

MINUTES

MID MONTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Portageville City Hall  
May 18, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Portageville was held on Monday, May 18, 2020, at City Hall, 301 E Main St. Mayor Vince Berry called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present

Alderman James  
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  
Sam Tillman  
Dava Springer  
George DeLisle  
Leeta Stevens  
TR Thompson  
Martha LeSieur

Mackie Springer  
Ronnie Adams  
Al DeLisle  
Sheila Deere  
Patty Johnson

APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA

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

ORDINANCES OR  
RESOLUTIONS

There was none.

OLD BUSINESS

PLANNING AND ZONING ALLEY ABANDONMENT

Mayor Berry asked Patty Johnson, Planning and Zoning Chairman, about the public hearing for the proposed alley abandonment. Johnson stated that the public hearing was held on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. and there were no public comments regarding the abandonment of the alley located adjacent to Lot 20, Block A of Fairview Addition to Portageville. Planning and Zoning recommends that the Board of Alderman move



forward with the abandonment. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to draw up an ordinance abandoning the alley described. Motion was made by Alderman Doering and seconded by Alderman Essary. All members voted in favor.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### SUMMER HELP POSITIONS

Mayor Berry presented a list of applicants that had applied for summer help positions. There are six positions to be filled around the City of Portageville. Discussion followed. The following list was proposed: Kelsey Kellams, Police; Alex Riddle and Jayse Scherer, Street; Zackary Douglas, Water; Adam Brands, Sewer; Zane Crane, Fire. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to approve the proposed list for summer help positions. Motion was made by Alderman Doering and seconded by Alderman James. All members voted in favor.

Summer positions will start on June 1, 2020. Mayor Berry asked that an email be sent to all applicants not chosen thanking them for their interest in the position.

##### STREET PAVING 2020

Mayor Berry asked if the Alderman had any recommendations for this year's street paving. Discussion followed. All members agreed that Huffman Ave between Main Street and West 12<sup>th</sup> Street should be resurfaced. A motion was made by Alderman James to place an advertisement for bids for the above-mentioned paving. Alderman Johnston seconded. All members voted in favor.

Sealed bids will be opened at the July 6, 2020 Board Meeting. Mayor Berry also mentioned that the sewer department needs to order risers before paving begins, and the street department needs to look at replacing or repairing the drain box on the corner of Huffman Avenue and East 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

##### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - SRO

Mayor Berry informed the Board of Aldermen that a meeting with Mike Allred, Superintendent for Portageville School District, was scheduled for Thursday to review the current Memorandum of Understanding for the School Resource Officer. A draft will be available at the June 1, 2020 board meeting for review.

#### PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Berry asked if there were any visitors present who would like to address the Board of Alderman.

Leeta Stevens addressed the Board of Alderman with concerns over Wood Fencing regulations. Discussion followed. Stevens was advised that this matter should go before Planning and Zoning before the Board of Alderman would review the proposed ordinance change.

Mackie Springer addressed the Board of Alderman concerning why he felt the regulations were not necessary. Springer also informed the Board of



Alderman of ongoing drainage issues. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry stated that he had reviewed the drainage situation and he is consulting with the street department about digging a trench on the city easement to help the area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Alderman Doering, seconded by Alderman James to adjourn to Executive Session in accordance with Section 610-021.1 RSMo to discuss personnel and litigation.

The vote thereon was as follows:

Alderman James "Aye"  
Alderman Doering "Aye"  
Alderman Essary "Aye"  
Alderman Johnston "Aye"

Motion was made by Alderman Doering and seconded by Alderman James to adjourn back to regular session at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call was as follows:

Alderman James "Aye"  
Alderman Doering "Aye"  
Alderman Essary "Aye"  
Alderman Johnston "Aye"

MAYOR AND ALDERMAN  
COMMENTS

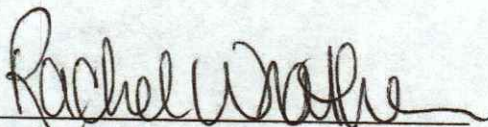
Mayor Berry asked if there were any comments from the Aldermen that needed to be addressed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING


The Board of Alderman will hold a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 1, 2020 at City Hall, 301 E Main, starting at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Alderman James, seconded by Alderman Essary and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 7:02 p.m.



Rachel Wrather  
City Clerk



Vince Berry  
Mayor