

## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING Portageville City Hall August 1, 2022

#### CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City of Portageville Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, August 1, 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 Estes  
Alderman Hollingshead

##### Council Members Absent

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

##### Also present were:

Rachel Wrather, City Clerk  
Jonathan Thacker  
Susan Warren  
Edna Robinson  
Greg Gowan  
Ronnie Adams  
George DeLisle  
Terry Wheeler  
Arcenius Smith  
Daryl Hayes

Terry McVey, City Attorney  
Martha LeSieur  
Connie Frakes  
Angela Lunbeck  
Carol Bowden  
Al DeLisle  
Jeremy Green  
Neil Priggel  
Joseph Young  
Scott Patterson

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES Reg. Meeting- July 11, 2022 Special Meeting – July 22, 2022

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.

ORDINANCES OR  
RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 1326- (Chickens)  
Repeal & Adoption of Section 205.170

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

Mayor Walker introduced Bill No. 1326:

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 205.170 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PORTAGEVILLE AND ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 205.170 IN LIEU THEREOF PERTAINING TO KEEPING FOWL WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF PORTAGEVILLE, MISSOURI

Mayor Walker entertained a motion for the First Reading of Bill No. 1326. A motion was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Estes. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Walker entertained a motion for the Second Reading of Bill No. 1326. A motion was made by Alderman Hollingshead and seconded by Alderman Adams. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting was as follows: Alderman Johnson, yea; Alderman Adams, yea; Alderman Estes, yea; Alderman Hollingshead, yea. Motion passes.

After hearing Bill No. 1326 read two times, passed, and approved, Mayor Walker declared Bill No. 1326 to become Ordinance No. 1326 this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 2022.

Ordinance 1327-  
Municipal Court Agreement between  
Marston and Portageville

Mayor Walker introduced Bill No. 1327:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PORTAGEVILLE, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE A MUNICIPAL COURT SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PORTAGEVILLE, NEW MADRID COUNTY, MISSOURI AND THE CITY OF MARSTON, NEW MADRID COUNTY, MISSOURI

Mayor Walker entertained a motion for the First Reading of Bill No. 1327. 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 Bill No. 1327. 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, yea. Motion passes.

After hearing Bill No. 1327 read two times, passed, and approved, Mayor Walker declared Bill No. 1327 to become Ordinance No. 1327 this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 2022.

Ordinance 1328-  
Personal Financial Disclosure

Mayor Walker introduced Bill No. 1328:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORTAGEVILLE, MISSOURI, TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS.

Mayor Walker entertained a motion for the First Reading of Bill No. 1328. A motion was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Adams. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Walker entertained a motion for the Second Reading of Bill No. 1328. A motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Estes. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting was as follows: Alderman Johnson, yea; Alderman Adams, yea; Alderman Estes, yea; Alderman Hollingshead, yea. Motion passes.

After hearing Bill No. 1328 read two times, passed, and approved, Mayor Walker declared Bill No. 1328 to become Ordinance No. 1328 this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 2022.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

Mayor Walker recognized Arcenius Smith who stated he would like more information on the desire to contract out trash services and how it could affect our elderly citizens. Discussion followed.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

RONNIE ADAMS- CHIEF OF POLICE

Turned in a written report for the month of July.

Chief Adams informed everyone that when the power went out the PD was without phones due to the fiber setup and he spoke with Chris Cooley, Emergency Management Director, about the need for City Hall to have an automatic generator so this situation would not happen again. Discussion followed. Brett James, City electrician, will be contacted to obtain quotes for the necessary generator.

Alderman Johnson asked Chief Adams if they could try to do the roadblock for city stickers before November to which he replied he would.

Alderman Adams stated that she would like to see a separate spot added on the monthly report for drug related traffic stops.

GEORGE DELISLE- FIRE CHIEF

Turned in a written report for the month of July.

Chief DeLisle stated updated the City on the Govdeal auction status of four pieces of equipment and stated that the money would go toward the first payment on the truck.

Delisle informed members that the fire shed was in need of a split unit. Alderman Adams made a motion to advertise for bids.

Alderman Johnson seconded. All members voted in favor. Bids will be reviewed at the September 6, 2022 meeting.

Delisle informed the Board of Alderman that Paul Faulk had recently left to join the military and asked what that meant regarding the schooling that was recently paid for by the City and the Rural Fire Department. Discussion followed. Delisle stated the would like Terry McVey to draft a letter to send Faulk seeking repayment of the fees as stated in the signed agreement.

#### PARK BOARD

Turned in a written report for the month of July.

Alderman Johnson stated that she would like to see the sewer line repaired to the bathrooms at Adams Park so that the bathrooms could be opened. Alderman Adams said she would address it at the next Park Board meeting.

#### JOEY WALTERS- STREET & SOLID WASTE SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of July.

Alderman Johnson asked Walters about the backhoe and issues that have been reported with the equipment. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker stated he would get a quote together to repair it.

#### JIMMY WYMAN- WATER SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of July.

Wyman reported that the leak on Huffman Avenue was repaired.

#### TERRY WHEELER- SEWER SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of July.

Wheeler was present and stated that he would be getting the risers needed for the paving.

#### SCOTT PATTERSON - PRETREATMENT

Patterson was present and stated that the legal review was completed, and the second stage of the process has been turned in as well.

#### ROOSEVELT MOSBY- ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Turned in a written report for the month of July.

#### JONATHAN THACKER- CODE ENFORCEMENT

Turned in a written report for the month of July.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Turned in a written report for the month of July.

Greg Gowan was present and stated that Planning and Zoning held a public hearing for the rezoning of a piece of property described as a tract on the east side of Lot 1 NW ¼ NW ¼ Section 30-21-13 located off of State Highway 162, from R2 (residential) to C1 (Commercial). It was the recommendation of Planning and Zoning to allow the rezoning of the property and present it to the Board of Alderman. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker recognized Neil Priggel who had questions related to the sell of the property. Motion was made by Alderman Johnson to draft an ordinance allowing for the above-mentioned rezoning. Alderman Hollingshead seconded. All members voted in favor.

Terry McVey, City Attorney, will draft an ordinance for the September 6, 2022 meeting.

RED BUILDING – PORTAGEVILLE JAYCEES

Turned in a written report for the second quarter.

OLD BUSINESS

STREET PAVING 2022

Mayor Walker stated that two bids were received for resurfacing the pre-selected streets. The bids were as follows:

BIDDER	PRICE
Causey Companies LLC Bloomfield, MO	\$153,576.00
Paving Pros LLC Oak Ridge, MO	\$153,661.00

Discussion followed. Alderman Adams made a motion to award the project to Causey Companies LLC for \$153,576.00. Alderman Johnson seconded. All members voted in favor.

WATER TOWER PLATFORM REPAIR

Mayor Walker presented a quote that Jimmy Wyman, Water Superintendent, had submitted from Ozark Applicators for the repair of the water tower platform at an expense of \$27,000.00. Discussion followed. The issue was tabled until September 6, 2022 while Wyman obtains an itemized list of costs associated with the repair from Ozark Applicators. Members of the Board of Alderman would also like Wyman to search for other companies to submit a quote for this type of work.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT NEW VEHICLE

Mayor Walker explained that due to the constant issue we are having with two of our police fleet vehicles, an email vote was taken authorizing the purchase of two new Chevy Tahoes at state bid from Don Brown Chevrolet at a cost of \$79,352.00 and allowing us to be placed on a list to receive them near October. A formal vote was now needed. Motion was made by Alderman Johnson. Alderman Estes seconded. All members voted in favor. Mayor Walker explained that Jason Hartke, USDA, is exploring an equipment grant to help with the purchase.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mayor Walker stated that the idea of forming a Public Works Department for the City of Portageville was in the early stages of review. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to proceed with drafting an ordinance allowing the street, water and sewer departments to be combined into a Public Works Department with employees sharing all responsibilities of all departments. Alderman Johnson made the motion and Alderman Estes seconded. All members voted in favor.

#### KMIS FOOTBALL SPONSORSHIP

Mayor Walker presented an advertising package for Portageville High School Bulldog Football on KMIS Sports Radio at a cost of \$60.00 per game. He explained this a normal advertisement that the City sponsors each year. Motion was made to approve the advertising by Alderman Adams. Alderman Hollingshead seconded. All members voted in favor.

#### PEMISCOT PRESS FOOTBALL ADVERTISING

Mayor Walker stated that we had received an email asking us to sponsor the Portageville Bulldogs in an upcoming edition of Pemiscot Press in an advertisement with various pricing options. Discussion followed. The Board of Alderman agreed not to proceed with this advertisement.

#### VANDEVANTER ENGINEERING – LIFT STATION PM PROPOSAL

Mayor Walker informed the Board that Nick with Vandevanter Engineering would like the City to consider a proposal that would perform preventative maintenance on the lifts stations within the City at an annual cost of approximately \$10,395.00 a year for three years. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Alderman Adams to turn down the proposal. Alderman Johnson seconded. All members voted in favor.

LIFT STATION RAIL SYSTEM

Mayor Walker presented a quote from Cooper Industries in the amount of \$4373.00 to install 2 sets of guard rails for a lift station needing repair. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Alderman Johnson to approve the rail system purchase mentioned above. Alderman Adams seconded. All members voted in favor.

TORNADO SIREN MAINTENANCE

Mayor Walker informed the Board that the City received notice in the mail from Blue Valley that it was time to replace the batteries in two of our tornado sirens. A preventative maintenance quote from Blue Valley that included the battery changes was presented in the amount of \$3,240.00. Discussion followed. The issue was tabled until September 6, 2022 to allow Interstate Battery to quote the batteries as well.

APPROVAL OF  
FINANCIAL REPORTS  
Municipal Court

CHRIS STINNETT, MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

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

Fines Collected/ Clerk Fees	\$ 1228.55
Inmate Security	\$ 14.00
Crime Victim Compensation	\$ 2.78
LET Fund	\$ 14.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1259.33</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 July as follows:

Turned over to City Treasurer:	\$ 124,848.25
Received from City Collector:	
Park Fund	\$ 369.18
General Fund	\$ 1890.01
Health Fund	\$ 443.02
Street Fund	\$ 122.00
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 31,083.56
Water & Sewer Fund	\$ 89,500.48
Meter Deposits	\$ 1440.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 124,848.25</b>
Received from City Clerk:	
General Fund	\$ 37,294.89
Street Fund	\$ 12,997.51

Sales Tax	\$ 73,812.92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 124,105.32</b>
Interest on Deposits	\$ 18.72
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$ 250,186.62</b>

Mayor Walker entertained a motion to approve Municipal Court Judge, City Collector and City Treasurer reports for the month of July. Motion was made by Alderman Adams 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 July. 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.

MAYOR AND  
COUNCIL COMMENTS

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

Alderman Johnson stated she would like someone from the Board to attend a meeting of the New Madrid County Commissioners before the next round of CARES act money becomes available to place the City on a list that might allow us to receive funding toward the Water Treatment Plant. Discussion followed. Alderman Johnson and/or Mayor Walker will meet with the Commission.

Alderman Johnson also addressed her distaste for the verbal abuse from citizens suffered by members of the City staff for simply doing their job specifically utility disconnects and late bills. Alderman Johnson reiterated that all bills go out at the same time and it is the citizens job to contact City Hall if they do not receive one due to the postal service.

Alderman Adams stated she would like a flyer distributed alerting citizens to the variety of information and services offered by subscribing to the city of Portageville website in hopes of distributing information to more people.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Estes 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 "Aye"



Alderman Estes "Aye"

Motion was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Estes to adjourn back to regular session at 7:30 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

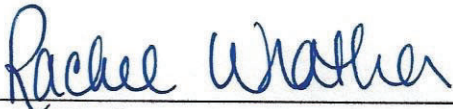
There will be a Mid-Month Meeting on Monday, August 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 301 E Main, Portageville.

There will be a Building Commission Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 5:45 p.m. at City Hall, 301 E Main, Portageville.

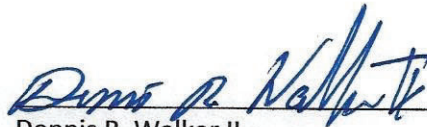
The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 301 E Main, Portageville.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Alderman Estes, seconded by Alderman Johnson and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.



Rachel Wrather  
City Clerk



Dennis R. Walker II  
Mayor

