

## MINUTES

### MID MONTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING Portageville City Hall December 16, 2019

#### CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Portageville was held on Monday, December 16, 2019, at City Hall, 301 E Main St. Mayor Simmons is absent due to illness. Mayor Pro-Tem Vince Berry called the meeting to order.

#### ROLL CALL

##### Council Members Present

Alderman James  
Alderman Doering  
Alderman Essary  
Alderman Berry

##### Council Members Absent

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

##### Also present were:

Rachel Wrather, City Clerk	Al DeLisle
Austin DeLisle	Scott Patterson
Linda Sweatt	Amber Sweatt
Tim Oberg	Ronnie Adams, Police Chief
Sam Tillman	Bob Carter, Assistant Fire Chief
Jimmy Wyman, Water Supervisor	Joey Walters, Street Supervisor
Thomas Penrod, Sewer Supervisor	

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

#### ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS

There were none.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### DISPATCHING SERVICES

Mayor Pro-Tem Berry addressed the issue of fire department calls that come in to the Portageville Police Department now being required to be forwarded to New Madrid County Emergency Communication Center because of the Active 911 application used by the Fire Department. The signed Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Portageville,

Portageville Fire Chief and New Madrid County Emergency Communication Center was presented. Discussion followed. Alderman Essary presented the idea of all dispatching being done through New Madrid County based on the money that citizens already contribute through their tax dollars to the 911 program. The issue was tabled until the January 6, 2020 board meeting. In the meantime, if a call comes into the Police Department for a fire it is to be distributed through Textcaster first and then forwarded to New Madrid County. Mayor Pro-Tem Berry will try to speak with county officials before the board meeting to see about Portageville recouping some of the 911 funding since we are currently the backup dispatch for 911 in New Madrid County.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Mayor Pro-Tem Berry asked if there were any visitors present who would like to address the Board of Alderman. Sam Tillman with H. Tillman Accountant, LLC addressed the Board of Alderman and stated that it was time to renew his current contract with the City of Portageville if they would like him to serve another three-year term ending May 31, 2024. Discussion followed. There are no changes to his rates. Motion was made by Alderman Doering and seconded by Alderman Berry to renew H. Tillman Accountant LLC for a three-year term ending May 31, 2024 with the City of Portageville at a rate of \$2300.00 per month. All members voted in favor.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

The vote thereon was as follows:

Alderman James	"Aye"
Alderman Doering	"Aye"
Alderman Essary	"Aye"
Alderman Berry	"Aye"

Motion was made by Alderman Doering and seconded by Alderman Berry to adjourn back to regular session at 7:05 p.m.

Roll call was as follows:

Alderman James	"Aye"
Alderman Doering	"Aye"
Alderman Essary	"Aye"
Alderman Berry	"Aye"

**MAYOR AND ALDERMAN  
COMMENTS**

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

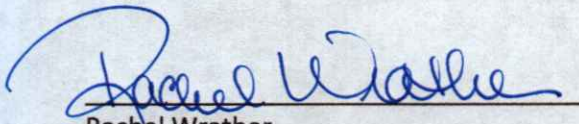
Mayor Pro-Tem Berry did acknowledge that minimum wage would be increasing in the state of Missouri effective January 1, 2020. Since we are a municipality, the City of Portageville is not required to pay anything over the federal minimum wage, but it is strongly suggested that we follow the Missouri minimum wage guidelines. The issue was tabled until the January 6, 2020 board meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

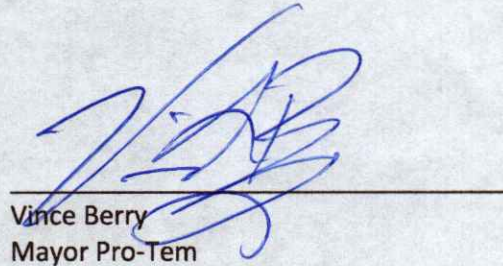
The Board of Alderman will hold a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, January 6, 2020 at City Hall, 301 E Main, starting at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Alderman Doering, seconded by Alderman Berry and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.



Rachel Wrather  
City Clerk



Vince Berry  
Mayor Pro-Tem