

## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Portageville City Hall

November 6, 2023

#### CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City of Portageville Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, November 6, 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 Adams  
Alderman Johnson  
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  
George DeLisle  
Jeremy Green  
Jonathan Thacker  
Angela Lunbeck  
Jim McLeish  
Daniel Kingree

Terry McVey, City Attorney  
Al DeLisle  
Ronnie Adams, Police Chief  
Scott Patterson  
Roosevelt Mosby  
Edna Robinson  
Terry Wheeler

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES Building Commission- 9/12/23 Reg. Meeting- 9/12/23

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

ORDINANCES OR  
RESOLUTIONS

Bill No. 1340-  
Amendment Raising Water Rates in  
2024, 2025 & 2026

Mayor Walker introduced Bill No. 1340:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 705.170.B.2 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PORTAGEVILLE TO RAISE THE WATER USAGE CHARGE RATE FOR USAGE IN EXCESS OF 2,000 GALLONS EIGHT PERCENT (8%) ON JANUARY 1, 2024, JANUARY 1, 2025 AND JANUARY 1, 2026.

Mayor Walker entertained a motion for the First Reading of Bill No. 1340. 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. 1340. A motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Johnson. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting was as follows: Alderman Adams, yea; Alderman Johnson, yea; Alderman Estes, nay; Alderman Hollingshead, absent.

Due to there not being a  $\frac{3}{4}$  approval, motion fails.

Ordinance 1341-  
Extension to Municipal Court Agreement  
with City of Marston

Mayor Walker introduced Bill No. 1341:

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. 1341. 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. 1341. A motion was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Adams. A roll call vote was taken.

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

After hearing Bill No. 1341 read two times, passed, and approved, Mayor Walker declared Bill No. 1341 to become Ordinance No. 1341 this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

Ordinance 1342-  
Video Service Provider Franchise Fee

Mayor Walker introduced Bill No. 1342:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN ORDINANCES REGARDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SERVICE FEES

Mayor Walker entertained a motion for the First Reading of Bill No. 1342. A motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Johnson. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Walker entertained a motion for the Second Reading of Bill No. 1342. A motion was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Adams. A roll call vote was taken.

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

After hearing Bill No. 1342 read two times, passed, and approved, Mayor Walker declared Bill No. 1342 to become Ordinance No. 1342 this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

#### PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Walker asked if there were any visitors present who would like to address the Board of Alderman.  
There were none.

#### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

##### RONNIE ADAMS- CHIEF OF POLICE

Turned in a written report for the month of October.  
Chief Adams stated county and city officials met with the camera system company and placement for the Flock cameras has been confirmed. They have given a six-month expectancy for the install.

##### GEORGE DELISLE- FIRE CHIEF

Turned in a written report for the month of October.  
Delisle updated the Board that Banner will be releasing the new truck on December 27, 2023 with arrival to Portageville the first week of January 2024.

##### PARK BOARD

No report was turned in for the month of October.

JONATHAN THACKER- STREET & SOLID WASTE SUPERINTENDENT  
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 Johnson asked about several properties. They included a burnt home at the intersection of West 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Huffman Ave., property located in the 100 block of West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, and Bruner's property on Highway 61. Bruner's is involved in environmental issues and DNR. The others will be sent notices.

##### JIMMY WYMAN- WATER SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of October.

Alderman Johnson wanted it noted that Wyman has not been present at several meetings.

#### TERRY WHEELER- SEWER SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of October.

Wheeler stated that the auger repair had been completed, but damage was done to the gear boxes and he was waiting on a price quote for that repair.

#### SCOTT PATTERSON - PRETREATMENT

Turned in a written report for the month of October.

#### ROOSEVELT MOSBY- ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Turned in a written report for the month of October.

#### PLANNING AND ZONING

Turned in a written report for the month of October.

### PROJECT REPORTS

#### WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Jim McLeish and Daniel Kingree (Horner Shifrin) was present to discuss the PFAs Removal and suggested that the City look at going with Ion Exchange instead of Carbon Filters for the process of PFAs removal. Discussion followed. After final numbers are available for the ion exchange, Scott Patterson would like to review the proposal before it is submitted to SRF. Everyone agreed to proceed with ion exchange at this time.

Everything was on track with SRF regarding the necessary paperwork and Piper Sandler was selected as the financial advisor to work with Gilmore and Bell to complete the next step in the paperwork process.

#### LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY

Mayor Walker informed everyone that the letters had been sent out to all residences regarding the type of line going into their homes. Discussion followed.

Mayor Walker presented a pay request in the amount of \$11,350.00 for Total H2O Solutions for the month of November. Motion to pay the above amount was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Estes. All members voted in favor.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### POLICE DEPT INVESTIGATION ROOM

Mayor Walker introduced two quotes for a camera system for the Police Department Investigation room. They were as follows:

- M&M Public Safety LLC, Lafe, Arkansas in the amount of \$2501.88 with a 5-year license.
- Nelson Systems, Springfield, Illinois in the amount of \$7436.53 which included a required computer.

Discussion followed. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to purchase the cameras from M&M Public Safety. Alderman Adams made the motion and Alderman Johnson seconded. All members voted in favor.

#### 205 E MAIN SEALED BID OPENING

Mayor Walker informed the Board that there was one bid received for the lease of 205 E Main. Upon opening, the bid was from Amy Jo Wilcox in the amount of \$500 per month. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker asked how the Board wanted to proceed considering there was still some discussion of moving City Hall in to the vacancy. Alderman Adams made a motion to offer a one-year lease to Wilcox in the amount of \$500 per month beginning February 1, 2024. Alderman Estes seconded. All members voted in favor.

#### FARM #3144 SEALED BID OPENING

Mayor Walker informed the Board that there was one bid received for the lease of Farm #3144 for a two-year term beginning January 8, 2024. Upon opening, the bid was from Joe Scherer in the amount of \$2054.00 per year. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to approve the bid from Jow Scherer. A motion was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Adams. All members voted in favor.

#### TREE REMOVAL SEALED BID OPENING

Mayor Walker stated that no bids were received for the tree removal at the intersection of Huffman Avenue and East 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Discussion followed. Jonathan Thacker said he will contact some companies to have some quotes by the December meeting. The issue was tabled until December.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### FY25 BOOTHEEL SOLID WASTE RECYCLING WASTE MANAGEMENT

Mayor Walker presented an email from Kent Luke with Bootheel Regional Planning Commission regarding a grant call for recycling funds from the Department of Natural Resources. Discussion followed. Alderman Adams made a motion to not pursue the recycling grant since we contract out our trash service. Alderman Johnson seconded. All members voted in favor.

#### PD RADIO CHARGING STATION QUOTE

Mayor Walker stated that the Police Department had submitted a quote from Motorola Solutions for a docking station and chargers for the police radios in the amount of \$2324.94. Discussion followed. Alderman Adams made a motion to approve the purchase. Alderman Johnson 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 October as follows:

Fines Collected/ Clerk Fees	\$589.59
Inmate Security	\$14.50
Crime Victim Compensation	\$2.62
LET Fund	\$16.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$622.71</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 October as follows:

Turned over to City Treasurer:	\$123,018.01
Received from City Collector:	
Park Fund	\$42.52
General Fund	\$1,159.94
Health Fund	\$51.03
Street Fund	\$30.00
Solid Waste Fund	\$34,297.55
Water & Sewer Fund	\$86,636.97
Meter Deposits	\$800.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$123,018.01</b>
Received from City Clerk:	
General Fund	\$44,261.81
Street Fund	\$13,079.09
Sales Tax	\$67,126.84
Reap Account	\$27,475.28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$151,943.02</b>
<b>Interest on Deposits</b>	<b>\$11.92</b>
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$275,595.66</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 October. Motion was made by Adams and seconded by Alderman Estes. All members voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A list of outstanding bills was given to the Board of Aldermen for the month of October. 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 Aldermen.

Alderman Adams stated that she had received complaints from citizens about the trash truck not picking up cardboard boxes and asked that they be reminded that any size cardboard box is to be picked up as normal residential trash.

Roof Repair City Hall

Mayor Walker stated that Roof & Gutter Pro came through advertising their services and quoted the roof at City Hall to be repaired in the amount of \$14,850.00 and comes with a 10-year labor and material warranty with guaranteed completion within 30 days. Mayor Walker reminded the Board that Pete's Construction was awarded the repair back in July and had still not completed the work after being contacted several times. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to rescind the offer to Pete's Construction due to non-completion and hire Roof and Gutter Pro to complete the job. Motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Estes. All members voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

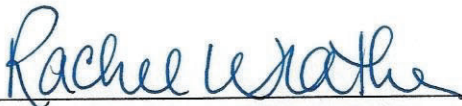
There was none.

OPEN SESSION/  
DATE OF NEXT MEETING

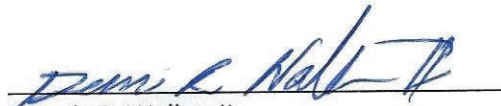
The next regularly schedule Monthly Meeting will be held on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 301 E Main, Portageville.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Adams and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 7:03 p.m.



Rachel Wrather  
City Clerk



Dennis R. Walker II  
Mayor

