

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Portageville City Hall
December 8, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City of Portageville Board of Aldermen was held on Thursday, December 8, 2022, at City Hall, 301 E Main St. This meeting was rescheduled from Monday, December 5, 2022, due to not having a quorum. Mayor Walker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present

Alderman Johnson
Alderman Adams
Alderman Estes
Alderman Hollingshead

Council Members Absent

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

Also present were:

Rachel Wrather, City Clerk
Ronnie Adams, Police Chief
Gail Lunbeck
Vince Berry
Mark Gibbins
Aimee Hosford
Carol Bowden
Jimmy Wyman
Mike Cook
Blake Bain
Chris Stinnett
Jeremy Green
Christy Wilson

Terry McVey, City Attorney
Enda Robinson
Mary Kate Berry
Susan Warren
Stephanie Ivie
Ray Staffey
Jonathan Thacker
Scott Patterson
Terry Wheeler
James Petrie
Roosevelt Mosby
Jim McLeish
Denis McCrate

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Public Hearing USDA – 11/7/22
Reg. Meeting- 11/7/22
Special Meeting- 11/29/22

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

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.

Mayor Walker recognized Ray Staffey who addressed the Board of Aldermen with comments and concerns regarding the impeachment appeal of Mayor Berry. He also asked questions about the ARPA funding scoring to which Alderman Johnson explained that Jim McLeish with Horner Shifrin would be speaking on that later in the meeting.

Following Staffey's comments, Vince Berry also spoke regarding the ruling of the impeachment appeal in which he accepted the invitation to closed session to be held later in the meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

RONNIE ADAMS- CHIEF OF POLICE

Turned in a written report for the month of November.

GEORGE DELISLE- FIRE CHIEF

Turned in a written report for the month of November.

PARK BOARD

Turned in a written report for the month of November.

JONATHAN THACKER- STREET & SOLID WASTE SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of November.

JONATHAN THACKER- CODE ENFORCEMENT

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.

SCOTT PATTERSON - PRETREATMENT

Turned in a written report that included the final draft of the amendment to Ordinance 1244 that was submitted and approved by the State of Missouri. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to draft an amendment to Ordinance 1244. Motion was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Adams. All members voted in favor. Terry McVey, City Attorney, will prepare the amendment for the December 19, 2022 meeting.

ROOSEVELT MOSBY- ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Turned in a written report for the month of November. Mosby stated that the Department of Ag inspection was held, and he was in need of pen dividers. He was instructed to obtain quotes.

PLANNING AND ZONING

No report was turned in.

MCCRATE AVENUE DRAINAGE PROJECT

Denis McCrate was present and gave an update on the progress of the project. Change orders were on the agenda for the installation of the additional inlets and 2000 more tons of aggregate.

OLD BUSINESS

HEALTH INSURANCE BID OPENING

Mayor Walker informed everyone that we had received two bids for the health insurance renewals.

Blake Bain with Anderson and Green presented her proposal for Stone Mountain Risk Group based on 30 employees and utilizing Saint Francis Network.

Mark Gibbins with Ellington Insurance presented his proposal for renewal with United Healthcare based on 30 employees and with the United Healthcare national network. There was a 5.8% increase from current rates.

Discussion followed. Alderman Johnson made a motion to stay with Ellington Insurance on a month-to-month basis and rebid the health insurance. Alderman Hollingshead seconded. All members voted in favor.

Alderman Johnson asked about giving the employees the option to opt out of health insurance. Discussion followed. The issue was tabled until the December 19, 2022 meeting.

WATER TOWER REPAIR

Mayor Walker stated that a quote was received from Liquid Engineering for the repair of the water tower at Meatte Park. This is in addition to the one the City has had for several weeks from Ozark Applicators. Discussion followed. Alderman Hollingshead made a motion accept the proposal for the repair from Ozark Applicators in

the amount of \$27,000.00. Alderman Johnson seconded. All members voted in favor.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – GENERATOR

Mayor Walker stated that Brett James, City Electrician, had submitted a revised quote for a generator for the Portageville Police Department in the amount of \$8722.45. This price is for generator and materials only. Labor will be charged by the hour at the City Electrician rate. Discussion followed. Alderman Johnson made a motion to approve the purchase of the above generator for the Police Department. Alderman Hollingshead seconded. All members voted in favor.

The current generator at the Police Department will be moved to City Hall and the current generator at City Hall will be moved to the Fire Department.

FIRE DEPT SPLIT UNIT AIR & HEAT BID OPENING

Mayor Walker informed the Board of Alderman that one bid had been submitted by Bivins Appliance for the split unit for the Portageville Fire Department in the amount of \$3497.00. Discussion followed. Alderman Hollingshead asked to table the issue to see if this needed to be completed right now. The issue was tabled until the December 19, 2022, meeting.

RED BUILDING CONTRACT

Mayor Walker stated that Portageville Park Board had expressed interest in taking back the Red Building rentals in Meatte Park. Mike Cook, Park Board president, was present to confirm this. Discussion followed. Alderman Johnson made a motion to not extend the management contract with the Portageville Jaycees and allow the Park Board to take back operations beginning January 1, 2023. Alderman Adams seconded. All members voted in favor.

BACKUP OPERATOR WATER & SEWER

Mayor Walker informed the Board of Alderman that there were no additional applicants received for backup water and sewer operator after advertising for bids. Richard Lee was still interested in the position and agreed to be backup water and sewer operator for the fee of \$3600 annually for the 2023 calendar year. Discussion followed. Alderman Estes made a motion to approve Richard Lee as the backup operator for Water & Sewer for \$300 per month for the 2023 calendar year. Alderman Adams seconded. All members voted in favor.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE

Mayor Walker invited Jim McLeish with Horner Shifrin to update everyone on ARPA funding and the Water Treatment Plant Project. McLeish stated that the City of Portageville Drinking Water Infrastructure score was a 68 making the application rank a 92 out of 370. The first 40 projects were funded. Unfortunately, we did not receive any ARPA funding for Drinking Water Infrastructure. McLeish also informed everyone that our Lead Service Line Inventory application score was 52 making the application rank of 50 out of 171. The City of Portageville was awarded \$200,000.00 in ARPA funding for the Lead Service Line Inventory. Discussion followed. McLeish is waiting for DNR to release the scoring sheets so he can see where the City did not have points. Whitney Watts has been contacted regarding steps that can be taken with Rural Development for funding opportunities. SRF Funds and Infrastructure Funds are still an option as well. The City can also revisit and reprioritize the project numbers. An update will be given as new information comes available.

RAY STAFFEY FENCE REPAIR

Mayor Walker stated that he had spoken with Staffey regarding the bill for the fence repair. Staffey was present and felt that the City was overcharged for the job. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to lower the fee for the repair to \$500. Motion was made by Alderman Estes and seconded by Alderman Adams. All members voted in favor.

Staffey will have the payment turned in before the next meeting.

MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK POSITION

Mayor Walker stated that one application had been received for the Municipal Court Clerk position; however, the applicant had taken another job and removed herself from the running. Chis Stinnett, Municipal Judge, was present and stated that Sarah Williams, current municipal court clerk, has agreed to continue working at night until a replacement can be found.

NEW BUSINESS

HOUSING AUTHORITY TAHOE

Mayor Walker explained that the Housing Authority recently purchased a 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe for the Housing Authority Officer, but thought that the vehicle was too much for the position. The Housing Authority approached the City about trading the Chief of Police 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe plus additional cash, that would not have to be paid until the next budget cycle, in exchange for the new 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe that they purchased. Discussion followed. Alderman Johnson made a motion that the City offer the 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe plus \$6000.00 to be paid November 2023 in

exchange for the Housing Authority's new 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe. Alderman Hollingshead seconded. All members voted in favor.

FY2024 SOLID WASTE APPLICATIONS

Mayor Walker informed the Board of Alderman that the City had received an email regarding the Bootheel Solid Waste Management FY2024 grant applications. Discussion followed. Alderman Johnson made a motion to not apply for the FY2024. Alderman Adams seconded. All members voted in favor.

CHANGE ORDERS- MCCRATE DRAINAGE PROJECT

Mayor Walker stated that Hessling Construction had submitted two change orders. This first change order was regarding the installation of the additional drop inlets and raising one existing inlet that was originally installed in correctly. This change would cost an additional \$64,530.56. Discussion followed. Alderman Hollingshead said he would like to table this issue until a meeting could be held with Hessling to discuss the costs associated.

The second change order was for more aggregate due to having to backfill more than expected. Discussion followed. Alderman Hollingshead also tabled this change order until after a meeting with Hessling to discuss the costs.

KEVIN GUTHRIE CDL RAISE

Mayor Walker informed everyone that Kevin Guthrie had completed his CDL testing and obtained a CDL license. Guthrie was now seeking a raise for the successful completion. Discussion followed. Alderman Johnson made a motion to raise his hourly salary by \$1.00 per hour. Alderman Adams seconded. All members voted in favor.

SEWER DEPT AUGER REPAIR * FORMAL VOTE

Mayor Walker explained that a text vote had been taken to allow Johnson Screens to inspect and repair the auger unit at the Sewer Plant for a cost not to exceed \$11,978.00 with an initial payment of \$5280.00 to schedule the project. A formal vote was needed.

Alderman Adams made a motion to approve the work of Johnson Screens at the above-mentioned price. Alderman Estes seconded. All members voted in favor.

CHRIS STINNETT, MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

Stinnett turned in a written report for the month of November as follows:

Fines Collected/ Clerk Fees	\$3,244.00
Inmate Security	\$34.50
Crime Victim Compensation	\$6.66

APPROVAL OF
FINANCIAL REPORTS
Municipal Court

LET Fund	\$36.00
TOTAL	\$3,321.16

City Collector
City Treasurer

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:	\$179,321.43
Received from City Collector:	
Park Fund	\$10,087.31
General Fund	\$45,418.72
Health Fund	\$12,104.77
Street Fund	\$75.00
Solid Waste Fund	\$30,143.33
Water & Sewer Fund	\$80,052.30
Meter Deposits	\$1,440.00
TOTAL	\$179,321.43
Received from City Clerk:	
General Fund	\$38,770.04
Street Fund	\$13,771.88
Sales Tax	\$50,274.02
Water & Sewer Fund	\$661.00
Red Building	\$700.00
TOTAL	\$104,176.94
Interest on Deposits	\$15.44
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$286,834.97
<i>(Court, Collector, Clerk, & Interest)</i>	

Mayor Walker entertained a motion to approve Municipal Court Judge, City Collector and City Treasurer reports for the month of November. Motion was made by Alderman Hollingshead and seconded by Alderman Adams. All members voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A list of outstanding bills was given to the Board of Aldermen for the month of November. After checking the bills, Mayor Walker asked for a motion. Motion was made by Alderman Johnson 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.
There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Johnson to adjourn to Executive Session in accordance with Section 610-021.1 RSMo to discuss litigation.

The vote thereon was as follows:

Alderman Johnson	"Aye"
Alderman Adams	"Aye"
Alderman Hollingshead	"Aye"
Alderman Estes	"Aye"

Motion was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Estes to adjourn back to regular session at 9:08 p.m.

Roll call was as follows:

Alderman Johnson	"Aye"
Alderman Adams	"Aye"
Alderman Hollingshead	"Aye"
Alderman Estes	"Aye"

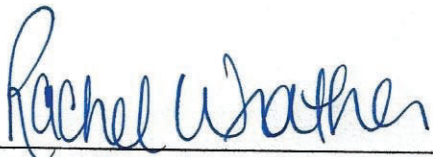
OPEN SESSION/
DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There will be a mid-month meeting on Monday, December 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 301 E Main, Portageville.

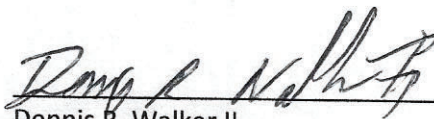
The next regularly schedule Monthly Meeting will be held on Monday, January 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 301 E Main, Portageville.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Adams and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 9:09 p.m.



Rachel Wrather
City Clerk



Dennis R. Walker II
Mayor

