

MINUTES

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

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Portageville was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 301 E Main St. Mayor Vince Berry called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present

Alderman McCrate  
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  
George DeLisle  
Austin DeLisle  
Freddie Hill  
Tim Oberg  
Laban Petzoldt  
Mary Hollingshead  
Raymond Davis  
Ray Staffey  
Amber Estes  
John Dubois  
Michele Crawford  
Pam Dunlap  
John Stevens  
Linza Legrand  
Jill Bock  
Mark Stockton  
Rob Barnham  
Terry Phillips  
Hannah Rushing  
Floyd Simmons

Terry McVey, City Attorney  
Al Delisle  
Amenda Alexander  
Patty Johnson  
Jacob Redden  
Chad Clymer  
Sherrie Davis  
Rodi Walker  
Bruce Cronan  
Linda Sweatt  
Martha LeSieur  
Brittany Dawson  
Randy Hughes  
Phylis Thompson  
Ronnie Adams  
Ada Kellams  
Quentin White  
Mike Cook  
Lacie Jackson  
Anthony Rushing  
Brandon Hanner

Joe DeLisle  
Travis Harris Sr  
Chris Hollingshead  
Edna Robinson  
Peggy Simmons  
Chance Russell  
Steve Kellams

Travis Harris Jr  
Kris Simmons  
Doc Smith  
Travis Scherer  
Harry Toton  
Lynn Kellams  
Chris Stinnett

APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA

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

OLD BUSINESS

POLICE DEPT ROOF BIDS

Mayor Berry stated that three bids had been received for the repairs and  
application of a foam roof at the Portageville Police Department located at  
201 E Main in Portageville. The bids were as follows:

HD Roof Coatings Joplin, Missouri	\$49,765.00
Pete's Construction East Prairie, Missouri	\$49,500.00
Pete's Construction East Prairie, Missouri	\$59,200.00

Alderman Johnston informed the Board of Aldermen that Pete's  
Construction had submitted two bids because one was acrylic, and one was  
silicone. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to approve  
the silicone bid from Pete's Construction in the amount of \$59,200.00.  
Motion was made by Alderman McCrate and seconded by Alderman  
Johnston. All members voted in favor. Street department will be  
responsible for removing the old air conditioner from the roof before  
repairs are made.

ARAMARK UNIFORMS

Mayor Berry informed the Board of Alderman that Aramark asked to  
postpone their presentation until the next meeting on September 8, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

GRASS CLIPPINGS ON ROADWAYS

Mayor Berry stated that there had been some citizens that asked the Board  
of Alderman to consider adopting an ordinance that could fine people for  
blowing their grass clippings onto the street when mowing. Discussion  
followed. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to draft an ordinance to make it  
illegal to blow grass clippings onto roadways. Motion was made by  
Alderman Johnston and seconded by Alderman McCrate. Voting was as  
follows: Alderman McCrate, yea; Alderman Doering, nay; Alderman Essary,  
yea; Alderman Johnston, yea. Motion passes.

**EMERGENCY REPORTING SOFTWARE RENEWAL**

Mayor Berry stated that the Fire Department had received a renewal for their Emergency Reporting software in the amount of \$2,268.00. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry asked for a motion to approve the payment to Backdraft OPCO, LLC in the amount of \$2,268.00. Motion was made by Alderman Johnston and seconded by Alderman McCrate. All members voted in favor.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT DISPATCH**

Mayor Berry asked Alderman Johnston if he would like to inform the board about moving dispatch for police services to New Madrid. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry opened the floor for citizen comment. Phylis Thompson, Linza Legrand, Doc Smith, Peggy Simmons, Floyd Simmons, Amenda Alexander, Mark Stockton, Rodi Walker, Kris Simmons, and Travis Harris spoke out against moving dispatch. Harry Toton spoke in favor of moving dispatch. Quentin White asked Brandon Hanner to explain the 911 situation to the citizens that were present. Ray Staffey asked for clarification as to when this idea of moving dispatch occurred. Sam Tillman was asked to explain the budget process for the City of Portageville. Discussion followed. Mayor Berry asked Alderman Johnston if he would like to make a motion regarding dispatch. Alderman Johnston made a motion to have an ordinance drafted to put a non-binding issue on the April 2021 ballot as to what the citizens would like to see done with Portageville dispatch. Motion was seconded by Alderman Doering. Voting was as follows: Alderman McCrate, nay; Alderman Doering, yea; Alderman Essary, nay; Alderman Johnston, yea. As with the case of a tie, Mayor Berry voted yea. Motion passes.

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

There were none.

There was none.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MAYOR AND ALDERMAN  
COMMENTS**

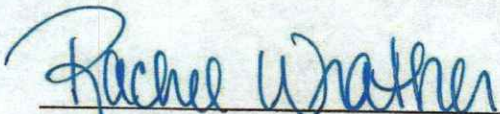
Mayor Berry asked if there were any comments from the Aldermen that needed to be addressed. There were none.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

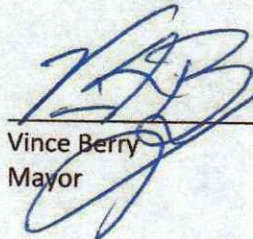
The Board of Alderman will hold a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at City Hall, 301 E Main, starting at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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



Rachel Wrather  
City Clerk



Vince Berry  
Mayor