

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Portageville City Hall
December 7, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City of Portageville Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, December 7, 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

Council Members Absent

Alderman McCrate
Alderman Doering
Alderman Essary
Alderman Johnston

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

Also present were:

Rachel Wrather, City Clerk
Freddie Hill
George DeLisle

Terry McVey, City Attorney
Al DeLisle

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. - 11/2/20
Special Mtg - 11/23/20

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 Johnston and unanimously carried, to approve the submitted minutes for the month of November.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

FREDDIE HILL- ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE

Turned in a written report for the month of November. Mayor Berry informed the Board of Aldermen that Chief Adams was out due to medical conditions for an undetermined amount of time. Freddie Hill, Assistant Chief of Police, would be taking over his duties until his return.

GEORGE DELISLE- FIRE CHIEF

Turned in a written report for the month of November.
Chief DeLisle stated that they had two volunteer firemen, Al DeLisle and Trey Ellis, that had signed up for fire school.

PARK BOARD

No report was turned in for the month of November.

JOEY WALTERS- STREET & SOLID WASTE SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of November.

JIMMY WYMAN- WATER SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of November.

TERRY WHEELER- SEWER SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of November.
Alderman McCrate pointed out that there was a significant amount of time and work that the sewer department spent pulling pumps multiple times at the Highway 162 West lift station. Discussion followed. Investigation will begin as to where the items that are messing up the pump are coming from.

SCOTT PATTERSON- PRE-TREATMENT COORDINATOR

No report was turned in for the month of November.

ROOSEVELT MOSBY- ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Turned in a written report for the month of November.

JONATHAN THACKER- CODE ENFORCEMENT

Turned in a written report for the month of November.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

No report was turned in for the month of November.

**ORDINANCES OR
RESOLUTIONS**
Proclamation 2020-1-
School Choice Week

Mayor Berry introduced Proclamation 2020-1 naming January 24-30, 2021 as School Choice Week in the City of Portageville, MO. Mayor Berry entertained a motion to accept the Proclamation. Motion was made by Alderman Doering and seconded by Alderman McCrate. All members voted in favor.

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 explained that this bill had been previously tabled, and he placed it back on the agenda for a vote. Mayor Berry entertained a motion for the First Reading of Bill No. 1304. A motion was made by Alderman Doering. There was no second. Motion failed.

Ordinance #1306

Mayor Berry stated that he had submitted a written request to Veto Ordinance No. 1306 that was passed at the prior meeting.

Ordinance 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

Alderman Johnston made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1306, the objection of the Mayor there to notwithstanding. Motion was seconded by Alderman McCrate. Roll call was as follows: Alderman McCrate, yea; Alderman Doering, nay; Alderman Essary, yea; Alderman Johnston, yea. Motion passes 3-1.

OLD BUSINESS

HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL

Mayor Berry stated that after talking with Mark Gibbins, the quote for National General had not come in yet. Discussion followed. A text vote will be taken once the numbers arrive.

SAFETY DINNER REVISED BIDS *FORMAL VOTE

Mayor Berry stated that the following bids were received for catering a plate lunch for full time employees in lieu of the Safety Dinner normally held in December:

Trisha's BBQ	\$15.00 per person
Strawberry's BBQ	\$15.00 per person
Wilson's Catering	\$12.00 per person

Mayor Berry asked for a motion to award the lunch plates to Wilson's Catering at \$12.00 per person. Motion was made by Alderman Essary and seconded by Alderman Johnston. All members voted in favor.

POLICE DEPT SECURITY ENHANCEMENT BIDS

Mayor Berry stated that no bids had been received for the security enhancements to the Police Department. Alderman Johnston stated that since the entrance to the lobby would be locked when the administrative

personnel was not on duty, there was no additional need for enhancements. He stated that the only thing necessary would be two LED lights. Discussion followed.

After much discussion, the Board of Aldermen agreed that the dispatchers would be no longer be employed by the City of Portageville as of December 31, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

New Madrid County will use the Portageville private channel for dispatch of the City of Portageville police officers. A trial run will be conducted on December 24, 2020 beginning at 6:00 a.m. and lasting through December 26, 2020 at 6:00 a.m. Dispatchers will be given time off with pay through the trial run.

Linda Sweatt will now serve in an administrative roll at the police department from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Calls coming into 573-379-5500 will be turned over at 4:30 p.m.

FIRE DEPT DECALS FOR LADDER TRUCK

Chief DeLisle stated that the quote from Kinder Signs for lettering the ladder truck had not come in yet but was expected soon. Mayor Berry stated that a text vote would be taken once the quote was received.

STRATEGIC DOING – RICHARD PROFFER

Mayor Berry asked how the Board of Alderman would like to proceed regarding the presentation that Richard Proffer gave over Strategic Doing at the last Board of Aldermen meeting. Discussion followed. The consensus of the Board of Alderman was not interested at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

DRAFTING MAYOR FOR A DAY PROCLAMATION

Mayor Berry stated he would like to draft a proclamation claiming a young citizen as "Mayor for a Day." Discussion followed. Motion was made by Alderman Johnston and seconded by Alderman McCrate to draft the proclamation allowing Max to be Mayor for a Day.

TIME LIMIT FOR SPEAKING AT PUBLIC MEETINGS

Mayor Berry asked Alderman Johnston if he would like to address the time limit for public speaking that he had placed on the agenda. Alderman Johnston stated that he would like to limit public speaking during future meetings to fifteen minutes. Discussion followed. Alderman Johnston made a motion to limit public speaking to five (5) minutes per person at public meetings. Alderman McCrate seconded. All members voted in favor.

VERIZON GPS TRACKING

Mayor Berry present a contract renewal with Verizon Connect for the GPS tracking services on two (2) of our police cars. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to approve the renewal and add the additional two (2) police cars and two (2) additional water department trucks to the GPS tracking contract for a total of six (6) devices. Motion was made by

Alderman Johnston and seconded by Alderman McCrate. All members voted in favor.

MISSOURI RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION DUES

Mayor Berry informed the Board of Aldermen that the city had received a renewal for Missouri Rural Water Association dues for 2021 in the amount of \$739.76. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to remit the dues in the amount listed above. Motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Johnston. All members voted in favor.

MULTIPLE RENTAL PROPERTY ON THE SAME METER

Mayor Berry stated that there had been an issue that arose in our water department where multiple properties were tied into the same water meter, making it impossible to shut off a non-paying customer without interrupting service for the other. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry asked for a motion establishing a rule that each property must have their own water meter allowing the shut off of each property or the land owner must put the water bill in their name making them responsible for payment of the bill. Motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Johnston. All members voted in favor. This rule will become effective January 1, 2021 and all landowners affected will be contacted regarding the issue.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

**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 November as follows:

Fines Collected	\$731.50
Inmate Security	\$6.00
Crime Victim Compensation	\$0.81
LET Fund	\$6.00
Clerk Fees	\$26.40
TOTAL	\$770.71

MICHELE CRAWFORD, CITY COLLECTOR

RACHEL WRATHER, CITY TREASURER

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

Turned over to City Treasurer:	\$164,946.47
Received from City Collector:	

Park Fund	\$6,709.13
General Fund	\$30,972.05
Health Fund	\$8,075.96
Street Fund	\$370.00
Solid Waste Fund	\$33,330.97
Water & Sewer Fund	\$84,118.36
Red Building	\$250.00
Meter Deposits	\$1,120.00
TOTAL	\$164,946.47
Received from City Clerk:	
General Fund	\$33,324.77
Street Fund	\$10,821.13
Sales Tax	\$66,064.54
TOTAL	\$110,210.44
Interest on Deposits	\$16.66
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$275,173.57

Mayor Berry entertained a motion to approve Municipal Court Judge, City Collector and City Treasurer reports for the month of November. 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 November. After checking the bills, Mayor Berry asked for a motion. Motion was made by Alderman Doering and seconded by Alderman Johnston. 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. There were none.

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 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 7:20 p.m.

Roll call was as follows:

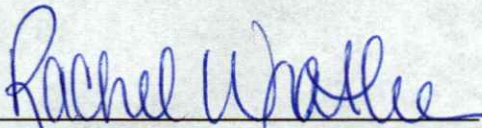
Alderman McCrate "Aye"
Alderman Doering "Aye"
Alderman Essary "Aye"
Alderman Johnston "Aye"

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

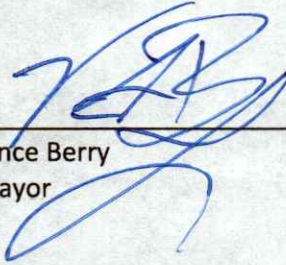
There will be a regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 301 E Main, Portageville.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Alderman McCrate, seconded by Alderman Johnston and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 7:21 p.m.



Rachel Wrather
City Clerk



Vince Berry
Mayor