

## MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Portageville City Hall  
August 14, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

\*\*\* This meeting was rescheduled from Monday, August 7, 2023, due to not having a quorum.

A meeting of the City of Portageville Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, August 14, 2023, at City Hall, 301 E Main St. Mayor Walker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present

Alderman Johnson  
Alderman Estes  
Alderman Hollingshead

Council Members Absent

Alderman Adams

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

Also present were:

Rachel Wrather, City Clerk  
Carol Bowden  
Al DeLisle  
Susan Warren  
Edna Robinson  
Roosevelt Mosby  
George DeLisle  
Jonathan Thacker

Terry McVey, City Attorney  
Jonathan Thacker  
Terry Wheeler  
Angela Lunbeck  
Chris Stinnett  
Scott Patterson  
Mike Cook  
Jimmy Wyman

APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
Reg. Meeting- 7/10/23  
Mid-Month Mtg.- 7/17/23

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 Estes and unanimously carried, to approve the submitted minutes for the month of July.

ORDINANCES OR  
RESOLUTIONS

There were none.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

Al DeLisle stated that as Emergency Management Director for New Madrid County he had submitted all necessary information to SEMA in case a disaster in proclaimed due to the recent storm damage and flooding in our County.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

RONNIE ADAMS- CHIEF OF POLICE

Turned in a written report for the month of July.

GEORGE DELISLE- FIRE CHIEF

Turned in a written report for the month of July.

Delisle asked about the generator from City Hall being moved to the Police Department. He also stated that the door at the Fire Shed needs to be repaired.

PARK BOARD

Turned in a written report for the month of July.

JONATHAN THACKER- STREET & SOLID WASTE SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of July.

Thacker stated that the front control display on his truck had quit working and Bill Hayes Ford quoted the repair at \$659.57. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to approve the repair in the amount of \$659.57. Motion was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Hollingshead. All members voted in favor.

JONATHAN THACKER- CODE ENFORCEMENT

Turned in a written report for the month of July.

JIMMY WYMAN- WATER SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of July.

TERRY WHEELER- SEWER SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of July.

SCOTT PATTERSON - PRETREATMENT

Turned in a written report for the month of July.

**ROOSEVELT MOSBY- ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Turned in a written report for the month of July.

**PLANNING AND ZONING**

There was no meeting in July, so a report was not submitted.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**STREET PAVING 2023- BID OPENING**

Mayor Walker informed the Board that four sealed bids have been submitted for the Street Paving 2023 project that consists of McCrate Avenue and a portion of East 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The bids were as follows:

Causey Companies Dexter, Missouri	\$219,730.00
Robertson Asphalt Poplar Bluff, Missouri	\$206,884.56
Black Diamond Paving Oak Ridge, Missouri	Their proposal was rejected because the Notes section specifies that the bid was only good through August 30, 2023, when the bid packet specifically stated that all bids would be good for 90 days.
ASA Asphalt Cape Girardeau, Missouri	\$203,000.00

Motion was made by Alderman Hollingshead to accept the bid from Causey Companies in the amount of \$219,730.00 due to past paving experience. Alderman Estes seconded. All members voted in favor.

**WORKMAN AVENUE ROAD CLOSURE- SE**

Mayor Walker stated that he had spoken with Mr. Noffel who is the property owner of Food Rite, and he has plans to pave the gravel area in the future. Discussion followed. Alderman Estes asked if an ultimatum could be given that if it wasn't paved by the time the City paving is done, then we would close the road. Terry McVey, City Attorney, stated that was not allowed. The issue was dropped.

**PARK BOARD SCHOOL LIASON**

Mayor Walker asked Mike Cook, Park Board President, if the Park Board had named a replacement member as the school liaison. Mike Cook asked that Kristy Ward be appointed to the position. Mayor Walker made the nomination of Kristy Ward and asked for a motion to approve. Motion was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Estes. All members voted in favor.

**ZERO TOLERANCE DRUG POLICY**

#### ZERO TOLERANCE DRUG POLICY

Mayor Walker explained that there was a situation that had taken place with emergency personnel and the zero-tolerance policy as it applies to zero tolerance with prescription drugs. Terry McVey confirmed that our current policy is zero-tolerance including prescription drugs as it relates to emergency personnel and CDL drivers. Discussion followed. Liability issues were discussed. Mayor Walker asked the Board of Aldermen how they wished to proceed. Alderman Johnson made a motion to leave the zero-tolerance policy in place with no exceptions for emergency personnel or CDL drivers when it pertains to prescription medication. Alderman Estes seconded. All members voted in favor.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### THOMAS PENROD RAISE- B OPERATOR

Mayor Walker explained that Thomas Penrod had passed his exam to move up to a B Operator license that is required to run the sewer plant. With an upgrade in licensing, a \$1.00 per hour raise is usually given. Alderman Hollinghead made the motion to approve the \$1.00 per hour raise. Alderman Estes seconded. All members voted in favor.

#### HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Walker informed the Board that we had received a letter from the Portageville Housing Authority Board asking that the following members be renewed for a three-year term: Gerard Long, Board Chairman; Jennifer Preyer, Vice Board Chairman; George DeLisle, Commissioner; Freddie Hill, Commissioner; Joyce Partee, Tennant Commissioner. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to approve these nominations. Motion was made by Alderman Johnson. Alderman Estes seconded. All members voted in favor.

#### BOOTHEEL REGIONAL PLANNING FY2024 DUES

Mayor Walker introduced a renewal for Bootheel Regional Dues for fiscal year 2024 in the amount of \$1708.70. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to authorize the payment of \$1708.70 to Bootheel Regional. Motion was made by Alderman Estes. Alderman Johnson seconded. All members voted in favor.

#### KMIS BULLDOG FOOTBALL SPONSORSHIP

Mayor Walker asked the Board of Alderman if they would like to sponsor the Portageville Bulldog Football Team on KMIS for the upcoming season. In addition to radio advertising, all games would also be live streamed this year through KMIS. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to approve the sponsorship at a cost of \$100 per game. Motion was made by Alderman Johnson. Alderman Hollingshead seconded. All members voted in favor.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2024 SOYBEAN SPONSORSHIP**

Mayor Walker stated that the Chamber of Commerce had submitted a request for the City to sponsor the Soybean Festival again this year. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker asked for a motion for corporate level sponsorship of the Soybean Festival at a cost of \$1000.00. Motion was made by Alderman Hollingshead and seconded by Alderman Estes. All members voted in favor.

**K9 TAHOE TRANSMISSION & TIRE – FORMAL VOTE**

Mayor Walker explained that the transmission went out on the K9 Tahoe and it was also in need of new tires. A new transmission with installation and a 3-year/ 100,000-mile warranty will be approximately \$3800.00. A new set of Firestone MT tires state bid would be \$708.00. A text vote had been taken, but a formal vote was still needed. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to approve the replacement of the transmission and tires at a cost of approximately \$4508.00. Motion was made by Alderman Johnson. Alderman Hollingshead 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 July as follows:

Fines Collected/ Clerk Fees	\$1172.00
Inmate Security	\$10.00
Crime Victim Compensation	\$1.85
LET Fund	\$10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1193.85</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:	\$136,039.63
Received from City Collector:	
Park Fund	\$406.33
General Fund	\$2,309.92
Health Fund	\$662.59
Street Fund	\$40.00
Solid Waste Fund	\$29,619.15
Water & Sewer Fund	\$101,561.64
Meter Deposits	\$1,440.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$136,039.63</b>

Received from City Clerk:	
General Fund	\$79,074.23
Street Fund	\$12,796.31
Sales Tax	\$70,366.95
SRO/Public Safety	\$2,300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$164,537.49</b>
<b>Interest on Deposits</b>	<b>\$17.17</b>
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$301,788.14</b>
<i>(Court, Collector, Clerk, &amp; Interest)</i>	

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 Johnson and seconded by Alderman Hollingshead. All members voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A list of outstanding bills was given to the Board of Aldermen for the month of July. After checking the bills, Mayor Walker asked for a motion. Motion was made by Alderman Hollingshead 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 Aldermen. Mayor Walker stated that he had been approached by Baker Implement about purchasing the old water located to the north of East 1<sup>st</sup> Street near the Railroad Tracks. The City procured a quote for tearing it down several years back, but the price was too high. Discussion followed. Terry McVey stated that we would not have to have bids or quotes to sale. Baker Implement will be instructed to submit an offer by email to the City Clerk. Mayor Walker stated that due to his connection with his brother working for Baker Implement, he would like Alderman Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem, to handle any items related to the sale.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was none.

OPEN SESSION/  
DATE OF NEXT MEETING

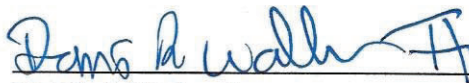
The next regularly schedule Monthly Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 301 E Main, Portageville due to the Labor Day holiday falling on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Alderman Hollingshead, seconded by Alderman Johnson and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.



Rachel Wrather  
City Clerk



Dennis R. Walker II  
Mayor