City of Portageville this year. They are as follows:

Spencer Walls	301 Highway 61 Portageville, MO 63873
David Patton	102 West Main St Portageville, MO 63873

Mayor Berry asked for a motion to approve the two applicants to sale fireworks for the 2021 season. Motion was made by Alderman Walker and seconded by Alderman McCrate. All members voted in favor.

PORTAGEVILLE JAYCEE FIREWORK DONATION

Mayor Berry stated that the Portageville Jaycees would be hosting Community Day on July 2 & 3, 2021 at Meatte Park in Portageville, Missouri. The Jaycees would like the City of Portageville to donate \$2000.00 toward the firework show to held on Saturday, July 3, 2021. Alderman Johnston made a motion to donate \$2000.00 to the Portageville Jaycee Firework Show. 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. There were none.

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 May as follows:

Fines Collected	\$352.50
Inmate Security	\$18.00
Crime Victim Compensation	\$3.33
LET Fund	\$18.00
Clerk Fees	\$108.00
TOTAL	\$499.83

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:	\$122,830.80
Received from City Collector:	
Park Fund	\$388.02
General Fund	\$2,258.16
Health Fund	\$625.62
Street Fund	\$203.00
Solid Waste Fund	\$35,097.07
Water & Sewer Fund	\$82,858.93
Red Building	\$200.00
Meter Deposits	\$1,200.00
TOTAL	\$122,830.80
Received from City Clerk:	
General Fund	\$68,302.93
Street Fund	\$13,297.39
Sales Tax	\$51,519.05
Water & Sewer Fund	\$430.00
TOTAL	\$133,549.37
Interest on Deposits	\$20.33
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$256,400.50

Mayor Berry entertained a motion to approve Municipal Court Judge, City Collector and City Treasurer reports for the month of May. Motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Johnston. 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 Berry asked for a motion. Motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Johnston. 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 McCrate stated that something needed to be done about Burlington Northern Railroad not taking care of their ditches. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry will contact the railroad company concerning the issue.

Alderman Johnston and Alderman Walker both mentioned the two water leaks on West 6th Street that are still not fixed. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry will get an update from Jimmy Wyman, Water Superintendent, concerning these leaks.

Mayor Berry commented that he had met with Pemiscot Dunklin who was interested in bringing fiber internet to Portageville. There are a few cities in the running for them to go to next with Portageville being one. A decision will be made on June 24, 2021 as to which City will be awarded the service. Mayor Berry stated that he had been researching the paperless option for the Board of Alderman. He would like authorization to purchase on Surface Pro for the Mayor and 4 additional tablets for PDF viewing. Discussion followed. Alderman Johnston made a motion to approve the purchase. Alderman Walker seconded. All members voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Johnston to adjourn to Executive Session in accordance with Section 610-021.1 RSMo to discuss personnel.

The vote thereon was as follows:

Alderman McCrate	"Aye"
Alderman Adams	Absent
Alderman Walker	"Aye"
Alderman Johnston	"Aye"

Motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Walker to adjourn back to regular session at 7:30 p.m.

Roll call was as follows:

Alderman McCrate	"Aye"
Alderman Adams	Absent
Alderman Walker	"Aye"
Alderman Johnston	"Aye"

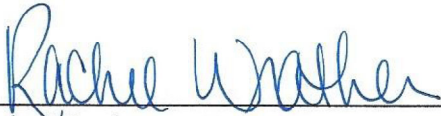
DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Financial Review Session will be held on Thursday, June 10, 2021 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at City Hall.


There will be a regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 12, 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 Johnston and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.



Rachel Wrather
City Clerk



Vince Berry
Mayor