

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Portageville City Hall
November 2, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City of Portageville Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, November 2, 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
Eric Muller
Ronnie Adams Sr.
Mike Milam
Al Delisle
Mark Gibbins
Ronnie Adams Jr.
Austin DeLisle
Mary Hollingshead
Chris Cooley

Terry McVey, City Attorney
Carol Bowden
Richard Proffer
Richard Rickman
Chad Clymer
Scott Williamson
Kristine Adams
George DeLisle
Freddie Hill
Jonathan Thacker

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Reg. Mtg.- 10/5/20
Special Mtg – 10/27/20

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 October.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

RONNIE ADAMS- CHIEF OF POLICE

Turned in a written report for the month of October.

GEORGE DELISLE- FIRE CHIEF

Turned in a written report for the month of October.

Chief DeLisle expressed his appreciation for the equipment that was approved at the last meeting.

Chief DeLisle stated that they had two volunteer firemen that they would like to send to training at an estimated cost of \$4100.00. He would like to see the price of training split 50/50 between the City of Portageville and the Portageville Rural Fire Department. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry stated that he would like to see the Fire Department draft a sliding fee for training requiring the payback if someone would leave the fire department. The issue was tabled until the December 7, 2020 meeting.

PARK BOARD

Turned in a written report for the month of October.

JOEY WALTERS- STREET & SOLID WASTE SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of October.

Alderman Johnston stated that New Madrid County had a 6-cylinder Cummins transfer pump that they would like to donate free of charge to the City of Portageville. It would come with a shed for storage.

JIMMY WYMAN- WATER SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of October.

TERRY WHEELER- SEWER SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of October.

SCOTT PATTERSON- PRE-TREATMENT COORDINATOR

No report was turned in for the month of October.

ROOSEVELT MOSBY- ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Turned in a written report for the month of October.

JONATHAN THACKER- CODE ENFORCEMENT

Turned in a written report for the month of October.

Alderman McCrate addressed a property owned by Harry Toton that had all the windows busted out. Thacker will check into it.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Turned in a written report for the month of October.

ORDINANCES OR
RESOLUTIONS
Ordinance 1306

Mayor Berry introduced Bill No. 1306:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF PORTAGEVILLE, MISSOURI, AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST THERETO, AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PORTAGEVILLE, THE CITY OF NEW MADRID AND NEW MADRID COUNTY PROVIDING FOR ALL CITY OF PORTAGEVILLE DISPATCH TO BE HANDLED BY THE CITY OF NEW MADRID

Mayor Berry entertained a motion for the First Reading of Bill No. 1306. A motion was made by Alderman Johnston and seconded by Alderman Doering. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Berry stated that he had some questions regarding the transfer of dispatch. Discussion followed.

Bill No. 1306 was tabled until December 7, 2020 meeting.

Mayor Berry asked for a motion to advertise for bids on the construction and security enhancements needed to the Portageville Police Department associated with the transfer of dispatch. Motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Essary. All members voted in favor. Alderman Johnston will be the point of contact for the scope of work. Sealed bids will be opened at the December 7, 2020 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

SAFETY AWARD DINNER BIDS

Mayor Berry suggested that a change be made to the City Safety Award Banquet due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to reject all bids received. Motion was made by Alderman Johnston and seconded by Alderman McCrate. All members voted in favor.

It was agreed that in lieu of a catered dinner, a luncheon for full-time employees will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2020, where employees can pick up to go plates. In addition, a City of Portageville employee pullover will be distributed in lieu of door prizes. The safety awards will be given at this time as well. Rachel Wrather, City Clerk, will contact all caterers who submitted a bid and ask them if they wish to redo it due to the changes. A text vote will be taken after the submitted changes are received. A formal vote will be taken at the December 7, 2020 meeting.

TREE REMOVAL WEST 6TH STREET AND HUFFMAN AVE

Mayor Berry stated the after receiving no bids for the previous meeting on the removal of a tree at the intersection of Huffman Ave and Sixth Street, a quote was obtained from Moore's Tree Service in the amount of \$4850.00.

Discussion followed. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to allow Moore's Tree Service to remove the tree for the above amount. Motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Doering. All members voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

CITY FLEET – DM

Mayor Berry gave the floor to Alderman McCrate who had the City Fleet put on the agenda. Alderman McCrate stated that he would like to see the oldest police car and the Mobile Command Center for the Police Department placed up for sale. Discussion followed. Alderman McCrate made a motion to dispose of the oldest police car and the Mobile Command Center. Mayor Berry asked for a second. There was none. Motion failed.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

Mayor Berry recognized Mark Gibbins with Ellington Insurance to go over the renewal information and additional quotes for employee health insurance. Discussion followed. The Board of Alderman tabled the issue until the December 7, 2020 meeting to allow Gibbins time to get a quote back from National General who uses the Cigna network. This requires employee forms to be submitted.

AUTO READ METERS

Mayor Berry stated that he and Water Superintendent, Jimmy Wyman, had been checking into Auto Read Water Meters for the City of Portageville. He presented information from Midwest Meter, Government Capital, and United Systems about the project. Discussion followed. The issue was tabled.

911 DECALS FOR POLICE CARS

Mayor Berry recognized Alderman Johnston who placed the 911 decals on the agenda. Alderman Johnston stated that he would like to see the decal on the new police vehicles that stated, "In Case of Emergency, Call 911." Chief Adams said he will take care of it. Fire Chief DeLisle stated that the ladder truck still needed decals as well. He as instructed to get a price quote for this and present it at the December 7, 2020 meeting.

ROAD CLOSURE CATHOLIC CHURCH FISH FRY

Mayor Berry stated that he had received a request from Clint Klipfel to make Meatte Ave one way between Fourth and Fifth Street and block off Fifth Street from Meatte to Huffman to make things easier for the St. Eustachius Fish Fry. Discussion followed. Alderman McCrate voted to allow the closure. Alderman Doering 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.

Richard Proffer with Strategic Doing 2020 gave a presentation on Community Governance. Discussion followed. At this time, the Board of Alderman will take the information under consideration.

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 October as follows:

Fines Collected	\$1802.00
Inmate Security	\$18.00
Crime Victim Compensation	\$3.33
LET Fund	\$18.00
Clerk Fees	\$108.00
TOTAL	\$1949.33

MICHELE CRAWFORD, CITY COLLECTOR

RACHEL WRATHER, CITY TREASURER

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

Turned over to City Treasurer:	\$124,907.94
Received from City Collector:	
Park Fund	\$150.31
General Fund	\$2,009.38
Health Fund	\$201.77
Street Fund	\$48.00
Solid Waste Fund	\$32,760.62
Water & Sewer Fund	\$88,627.86
Red Building	\$150.00
Meter Deposits	\$960.00
TOTAL	\$124,907.94
Received from City Clerk:	
General Fund	\$61,786.04
Street Fund	\$14,974.94
Sales Tax	\$55,249.31
Community Development	\$1,330.36
Sewer Fund	\$195.98
TOTAL	\$133,536.63
Interest on Deposits	\$15.36
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$258,459.93

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A list of outstanding bills was given to the Mayor and Council for the month of October. 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 Doering stated that Berna Daugherty had written a note stating some things she felt were issues in the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

Roll call was as follows:

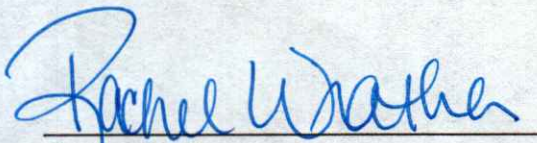
Alderman McCrate "Aye"
Alderman Doering "Aye"
Alderman Essary "Aye"
Alderman Johnston "Aye"

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There will be a regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 7, 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 7:35 p.m.



Rachel Wrather
City Clerk



Vince Berry
Mayor