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MINUTES

MID MONTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Portageville City Hall
July 20, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Portageville was held on Monday, July 20, 2020, at 7:15 p.m. at City Hall, 301 E Main St. Mayor Vince Berry called the meeting to order.

Council Members Absent

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present
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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS Ordinance #1302

Mayor Berry introduced Bill No. 1302:

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 1289 WHICH ALLOWED THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN PUBLIC PLACES WHEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH A TEMPORARY PERMIT FOR SALE BY DRINK

Mayor entertained a motion for the First Reading of Bill No. 1302. Motion was made by Alderman Doering and seconded by Alderman McCrate. All members voted in favor.

Mayor asked for a motion for the Second Reading of Bill No. 1302. Motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Essary. Voting was as follows: Alderman McCrate, Yea; Alderman Doering, Yea; Alderman Essary, Yea; Alderman Johnston, Yea.

After hearing Bill No. 1302 read two times, passed and approved, Mayor Berry declared Bill No. 1302 to become Ordinance No. 1302 this 20th day of July 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

FIRE HYDRANT TESTING POLICY

Mayor Berry reintroduced the Fire Hydrant Testing Policy that was drafted for the City of Portageville. Mayor Berry stated that both Jimmy Wyman, Water Superintendent, and George DeLisle, Fire Chief, had reviewed the new policy and had no objections. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to approve the Fire Hydrant Testing Policy as written. Motion was made by Alderman Johnston and seconded by Alderman Essary. All members voted in favor.

WATER PLANT PANEL REMOVAL

Mayor Berry stated that David Parsley had obtained a quote from Kelley Electric in the amount of \$8,350.00 regarding the moving of the electric panel at the water plant. The panel removal has been discussed many times in conjunction with the demolition of the old building. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to allow Kelly Electric to relocate the panel for \$8,350.00. Motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Essary. All members voted in favor.

STREET PAVING BIDS

Mayor Berry explained that he had contacted all the paving companies that had submitted sealed bids earlier in the month. An error was made on Causey Companies as it included all of Huffman Ave from Main to State Hwy 162 instead of stopping at West 12th as the advertisement for bids requested. Discussion followed. Even though there was an error in bidding, the initial sealed bid from Causey Companies will be the bid on file. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to accept the lowest bid from Paving Pros LLC in the amount of \$70,010.11 for the paving of Huffman Ave. from Main Street to West 12th Street.

Alderman McCrate did present an alternate paving position which eliminated Huffman Ave and instead paved a portion of Third Street, LeSieur Avenue and Sunset Drive. Discussion followed. Huffman Avenue will be paved with seven sections along the paving route repaired by the city crews before paving begins. Work orders will be distributed to the departments and a six-week time frame for total completion will be given. All necessary concrete work will be done by an outside company. Alderman Johnston made a motion to accept the bid from Paving Pros for the paving of Huffman Avenue. Motion was seconded by Alderman Doering. Voting was follows: Alderman McCrate, abstained; Alderman Doering, yea; Alderman Essary, yea; Alderman Johnston, yea. Motion passes.

CONSTRUCTION WORKING HOURS

Mayor Berry asked if anyone wanted to address the drafting of an ordinance to set hours for construction to take place within the City of Portageville. No one had any comments. Item was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

CAMERAS AT INTERSECTION

Mayor Berry presented three bids for the installation of cameras at the intersections entering Portageville city limits. These cameras were included in the USDA equipment grant for the fiscal year. The bids were as follows:

| Hitech Communications | \$6,790.20 |
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| Last Mile Gear | \$12,927.74 |
| Cosmo Wireless | \$8,302.80 |

Discussion followed. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to approve the bid from Hitech Wireless in the amount of \$6,790.20. Motion was made by Alderman Johnston and seconded by Alderman Doering. All members voted in favor.

BOOTHEEL REGIONAL PLANNING DUES

Mayor Berry informed the Board of Alderman that we had received a letter from Bootheel Regional Planning Commission requesting dues for the fiscal year in the amount of \$968.40. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Doering to pay the dues in the amount of \$968.40 to Bootheel Regional Planning Commission. All members voted in favor.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was none.

MAYOR AND ALDERMAN COMMENTS

Mayor Berry asked if there were any comments from the Aldermen that needed to be addressed. There were none.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Board of Alderman will hold a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 3, 2020 at City Hall, 301 E Main, starting at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Alderman McCrate, seconded by Alderman James, and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Rachel Wrather City Clerk Vince Berry Mayor

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