

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Portageville City Hall  
July 11, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

\*Scheduled for July 11, 2022 due to the Independence Day Holiday.

A meeting of the City of Portageville Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, July 11, 2022, at City Hall, 301 E Main St. This meeting was originally scheduled for 6:00 p.m., but due to an unexpected event that led to an absence of Alderman Hollingshead, the meeting was postponed until 7:45 p.m. in order to have a quorum present. Notices were posted on the door of City Hall, along with the official website and Facebook page for the City of Portageville. Mayor Dennis Walker called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present  
Alderman Johnson  
Alderman Adams  
Alderman Estes

Council Members Absent  
Alderman Hollingshead

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

Also present were:

Rachel Wrather, City Clerk

Susan Warren

Jeremy Green

Joey Walters

Al DeLisle

Jonathan Thacker

Ronnie K. Adams, Police Chief

Jay Bumpus

Jonathan Patton

Carol Bowden

Terry Wheeler

Roosevelt Mosby

George DeLisle

Sam Tillman

Edna Robinson

Scott Patterson

APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA

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

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

PCDC – 06/06/22

Building Commission – 06/06/22

Reg. Mtg.- 06/06/22

Building Commission – 06/21/22

Mid-Month – 06/21/22

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 Estes, seconded by Alderman Adams and unanimously carried, to approve the submitted minutes for the month of June.

## ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2022-2: Pre-Treatment

Mayor Walker introduced Resolution 2022-2:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PORTAGEVILLE, MISSOURI  
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSED PRETREATMENT  
PROGRAM MODIFICATION TO THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES.

Mayor Walker entertained a motion for the First Reading of Resolution 2022-2. A motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Estes. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Walker entertained a motion for the Second Reading of Resolution 2022-2. A motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Johnson. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting was as follows: Alderman Johnson, yea; Alderman Adams, yea; Alderman Estes, yea; Alderman Hollingshead, absent. 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 Susan Warren. Warren addressed the Board of Aldermen with an issue relating to her current water bill. Discussion followed. Alderman Adams made a motion to give Warren a one-time adjustment to the bill. Alderman Estes seconded. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Walker stated that Connie Frakes was listed on the agenda but not present.

Mayor Walker recognized James Bumpus. Bumpus approached the Board of Aldermen about the City abandoning the alley adjacent to his property. Discussion followed. Research will be done to establish if half of the alley had previously been abandoned. Alderman Johnson made a motion to draft an ordinance to abandon the alley. Alderman Adams seconded. All members voted in favor.

Bumpus also asked to be placed on a payment plan for his cleanup. Discussion followed. Alderman Adams made a motion to approve establishing a 6-month payment plan with the first payment of \$279.95 being due on August 1, 2022. If payments 1-5 are made by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month, the last payment will be forgiven. If the bill is

not paid in full by January 1, 2022, a tax lien for the remaining amount owed will be placed on the property. Alderman Johnson seconded. All members voted in favor.

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

### RONNIE ADAMS- CHIEF OF POLICE

Turned in a written report for the month of June.

### GEORGE DELISLE- FIRE CHIEF

Turned in a written report for the month of June.

Chief DeLisle asked the Board of Alderman to support issuing a City wide burn ban until a significant rainfall exists. Discussion followed. Alderman Adams made a motion in support of the burn ban effective immediately. Alderman Johnson seconded. All members voted in favor.

Delisle informed members that the air conditioning went out in one vehicle and was at TAG truck center being looked at.

### PARK BOARD

No one was in attendance and no information was submitted.

### JOEY WALTERS- STREET & SOLID WASTE SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of June.

Walters was present and stated that the City had received multiple deliveries of pipe to be used on the McCrate Drainage Ditch Project. New Madrid County has agreed to do the hauling of the aggregate from Southeast Missouri Stone. Walters stated the rock will be stockpiled at the Street Shed with the Street Department hauling it to McCrate Avenue as needed. The project is on schedule to begin sometime in August.

### JIMMY WYMAN- WATER SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of June.

Wyman was absent, but Alderman Estes stated that Vandevanteer Engineering had fixed the electricity issue at the Water Plant and would be returning to repair the controller. Ozark Applicators had been contacted about the catwalk repair at the Meatte Park Water Tower and would be providing a quote.

### TERRY WHEELER- SEWER SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of June.

### ROOSEVELT MOSBY- ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Turned in a written report for the month of June.

### JONATHAN THACKER- CODE ENFORCEMENT

Turned in a written report for the month of June.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Turned in a written report for the month of June.

OLD BUSINESS

STREET PAVING 2022

Mayor Walker presented a list of options provided by the Board of Aldermen for paving. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to advertise for the following streets to be paved: Margaret Street in its entirety; Huffman Ave from Main to the end of City limits at the Bay Bridge; and the intersection only of West 11 Street and MacArthur Ave. Motion was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Estes. All members voted in favor.

BIDS FOR 1013 DELISLE AVE.

Mayor Walker stated that two bids were received for 1013 DeLisle Ave. The bids were as follows:

Marcus Partin DBA M Partin Rentals	\$3000.00
John Estes & Tyler Gee	\$1501.00

Discussion followed. Alderman Johnson made a motion to award the property to Marcus Partin at the bid amount of \$3000.00. Alderman Estes seconded. All members voted in favor.

HAULING BIDS

Mayor Walker stated that three quotes had been obtained for hauling of the aggregate needed for the McCrate Drainage project; however, New Madrid County offered to haul the minus from Southeast Missouri Stone for a minimal fee if any. The quotes were not reviewed. A motion was made by Alderman Adams to allow New Madrid County to haul the aggregate and stockpile it at the City Street Shed until needed. Alderman Johnson seconded. All members voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

RED BUILDING TABLES

Mayor Walker asked Alderman Johnson to speak on the issue of the tables at the Red Building. Alderman Johnson informed the Board that several tables were damaged, and she had tried to repair them, but some could not be fixed. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to purchase (3) three eight-foot tables from Woods Lumber Company for approximately \$125.00 each. Alderman Adams made the motion to purchase and Alderman Estes seconded. All members voted in favor.

#### POLICE CAR

Mayor Walker stated that we had one police car that is out of commission and requiring a new transmission. There is also another police car in the shop awaiting a diagnosis. Chief Adams stated that they are budgeted for and would like to purchase at least one new car and not spend the money for a new transmission. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to approve the Police Dept being put on the list for a state bid Tahoe from Don Brown Chevrolet in the amount of \$39,676.00 when one becomes available. Motion was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Estes. All members voted in favor. In the meantime, funding options will be researched including utilizing USDA for an equipment style grant.

#### SAM TILLMAN ENGAGEMENT LETTER – PRICE INCREASE

Mayor Walker explained that Sam Tillman, City Accountant, had presented an updated engagement letter for his services that increased the monthly price for his services from \$2400 to \$3000. Discussion followed. Tillman explained the issue was presented to him by his liability carrier and while he didn't want to increase his fee, it was necessary. Motion was made by Alderman Adams to accept the increase. Alderman Estes seconded. All members voted in favor.

#### HOUSING CHICKENS IN CITY LIMITS

Mayor Walker asked Alderman Johnson to speak on the issue of chickens being harbored in City limits. Alderman Johnson explained that while currently it is against ordinance to allow chickens in city limits, there are many citizens that have them. There are also several complaints that have come in recently about chickens and roosters. Alderman Johnson would like to amend the ordinance regulating the keeping of chickens in City limits. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to amend the ordinance. Motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Estes. All members voted in favor.

#### MML CONFERENCE ATTENDENCE

Mayor Walker asked if any of the Alderman would like to attend the Missouri Municipal League annual conference. Discussion followed. Alderman Johnson made a motion to send Rachel Wrather, City Clerk, to the conference in place of an Alderman attending. Motion was seconded by Alderman Estes. All members voted in favor.

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Mayor Walker informed the Board of Alderman that due to the abrupt exit of Corey Sisk, the position of Emergency Management

Director had become available. There were two recommendations made to the Board for that position: Chris Cooley and Jonathan Patton. Discussion followed. Alderman Adams made a motion to appoint Chris Cooley to the position of Emergency Management Director and allow Jonathan Patton to be his Assistant and shadow at a rate of \$50.00 a quarter or \$200.00 annually. Alderman Johnson seconded. All members voted in favor.

**BOOTHEEL REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FY2023 DUES**

Mayor Walker stated that the City received a letter from the Bootheel Regional Planning Commission for FY2023 renewal of dues in the amount of \$1708.70. Discussion followed. Alderman Johnson made a motion to pay the renewal dues in the amount of \$1780.00. Alderman Adams seconded. All members voted in favor.

**AERIAL FIRETRUCK INSPECTION**

Mayor Walker presented a quote from American Test Center for the annual aerial fire truck inspection in the amount of \$590.00. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to approve. Alderman Estes made the motion and Alderman Adams seconded. All members voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF  
FINANCIAL REPORTS  
Municipal Court

**CHRIS STINNETT, MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE**

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

Fines Collected	\$1053.00
Inmate Security	\$18.00
Crime Victim Compensation	\$3.85
LET Fund	\$18.00
Clerk Fees	\$125.46
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1218.31</b>

City Collector  
City Treasurer

**MICHELE CRAWFORD, CITY COLLECTOR**

**RACHEL WRATHER, CITY TREASURER**

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

Turned over to City Treasurer:	\$124,957.01
Received from City Collector:	
Park Fund	\$208.60
General Fund	\$2871.24
Health Fund	\$250.32
Street Fund	\$334.00
Solid Waste Fund	\$31,473.74
Water & Sewer Fund	\$88,859.11

Meter Deposits	\$960.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$124,957.01</b>
Received from City Clerk:	
General Fund	\$39,563.39
Street Fund	\$12,262.95
Sales Tax	\$77,251.64
SRO	\$2,300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$131,377.98</b>
Interest on Deposits	
	\$17.01
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$256,352.00</b>

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Walker asked if there were any comments from any members of the Board of Alderman. Alderman Estes asked if the Board had considered filing an insurance claim on lightening striking the water tower. Discussion followed. Alderman Estes made a motion to file a claim on the costs associated with the repair. Alderman Johnson seconded. All members voted in favor.

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.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

Motion was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Estes to adjourn back to regular session at 10:05 p.m.

Roll call was as follows:

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

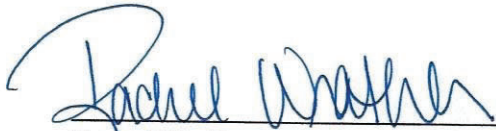
OPEN SESSION/  
DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There will be a Building Commission meeting on Monday, August 1, 2022 at 5:45 p.m. at City Hall, 301 E Main, Portageville.

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is Monday, August 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 301 E Main, Portageville.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Alderman Estes, seconded by Alderman Johnson and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 10:07 p.m.

  
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Rachel Wrather  
City Clerk

  
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Dennis R. Walker II  
Mayor

