

MINUTES

MID MONTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Portageville City Hall
August 23, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Portageville was held on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 301 East Main St. Mayor Vince Berry called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present

Alderman McCrate
Alderman Adams
Alderman Walker

Council Members Absent

Alderman Johnston

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

Also present were:

Rachel Wrather, City Clerk
Mary Kate Hollingshead
Ronnie K Adams
Patty Johnson
Al DeLisle
Sandy Stewart
Martha LeSieur

Carol Bowden
Chris Stinnett
George DeLisle
Chris Cooley
Michele Crawford
Susan Warren

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Berry introduced Bill No. 1312:

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1306 AND TERMINATING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PORTAGEVILLE AND THE CITY OF NEW MADRID AND NEW MADRID COUNTY DATED DECEMBER OF 2020 UNDER WHICH ALL EMERGENCY AND POLICE DISPATCH CALLS FOR THE CITY OF PORTAGEVILLE WERE TO BE HANDELED BY THE CITY OF NEW MADRID

Mayor Berry entertained a motion for the First Reading of Bill No. 1312. A motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Walker. Voting was as follows: Alderman McCrate, nay; Alderman Adams, yea; Alderman Walker, yea; Alderman Johnston, absent. Motion passes 2-1.

Mayor Berry entertained a motion for the Second Reading of Bill No. 1312. A motion was made by Alderman Walker and seconded by Alderman Adams. A roll call vote was taken. Voting was as follows: Alderman McCrate, nay; Alderman Adams, yea; Alderman Walker, yea; Alderman Johnston, absent.

After hearing Bill No. 1312 read two times, passed, and approved, Mayor declared Bill No. 1312 to become Ordinance No. 1312 this 23rd day of August 2021.

OLD BUSINESS

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT CONTRACT

Mayor Berry present the contract for the Preliminary Engineering report from Horner Shifrin with a cost not to exceed \$45,500.00. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to approve the contract. Motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Adams. All members voted in favor.

FEE FOR BURN PILE USE FOR COMPANIES

Mayor Berry asked Alderman McCrate if he still wanted to address this issue that was carried over from the previous meeting. Alderman McCrate stated he would like to establish a way to charge fees to commercial out of town businesses who were utilizing the burn pile for tree trimmings. Discussion followed. It was determined that any fees imposed would ultimately be transferred to the citizens. Cameras will be placed at the burn pile to monitor use.

TAX SALE PROPERTY UPDATE

Mayor Berry informed the Board of Alderman that he purchased five properties that were 1st and 2nd offerings from the city tax sale held on August 23, 2021.

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Mayor Berry asked to table this issue until the September 7, 2021 meeting.

DISPATCH POSITIONS

Mayor Berry asked Chief Adams if the positions for dispatch had been filled. Chief Adams stated that they filled all spots and would like to hire an additional part-time employee to fill in when needed bringing the total dispatchers to four full time and 2 part time. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to approve the

additional part-time dispatcher and set the pay rate for full-time dispatchers at \$12.50 except for Linda Sweatt who will remain at her current salary. Part-time dispatchers will be paid minimum wage. Motion was made by Alderman Walker and seconded by Alderman Adams. Voting was as follows: Alderman McCrate, nay; Alderman Adams, yea; Alderman Walker, yea; Alderman Johnston, absent. Motion passes 2-1.

Alderman Walker stated that he would like to see all the returning dispatchers return with their seniority and benefits intact. Mayor Berry asked for a motion. Motion was made by Alderman Walker and seconded by Alderman Adams. Voting was as follows: Alderman McCrate, nay; Alderman Adams, yea; Alderman Walker, yea; Alderman Johnston, absent. Motion passes 2-1.

Dispatch will return to Portageville Police Department effective September 1, 2021 at 6:00 a.m.

RED BUILDING UNIT- FORMAL VOTE

Mayor Berry stated that a text vote had been taken to approve Darl Bivins to install the AC Unit for the Red Building in the amount of \$5450.00, but a formal vote would need to be done. Motion to approve was made by Alderman McCrate. Alderman Adams seconded. All members voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

RAYMOND DAVIS VEHICLE DAMAGE

Mayor Berry explained that a recent storm blew a metal sign from the softball field on Park Ave. into Raymond Davis' vehicle. A quote from Reggie's Cleaning Service totaled \$719.00 to repair the damage. Discussion followed. Alderman McCrate made a motion to approve the repair from Reggie's Cleaning Service in the amount of \$719.00 to repair the damages. Alderman Adams seconded. All members voted in favor.

Alderman Adams will contact Todd Higgs, Park Board President, to make sure that all current and future signs attached to fencing are secured with anchor bolts so this does not happen again.

NEW ORLEANS INN WATER ADJUSTMENT

Mayor Berry stated that the owner of New Orleans Inn had approached him about receiving an adjustment to his current water bill. He had already been given two separate adjusts during the year. Discussion followed. The Board of Alderman agreed that no further adjusts would be given at this time.

ATV STICKERS

Mayor Berry stated that chief Adams had approached him about turning the ATV sticker responsibility over to City Hall instead of residents having to obtain it at the Police Department. All duties such as checking for a valid driver's license and current insurance would be directed to City Hall. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Alderman Adams to allow City Hall to handle ATV stickers effective immediately. Alderman Walker seconded. All members voted in favor.

DELTA SEWER

Mayor Berry informed the Board of Alderman that Delta Auto Parts and Salvage would like to connect onto City sewer services. Part of the property is in city limits. Mayor Berry estimated that the total project would cost the City approximately \$12,000.00. Discussion followed. Alderman McCrate suggested that an engineer should be consulted to ensure no issues with the current plans. Mayor Berry stated he would contact Horner Shifrin and run the project by him. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to advertise for bids to find a contractor to bore under Highway 61 N at the intersection of State Highway 162. Motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Walker. All members voted in favor. Bids will be opened at the October 4, 2021 meeting.

SOYBEAN FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP

Mayor Berry reviewed the Soybean Festival sponsorship form given to the City by the Chamber of Commerce. Motion was made by Alderman Walker to allow the City to be a corporate sponsor at a cost of \$1000.00. Alderman Adams seconded. All members voted in favor.

MALDEN FIRE EXTINGUISHER QUOTE

Mayor Berry presented a quote from Malden Fire Extinguisher Company to update all extinguishers throughout the City. Motion was made by Alderman McCrate to approve the upgrade at a cost of \$1445.00. Alderman Adams seconded. All members voted in favor.

PARISH CENTER ROAD CLOSURE- MEATTE AVE

Mayor Berry stated that Clint Klipfel had asked that Meatte Avenue be closed as in years past for the Parish Center event. Motion was made by Alderman Adams to approve the closure and seconded by Alderman McCrate. All members voted in favor.

BUILDING TO BUIDING CABLES- TIS THE SEASON TO CITY HALL

Mayor Berry was approached by the Chamber of Commerce to allow a building-to-building cable pully system to be ran from Tis the Season to City Hall to allow banners to be hung over the road. Mayor

Berry stated that he had obtained a quote from Dustin Crafton to do the job. He also stated that he had materials left over from the Haunted Inn that could be utilized for the project leaving only labor costs of \$820.00. Motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman McCrate to allow Dustin Crafton to install the pulley system at a cost of \$820.00. All members voted in favor.

KMIS FOOTBALL SPONSORSHIP – FORMAL VOTE

Mayor Berry stated that due to time restraints, a text vote had been taken to approve the KMIS sponsorship of Bulldog Football at a cost of \$60.00 per game. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to approve the sponsorship. Motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Adams. All members voted in favor.

FIRE NOZZLE FROM SENTINEL- FORMAL VOTE

Mayor Berry asked for a motion to approve the purchase of a fire nozzle from Sentinel at a cost of \$970.00. A text vote had previously been taken. Motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Adams. 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.

George DeLisle approached the Board of Alderman about purchasing 150 feet of hose for the ISO rating. Discussion followed. Alderman Walker made a motion to approve the purchase from Fire Hose Direct. Alderman Adams seconded. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Berry stated that he had met with Michele Crawford, City Collector, over the City Collector position. He stated that the filing was done by Workman's Comp and was procedural.

Patty Johnson updated the Board of Alderman on two issues presented to the Planning and Zoning Board from their previous meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The vote thereon was as follows:

Alderman McCrate	"Aye"
Alderman Adams	"Aye"
Alderman Walker	"Aye"
Alderman Johnston	Absent

Motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman Adams to adjourn back to regular session at 6:45 p.m.

Roll call was as follows:

Alderman McCrate "Aye"
Alderman Adams "Aye"
Alderman Walker "Aye"
Alderman Johnston Absent

MAYOR AND ALDERMAN COMMENTS

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

Alderman Walker stated he would like Terry McVey, City Attorney to investigate drafting an ordinance that would require the defunding or a city department to be approved by voters. Discussion followed. Rachel Wrather, City Clerk, will contact Terry McVey to see what can be done.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Board of Alderman will hold a Public Hearing on the USDA Fire Equipment grant to purchase a new truck on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at City Hall, 301 E Main, starting at 5:30 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen will hold a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 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 Adams, and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.



Rachel Wrather
City Clerk



Vince Berry
Mayor