

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Portageville City Hall  
December 9, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City of Portageville Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, December 9, 2024, at City Hall, 301 E Main St. This meeting was originally scheduled for Monday, December 2, 2024, but postponed due to not having a quorum. Mayor Walker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present

Alderman Adams  
Alderman Faulk  
Alderman Cook

Council Members Absent

Alderman Hollingshead

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

Also present were:

Rachel Wrather, City Clerk  
Jonathan Thacker  
Edna Robinson  
George DeLisle  
Scott Patterson  
Roosevelt Mosby  
Tommy Dial

Terry McVey, City Attorney  
Carol Bowden  
Angela Lunbeck  
Al DeLisle  
Terry Wheeler  
Jimmy Wyman

APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
Reg. Meeting- 11/18/24

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

ORDINANCES OR  
RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Walker introduced Bill No. 1355:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BY-LAWS OF THE PARK BOARD OF THE CITY OF PORTAGEVILLE TO SET THE MONTHLY MEETING TIME TO THE 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Mayor Walker entertained a motion for the First Reading of Bill No. 1355. A motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Cook. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Walker entertained a motion for the Second Reading of Bill No. 1355. A motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Cook. A roll call vote was taken.

Alderman Adams, yea; Alderman Faulk, yea; Alderman Cook, yea; Alderman Hollingshead, absent. Motion passes.

After hearing Bill No. 1355 read two times, passed, and approved, Mayor Pro-Tem Hollingshead declared Bill No. 1355 to become Ordinance No. 1355 this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

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 November.

GEORGE DELISLE- FIRE CHIEF

Turned in a written report for the month of November.

Chief DeLisle updated that LED lights had been upgraded within the Fire Shed and that annual pay had been distributed. He also discussed an air leak at the Fire Shed.

PARK BOARD

Turned in a written report for the month of November.

Their minutes stated that they requested a change to the Park Board By-laws that removed the section requiring one member to be a liaison to Portageville School District. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Alderman Cook to draft a change that stated "one member of the Park Board was encouraged but not required to be a liaison to the Portageville School District." Alderman Adams seconded. All members voted in favor.

JONATHAN THACKER- STREET & SOLID WASTE SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of November.

An update was given that the pole on Foster Avenue was set but it was in need of an electrician to complete installation. The backhoe being down was also discussed.

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.

KEVIN GUTHRIE- SEWER SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of November.

SCOTT PATTERSON - PRETREATMENT

No report was turned in for the month of November.

PLANNING AND ZONING

No report was turned in for the month of November.

PROJECT REPORTS

WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Turned in a written report for the month of November.

Mayor Walker presented an invoice from Horner Shifrin in the amounts of \$30,101.00. Discussion followed. The issue was tabled until January 2025 until Horner Shifrin answers questions regarding the SRF Loan. Daniel Kingree will be contacted to get an update of how to proceed.

OLD BUSINESS

CITY ELECTRICIAN APPLICATION REVIEW

Mayor Walker stated that no applications were received for the position. Discussion followed. Alderman Cook made a motion to extend the deadline to submit until December 31, 2024. Alderman Adams seconded. All members voted in favor.

STREET LIGHT ADDITION- COVER LANE & BARNES AVE

Mayor Walker stated that there was no new information provided so the issue was tabled until January 2025.

POLICE DEPARTMENT TASERS

Mayor Walker stated that there was no new information provided so the issue was tabled until January 2025.

AT&T DAMAGE CLAIM

Mayor Walker stated that there was no new information provided so the issue was tabled until January 2025.



DAEOC SEWER VARIANCE

Mayor Walker stated at the previous meeting DAEOC had requested a voluntary annexation or a variance to allow them to connect to the City sewer. Discussion followed. Alderman Adams made a motion to start the voluntary annexation process. Alderman Cook seconded. All members voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

COMBINING ELECTION PRECINCTS TO ONE POLLING PLACE

Mayor Walker explained that the City had received a letter from Amy Brown, County Clerk, due to a request being made for a cleaning fee for the Red Building from the November election. Brown stated that they would not pay any future fees but would be open to combining the two polling places to one polling place at the Community Center. Discussion followed. The issue was tabled until January 2025.

TRASH ADJUSTMENT FOR EAST SIDE- FORMAL VOTE

Mayor Walker tabled the formal vote until all voting members were present.

Discussion was held over the complaints with Sharp Disposal. A public hearing will be held on Monday, January 6, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. to allow citizens to voice their concerns.

COURT FURNACE PURCHASE- FORMAL VOTE

Mayor Walker tabled the formal vote until all voting members were present.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS  
Municipal Court

CHRIS STINNETT, MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

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

Fines Collected/ Clerk Fees	\$1711.45
Inmate Security	\$20.00
Crime Victim Compensation	\$3.51
LET Fund	\$20.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1754.96</b>

CAROL BOWDEN, CITY COLLECTOR

RACHEL WRATHER, CITY TREASURER

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

Turned over to City Treasurer:	\$156,768.84
Received from City Collector:	
Park Fund	\$2870.71

General Fund	\$14,367.51		
Health Fund	\$3,444.85		
Street Fund	\$0.00		
Solid Waste Fund	\$32,309.71		
Water & Sewer Fund	\$102,656.06		
Meter Deposits	\$1,120.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$156,768.84</b>		
Received from City Clerk:			
General Fund	\$36,713.47		
Street Fund	\$12,997.65		
Sales Tax	\$51,537.65		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$101,248.77</b>		
<b>Interest on Deposits</b>			
	<b>\$7.16</b>		
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>			
	<b>\$259,779.73</b>		
<i>(Court, Collector, Clerk, &amp; Interest)</i>			

City Collector  
City Treasurer

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 Adams and seconded by Alderman Cook. 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 Adams and seconded by Alderman Fauik. 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 Cook and Alderman Faulk both expressed concerns over the backhoe.  
Mayor Walker presented a request from Jessie James regarding an issue he had that required him to call a plumber. Discussion followed. Alderman Cook made a motion to not pay anything on the presented bill. Alderman Adams seconded. All members voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

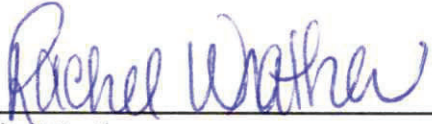
There was none.

OPEN SESSION/  
DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regularly schedule Monthly Meeting will be held on Monday, January 6, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 301 E Main, Portageville.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Cook and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 6:48 p.m.



Rachel Wrather  
City Clerk



Dennis R. Walker II  
Mayor

