

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Portageville City Hall
September 8, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City of Portageville Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, 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 Doering
Alderman Essary
Alderman Johnston

Council Members Absent

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

Also present were:

Rachel Wrather, City Clerk
Austin Delisle
Scott Williamson
Ray Staffey
Peggy Simmons
Amber Estes
Linda Sweatt
Meagan Wheeler
Freddie Hill
George Delisle
Chris Cooley
Martha LeSieur
Theresa Eftink
Rodi Walker
Karen Gowan
Phylis Thompson
Floyd Simmons
Edna Robinson

Terry McVey, City Attorney
Larry Braden
Amenda Alexander
Ronnie Adams
Carol Bowden
Michele Crawford
Chad Clymer
Hunter Ellis
Al Delisle
Mary Hollingshead
Tim Oberg
Travis Scherer
Mark Stockton
Lynn Kellams
T.R. Thompson
Terry Phillips
Jacob Redden

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.- 8/3/2020
Mid-Month Mtg – 8/18/2020
Tax Rate PH- 8/18/2020
Sewer Plant PH- 8/18/2020

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 Essary and
unanimously carried, to approve the submitted minutes for the month of
August.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

RONNIE ADAMS- CHIEF OF POLICE
Turned in a written report for the month of August.

GEORGE DELISLE- FIRE CHIEF
Turned in a written report for the month of August.

PARK BOARD
No meeting was held. No report was submitted.

JOEY WALTERS- STREET & SOLID WASTE SUPERINTENDENT
Turned in a written report for the month of August.

JIMMY WYMAN- WATER SUPERINTENDENT
Turned in a written report for the month of August.
Mayor Berry stated that he had received a phone call from new building
owners on Main Street stating that they were having issues getting water
service. Mayor Berry stated that he would get with Jimmy Wyman to review
the issue.

TERRY WHEELER- SEWER SUPERINTENDENT
Turned in a written report for the month of August.

SCOTT PATTERSON- PRE-TREATMENT COORDINATOR
No report was turned in for the month of August.

ROOSEVELT MOSBY- ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
Turned in a written report for the month of August.

JONATHAN THACKER- CODE ENFORCEMENT
Turned in a written report for the month of August.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE
Turned in a written report for the month of August.

ORDINANCES OR
RESOLUTIONS
Ordinance #1304

Mayor Berry introduced Bill No. 1304:

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ADVISORY ELECTION IN THE CITY OF PORTAGEVILLE, MISSOURI ON THE QUESTION OF CONTRACTING WITH NEW MADRID COUNTY FOR THE DISPATCH OF ALL POLICE AND EMERGENCY CALLS ARISING FROM THE CITY OF PORTAGEVILLE.

Mayor Berry entertained a motion for the First Reading of Bill No. 1304. No motion was made.

Alderman McCrate made a motion to table Bill No. 1304 until more information can be gathered. He explained that the City had until January 2021 to turn in an ordinance placing the issue on the April 2021 ballot.

Alderman Essary seconded. All members voted in favor.

A meeting with the New Madrid County Commissioners was to be held on Thursday, September 10, 2020 beginning at 9:00 a.m. An agenda was posted for the Portageville Board of Aldermen.

Ordinance #1305

Mayor Berry introduced Bill No. 1305:

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 370.190 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PORTAGEVILLE WHICH REQUIRED HEADGEAR BE WORN BY ALL PERSONS OPERATING OR RIDING A MOTORCYCLE OR MOTORTRICYCLE IN THE CITY.

Mayor Berry entertained a motion for the First Reading of Bill No. 1305. 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. 1305. 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 Doering, yea; Alderman Essary, yea; Alderman Johnston, yea.

After hearing Bill No. 1305 read two times, passed, and approved, Mayor declared Bill No. 1305 to become Ordinance No. 1305 this 8th day of September 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

SUNSET CONCRETE BIDS

Mayor Berry informed the Board of Aldermen that there were no submitted bids for the concrete work to be done on Sunset. Mayor Berry stated that he would investigate this and bring it back to the October 5, 2020 meeting.

ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICE

Mayor Berry stated that he had met with Jim Shanks, General Manager of Aramark Uniform Service. Shanks had presented a proposal to lease uniforms allowing the employees to launder them which would save the

City 75% in uniform costs. Discussion followed. All members of the Board of Aldermen agreed to proceed with the lease proposal and have a contract drafted with Aramark Uniform Services for the October 5, 2020 meeting.

GRASS CLIPPINGS ON ROADWAYS

Mayor Berry presented wording for a potential bill to drafted concerning grass clippings on roadways. Discussion followed. The Board of Aldermen elected to not proceed with drafting an ordinance for the matter. The issue was tabled until further notice.

NEW BUSINESS

CITY COLLECTOR TAX REMOVAL

Mayor Berry asked Michele Crawford, City Collector, to present the tax removals for 2020. Crawford explained that she is only allowed to keep three years of Personal taxes and five years of Real Estate taxes on her tax book. Crawford asked for the removal of 2017 Personal taxes in the amount of \$5,792.13 and the following 2015 Real Estate taxes totaling \$35.04 that did not sell at tax sale:

Willie Mae Booker	1013 DeLisle Ave Tract 1 Block 7 of Killion's Addition to Portageville, Mo.
Lila Woodard Bernice Chandler	Foster Ave. Lot 6 of Foster's Subdivision #2 of Portageville, Mo.
Rosetta Davis James Davis Jr. Sonja Cross	Foster Ave. Unnumbered lot in Foster's Subdivision #2 of Portageville, Mo.
Abe Evans	Barnes Ave. N ½ of Lot 5, Block 35 of DeLisle's 1 st Addition to Portageville, Mo.
Johnny or Leola Townsend	US Highway 61 N Tract 1 of Lot 2 of Highway 61 Addition to Portageville, Mo.
AR Wrather	Lot 11 Block 17 of Portageville original

Mayor Berry asked for a motion to remove the requested 2017 Personal Taxes and 2015 Real Estate Taxes. Motion was made by Alderman Doering and seconded by Alderman McCrate. All members voted in favor.

PHS FOOTBALL RADIO SPONSORSHIP

Mayor Berry stated that he had been contacted by KMIS radio to take out a weekly radio ad sponsoring the 2020 Portageville High School Bulldogs Football Season. The ad would be featured during live broadcast on AM 1040 of the Friday Night Football game. Due to uncertainty with the current season due to the pandemic, this is billed at \$60.00 a week on a week by week basis. Mayor Berry informed that he had an advertisement drafted

and paid for the first airing himself. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Alderman Essary and seconded by Alderman Johnston to continue with the weekly advertisement for the season. All members voted in favor.

SOYBEAN FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP

Mayor Berry presented the renewal for the Portageville Chamber of Commerce Soybean Festival Sponsorship. The festival will be held the week of October 4-10, 2020. In previous years, the City of Portageville sponsored the event at the Corporate level with a \$1000.00 donation. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Alderman Doering to sponsor the event at the Corporate Level with a \$1000.00 donation. Alderman Johnston seconded. All members voted in favor.

ST. EUSTACHIUS FALL PICNIC BLOCKING OF ROAD

Mayor Berry informed the Board of Alderman that the City of Portageville had been asked to close Meatte Avenue between West 4th and West 5th on the afternoon of Saturday, September 19, 2020 for the annual St. Eustachius Fall Picnic. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Doering to allow the closure at the requested time. All members voted in favor.

SEWER PUMP CHANGEOUT

Mayor Berry asked Alderman McCrate if he would like to address this matter since he had it placed on the agenda. Alderman McCrate stated that the City of Portageville had a Deutch motor and pump that needed to be put together and mounted to be more efficient than what is currently being used. Discussion followed. Alderman McCrate will get a price together before the October 5, 2020 meeting.

TREE REMOVAL ON WEST 6TH

Mayor Berry stated that Alderman McCrate had information on this matter. Alderman McCrate informed the Board of Alderman that there was a tree on the City side of the intersection of 6th and Huffman that was dead and needed to be removed. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to place the tree removal up for bids. Motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Johnston. All members voted in favor.

POLICY CHANGE- DRUG TESTING AND BREATHALYZER

Mayor Berry informed the Board of Alderman that he would like to see a policy change regarding how alcohol is tested and a limit set in policy. Currently a urine test is used if an employee is involved in an accident or if there is suspicion of use; however, a urine test does not provide a Blood Alcohol Content. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to change the City of Portageville policy to state that if there is reasonable suspicion or if an employee is involved in an accident then a blood draw will

be administered instead of a urine analysis. Motion was made by Alderman Johnston and seconded by Alderman Essary. 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.

Larry Braden approached the Board of Alderman concerning a water and sewer tap at 521 Haynes Drive. The total price for the taps is \$1400.00 and he would like to make a payment arrangement on this. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to allow Larry Braden to pay \$500.00 down and split the remaining balance to be paid over a 6-month period. Motion was made by Alderman Essary and seconded by Alderman Johnston. All members voted in favor.

T.R. Thompson approached the Board of Alderman regarding an issue with Buford Wall's dog. Thompson stated that Animal Control had been over to the residence concerning the animal previously. He would like to see the definition of a public nuisance regarding animals in Section 205.010 of the City of Portageville Code Book changed by removing Item #1 and allowing the animal to be considered a public nuisance on a first offense. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry stated that he would like to consult with Animal Control on this before any action is taken.

Amenda Alexander approached the Board of Alderman regarding a sink hole on West 5th Street that needs repairs. She also presented her feelings opposing the grass clipping issue and opposing the transfer of Portageville dispatch to New Madrid County.

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 August as follows:

Fines Collected	\$688.50
Inmate Security	\$18.00
Crime Victim Compensation	\$3.33
LET Fund	\$18.00
Clerk Fees	\$108.00
TOTAL	\$835.83

MICHELE CRAWFORD, CITY COLLECTOR

RACHEL WRATHER, CITY TREASURER

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

Turned over to City Treasurer:	\$137,649.57
Received from City Collector:	
Park Fund	\$239.26
General Fund	\$1,333.26

Health Fund	\$178.24
Street Fund	\$1,332.00
Solid Waste Fund	\$34,601.71
Water & Sewer Fund	\$97,805.10
Red Building	\$400.00
Meter Deposits	\$39,444.47
TOTAL	\$137,649.57
Received from City Clerk:	
General Fund	\$46,021.59
Street Fund	\$12,110.75
Sales Tax	\$65,116.60
Tax Account	\$153.42
TOTAL	\$123,402.36
Interest on Deposits	\$15.99
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$261,067.92

Mayor Berry entertained a motion to approve Municipal Court Judge, City Collector and City Treasurer reports for the month of August. Motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Essary. All members voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A list of outstanding bills was given to the Mayor and Council for the month of August. After checking the bills, Mayor Berry asked for a motion. Motion was made by Alderman Doering and seconded by Alderman McCrate. 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 after some comments from the mid-month meeting in August, he would like to replace Alderman Essary as Chairman of the Police Department on the Appointment of Committees. Mayor Berry stated that he would take that into consideration and review his appointments.

Alderman Johnston stated that he had been in contact with Roosevelt Mosby, Animal Control Officer, and that he needed a new catch pole. Rachel Wrather, City Clerk, will get in contract with Animal Control to get one ordered.

Mayor Berry informed the Board of Alderman that he had a discussion with Brandon Hanner regarding dispatch and it was stated that there would be a need for additional personnel if New Madrid County took over all of Portageville's calls. He is proposing that the City of Portageville and New

Madrid County split the 911 calls with Portageville being responsible for the southern half of New Madrid County 911 calls. This will be discussed more at the meeting held on Thursday, September 10, 2020 with the New Madrid County Commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Alderman McCrate, seconded by Alderman Johnston 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 McCrate "Aye"
Alderman Doering "Aye"
Alderman Essary "Aye"
Alderman Johnston "Aye"

Motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Johnston to adjourn back to regular session at 7:25 p.m.

Roll call was as follows:

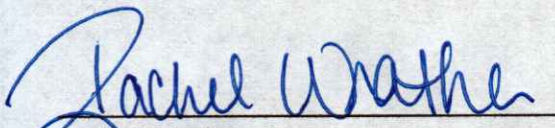
Alderman McCrate "Aye"
Alderman Doering "Aye"
Alderman Essary "Aye"
Alderman Johnston "Aye"

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There will be a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 301 E Main, Portageville.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Alderman Doering, seconded by Alderman Johnston and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.


Rachel Wrather
City Clerk


Vince Berry
Mayor