

## MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Portageville City Hall  
July 10, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City of Portageville Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, July 10, 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  
Alderman Hollingshead

Council Members Absent

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

Also present were:

Rachel Wrather, City Clerk  
Carol Bowden  
Neil Musgrave  
Kent Peetz  
Scott Patterson  
Gail Lunbeck  
George DeLisle  
Ronnie Adams  
Chris Cooley  
Edna Robinson

Terry McVey, City Attorney  
Jonathan Thacker  
Daniel Kingree  
Jim McCleish  
Susan Warren  
Karen Gowan  
Al DeLisle  
Roosevelt Mosby  
Jimmy Wyman  
Jay Bumpus

APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
Reg. Meeting- 6/5/23

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

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.

Neil Musgrave presented a verbal proposal offering his services for digging ditches within the City of Portageville.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

RONNIE ADAMS- CHIEF OF POLICE

Turned in a written report for the month of June.

Chief Adams stated that they were in the process of moving offices around in the Police Department to provide an Interrogation Room. Assistant Chief Chris Cooley informed the Board of Aldermen about an opportunity to partner with New Madrid County to obtain a FLOC camera system. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to proceed with three FLOC cameras at an annual cost of \$3000 each (\$9000 total) with the initial payment coming from Public Safety and then being included in the Police budget for the future. Motion was made by Alderman Estes. Alderman Johnsons seconded. All members voted in favor.

GEORGE DELISLE- FIRE CHIEF

Turned in a written report for the month of June.

Delisle reported that Engine 1 was back in service. The tanker truck is still scheduled for arrival at the end of the year.

PARK BOARD

Turned in a written report for the month of June.

Discussion was held over items in their report such as purchases being made and work being done, but not being held to procurement standards. A group email will be sent out to the Park Board Committee members and Park Board officers to remind them of the procurement policy.

JONATHAN THACKER- STREET & SOLID WASTE SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of June.

Thacker stated that the ditch cleanup quadrant program will begin this month.

Thacker stated that the street sweeper for the city needed new bristles. Thacker presented the following three quotes:

Forklifts of Cape	\$743.40
Barco	\$590.00

Bobcat	\$944.58
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Discussion followed. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to approve the purchase from Barco in the amount of \$590.00. Motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Johnson. All members voted in favor.

#### JONATHAN THACKER- CODE ENFORCEMENT

Turned in a written report for the month of June.

Thacker was asked about Jose Angel living at a property in a commercial zone where he purchased a business license. Discussion followed. Thacker will investigate and send notice if warranted.

Thacker was asked about a complaint that was received regarding excessive trash on West 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Thacker stated he checked on it and nothing was present at this time that warranted a notice.

Thacker was asked about Mike Allgier and his property located at 205 US Hwy 61 North that was previously brought before Building Commission. Discussion followed. Thacker stated that he would send a notice to appear to Allgier for the next Building Commission meeting.

#### MCCRATE AVENUE DRAINAGE PROJECT

There was none. Mayor Walker asked that this be removed from future agendas as the project has been completed.

#### JIMMY WYMAN- WATER SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of June.

Wyman was not present; however, Alderman Estes stated that the outstanding work orders for fire hydrants should be a priority for the department. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker stated that he will convey this to Wyman.

#### TERRY WHEELER- SEWER SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of June.

#### SCOTT PATTERSON - PRETREATMENT

Turned in a written report for the month of June.

#### ROOSEVELT MOSBY- ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Turned in a written report for the month of June.

Mosby expressed growing concern with complaints over reptiles such as pythons being kept in residences. Discussion followed. Terry McVey, City Attorney, stated that pythons and other animals are considered exotic animals according to Portageville Code and are not allowed in the City limits. If questioned or encountered, they should be instructed to contact the Department of Conservation.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Turned in a written report for the month of June.

It was mentioned that the Assembly of God Church is currently zoned as a Commercial Zone, and they may be looking to place a residence for their pastor on their property. Discussion followed. The matter will be turned over to Planning and Zoning for further review.

OLD BUSINESS

STREET DEPT – DUMP TRAILER QUOTES

Mayor Walker asked Jonathan Thacker, Street Dept Supervisor, to go over the three quotes he obtained for a dump trailer. The quotes were as follows:

Poplar Bluff Trailer, LLC	\$11,700.00
Poplar Bluff Trailer, LLC	\$13,900.00
Silverline Trailers	\$12,672.00

Discussion followed. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to approve the quote from Poplar Bluff Trailer LLC in the amount of \$13,900.00. Motion was made by Alderman Estes and seconded by Alderman Hollingshead. All members voted in favor.

STREET DEPT – GOVDEAL EQUIPMENT AUCTION RESERVE

Mayor Walker asked Jonathan Thacker, Street Dept Supervisor, if he had researched and come up with a reserve cost on the items he wanted to list on Govdeals to help with the cost of the dump trailer mentioned above. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to set the reserve for the 2002 Chevrolet at \$3500.00 and the Dump Truck at \$2500.00. Motion was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Adams. All members voted in favor.

ANIMAL CONTROL – DANGEROUS DOGS/ BANNING OF SPECIFIC BREEDS

Mayor Walker reminded the Board of Aldermen that this item was carried over from the last meeting pending investigation from the City Attorney. Discussion followed. No motion was made. The Board of Alderman was in consensus that the current policy on dangerous dogs should remain the same and not ban a specific breed.

PARK BOARD – SCHOOL LIASON

Mayor Walker stated that the June 2023 minutes of the Park Board did not name a school liaison to the Park Board; however, Mike Cook, Park Board President, did state that at the July meeting they had a current member who wished to resign and would be replaced by a member who would be a liaison to the Portageville School District. Discussion followed. It was decided to allow them to approve their

nomination at the July meeting to be appointed by the Portageville Board of Alderman at their August meeting.

#### PARK BOARD – PARK MOWING QUOTES

Mayor Walker expressed his opinion to leave park mowing as it is currently and remove the item from the agenda. Discussion followed. It was decided that discussion would be suspended until FY2025 budget sessions that will begin in February 2024.

#### PFAS LITIGATION UPDATE

Mayor Walker informed the Board that a settlement had been reached with 3M Company in the multi-district litigation over PFAS contamination. Discussion followed. Further information and testing will be needed to proceed.

#### GOVDEALS RESERVE NOT MET: RELISTING 2016 EXPLORERS – FORMAL VOTE

Mayor Walker stated that a text vote had been completed to relist the 2016 Explorers that had not met reserve, but a formal vote was needed. Motion was made by Alderman Adams. Alderman Estes seconded. All members voted in favor.

#### MCCRATE DRAINAGE DITCH ANDERS PIPE – FORMAL VOTE

Mayor Walker stated that a text vote had been completed to approve Anders Pipe in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the remaining dirt work along McCrate Avenue, but a formal vote was needed. Motion was made by Alderman Johnson. Alderman Hollingshead seconded. All members voted in favor.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### HORNER SHIFRIN CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR PFAS REPORT

Mayor Walker invited Daniel Kingree and Kent Peetz with Horner Shifrin to come forward and address the Board of Alderman regarding their proposed contract amendment. Horner Shifrin stated an additional engineering report was needed for the PFAS contamination removal on the new water treatment plant. The cost of the amendment would be \$30,000.00. Discussion followed. The issue was tabled until funding through the SRF program was released.

#### FSBT BACKPACK DONATION

Mayor Walker presented a request from First State Bank & Trust for a donation to their backpack program. Discussion followed. Alderman Johnson made a motion to approve a donation in the amount of \$500. Alderman Adams seconded. All members voted in favor.

#### MISS PORTAGEVILLE SPONSORSHIP

Mayor Walker presented a request for sponsorship of the Miss Portageville Pageant that will take place in September. Discussion followed. Alderman Hollingshead made a motion for Premium Sponsorship in the amount of \$400.00. Alderman Adams seconded. All members voted in favor.

#### MOU PORTAGEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (2023-2024)

Mayor Walker informed the Board of Aldermen that Michael Allred, Portageville School District, and Police Chief Ronnie Adams had both reviewed the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Portageville School District and the City of Portageville that establishes a School Resource Officer for the 2023-2024 school year with no changes. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to approve the proposed MOU. Motion was made by Alderman Adams. Alderman Hollingshead seconded. All members voted in favor.

#### THACKER CDL RAISE

Mayor Walker stated that Jonathan Thacker had obtained his CDL license and would like \$1.00 per hour raise. Discussion followed. Since Thacker is now a salaried employee, Mayor Walker asked for a motion to raise his salary \$2080.00 annually which is the equivalent of \$1.00 per hour. Motion was made by Alderman Johnson. Alderman Hollingshead seconded. All members voted in favor.

#### STREET PAVING 2023 (RECOMMENDATIONS/ ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS)

Mayor Walker asked which streets the members of the Board would like to see paved this year. Discussion followed. Alderman Adams made a motion to list McCrate Avenue from Main Street to Highway 162 and First Street from Huffman Avenue east to the Railroad Tracks for paving. Alderman Johnson seconded. All members voted in favor.

#### WORKMAN AVE SPEED LIMIT DECREASE – SE

Mayor Walker stated that Alderman Estes would like to decrease the speed limit on Workman Avenue near her apartments. Alderman Estes stated she would like to see the road closed where the paved road turns to gravel because of the dust that is blown from the gravel road. Discussion followed. There is a residential lot that the closure would affect because they would not have access to the lot except by going on private property if closed. Mayor Walker stated that he would try to contact the property owners involved. The issue was tabled until August 7, 2023.

#### PARK BOARD RESPONSE – FORMAL VOTE

Mayor Walker stated a text vote had been taken to post a response to incorrect information that was distributed by the Portageville Park Board on social media, but a formal vote was needed. Motion was made by Alderman Adams. Alderman Johnson seconded. All members voted in favor.

**FIRE TRUCK REPAIR VGT ACTUATOR – FORMAL VOTE**

Mayor Walker stated a text vote had been taken to repair a VGT Actuator in Engine 1 in the amount of \$2700.22, but a formal vote was needed. Motion was made by Alderman Hollingshead. Alderman Estes seconded. All members voted in favor.

**REMAINING HDPE 36" PIPE – FORMAL VOTE**

Mayor Walker stated a text vote had been taken to sell the remaining 36" HDPE pipe that was left over from the McCrate Drainage Ditch project. Motion was made by Alderman Johnson. Alderman Adams seconded. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Walker asked if there had been any interest from the community regarding purchasing the sticks of pipe. There was none. Discussion followed. Alderman Adams made a motion to place the remaining sticks on Govdeals at a cost of \$1000.00 per stick. Alderman Hollingshead seconded. All members voted in favor.

**CHRIS STINNETT, MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE**

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

Fines Collected/ Clerk Fees	\$1700.07
Inmate Security	\$18.00
Crime Victim Compensation	\$4.01
LET Fund	\$18.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1740.08</b>

APPROVAL OF  
FINANCIAL REPORTS  
Municipal Court

**MICHELE CRAWFORD, CITY COLLECTOR**

**RACHEL WRATHER, CITY TREASURER**

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

Turned over to City Treasurer:	\$110,093.26
Received from City Collector:	
Park Fund	\$216.21
General Fund	\$4,192.74
Health Fund	\$259.45
Street Fund	\$303.00
Solid Waste Fund	\$31,932.97

City Collector  
City Treasurer

Water & Sewer Fund	\$71,668.89
Meter Deposits	\$1,520.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$110,093.26</b>
Received from City Clerk:	
General Fund	\$41,948.46
Street Fund	\$12,241.26
Sales Tax	\$63,360.22
SRO/Public Safety	\$250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$117,799.94</b>
<b>Interest on Deposits</b>	<b>\$16.61</b>
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$229,649.89</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 June. Motion was made by Alderman Estes 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 June. After checking the bills, Mayor Walker asked for a motion. Motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Hollingshead. 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 heard complaints about the mail not delivering water bills to customers in a timely manner. Discussion followed. Alderman Adams made a motion to allow citizens until the 16<sup>th</sup> to pay their bill without penalty. Alderman Hollingshead seconded. All members voted in favor.  
Alderman Johnson wanted to stress investigating all avenues for funding for the water treatment plant.  
Alderman Estes asked if the entrance of a home was required to face the roadway or if it could face an alley.  
Mayor Walker stated that he had received several complaints regarding Sharp Disposal including the etiquette of their employees. Discussion followed. Sharp Disposal will be called in during the mid-month meeting on July 17, 2023.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was none.

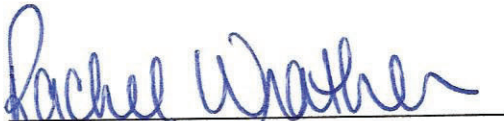


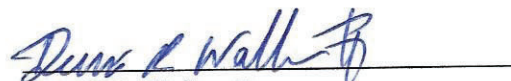
OPEN SESSION/  
DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Mid-month meeting will be held on Monday, July 17, 2023, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 301 East Main, Portageville.  
The next regularly schedule Monthly Meeting will be held on Monday, August 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 301 E Main, Portageville.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Alderman Hollingshead, seconded by Alderman Estes and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

  
Rachel Wrather  
City Clerk

  
Dennis R. Walker II  
Mayor