

# City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

## Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, April 4, 2011

In Council Chambers at City Hall

Present: Mayor Barnes; Mayor Pro-Tem Clement; Council Members VanSlambrouck, Calley and Fabiano; City Manager Dempsey; City Clerk Miller; DDA/Main Street Director Reagan; Police Chief Bauer, and Camera Operator Cummins

Guests: Kathy Parsons; Tom Thelen of the Review & Observer; Jon Szerlag of the Sentinel Standard

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Barnes with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Clement, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve the Agenda as presented.

Yeas: Clement, VanSlambrouck, Calley, Fabiano, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under the City Manager Report, City Manager Dempsey presented information on the action items for consideration on the Agenda.

City Manager Dempsey stated that the Notice to Proceed on the WWTP Project was issued on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The anticipated date for substantial completion on the project is January 23, 2012 and the date for final completion is March 28, 2012. Part of the project required relocation of some underground electric lines that were not noted in the original plans. The Davis Construction electrical contractor quoted \$7,000 for the relocation. City employees worked with a local electrician to relocate those electric lines away from the construction at a cost of \$500. The City reviews proposals and looks for more cost effective ways to complete work to save residents money. In this instance, the review and use of a local electrician and City employees saved the WWTP \$6500. City Manager Dempsey acknowledged Dave Klein of D&E Electric for his suggestions and competitive pricing.

City Manager Dempsey reported that the Portland Water Department monitors Volatile Organic Compounds or VOC's at its drinking water wells. Ken Gensterblum wrote the MDEQ requesting a reduction in the testing frequency of VOC's at wells 4, 5, and 6 based on years of test results showing non-detect or minimal detection that is way below safe drinking water standards. The MDEQ approved the request to reduce the testing frequency. The City will save \$1300 on lab fees on every three-year period of testing for these wells as long as the testing results remain at such low levels.

City Manager Dempsey reminded residents that the 2011 Community Clean Up will be held Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at the DPW Compound. The Community Clean Up is a joint effort between the City of Portland, Portland Township and Danby Township.

City Manager Dempsey presented information regarding the socialization of transmission costs approved by FERC and the negative implications for Michigan.

Under Presentations, DDA/Main Street Director Reagan presented information on the Downtown Rummage Sale which will be held Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of City

Hall. The Organization and Finance Committee holds this near the same weekend as the Community Clean-Up in an effort to help people get rid of their stored items in a way other than putting them in a landfill.

Under New Business, the Council considered Resolution 11-26 to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a Wastewater Discharge Permit for Speedway Super America. Speedway is remediating a leaking underground storage tank and has requested permission to discharge the treated groundwater to the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant. Because this discharge has the potential to cause an upset at the Plant, the Sewer Use Ordinance requires them to get a discharge permit which requires them to use the best available treatment to treat the water and to monitor the effluent they are discharging to ensure the Plant is not harmed by the discharge. Doug Sherman at the WWTP and Fleis & VandenBrink have reviewed the parameters for the permit and recommend its approval.

Motion by Clement, supported by Fabiano, to approve Resolution 11-26 approving, authorizing, and directing the Mayor and Clerk to sign a Wastewater Discharge Permit for Speedway Super America.

Yeas: Clement, Fabiano, VanSlambrouck, Calley, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 11-27 to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign Ambulance Services Agreements with area municipalities using the 2010 Census figures. The Ambulance Director has revised the agreements and fees based on the new 2010 Census data. The net impact is that because the territory that the ambulance serves saw an increase in population the per capita charge for Option B was reduced.

Motion by Fabiano, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 11-27 approving, authorizing, and directing the Mayor and Clerk to sign Ambulance Services Agreements with Area Municipalities using the 2010 Census data.

Yeas: Fabiano, VanSlambrouck, Clement, Calley, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 11-28 to approve a Sign Advertising Agreement and Form Letter consistent with the previously adopted Parks and Recreation Department Sponsorship and Underwriting Policy. This would allow the Parks and Recreation Director to sell advertising signs that would be placed on the ball field fences. The money raised would help offset the cost of field maintenance. Both Portland High School and St. Patrick's sell advertising on their ball field fencing that is not visible off site. City Manager Dempsey recommended approval of this resolution with one change that would eliminate signs that would face Grand River Avenue.

The Council discussed the size, location and placement of the signs.

Motion by Clement, supported by Calley, to approve Resolution 11-28 approving Sign Advertising Agreement and Form Letter consistent with the previously approved Parks and Recreation Department Sponsorship and Underwriting Policy.

Yeas: Clement, Calley, VanSlambrouck, Fabiano, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 11-29 to approve invoices for work completed on the WWTP Project so they can be submitted to the USDA RD for payment.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Clement, to approve Resolution 11-29 approving invoices for payment for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Clement, Calley, Fabiano, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 11-30 to authorize the City Manager to sign a Wastewater Discharge Permit Application to modify the permit for the Portland Wastewater Treatment Plant. The City is required to maintain a Wastewater Discharge Permit to discharge treated effluent from the WWTP to the Grand River. The WWTP Improvement Project will change the treatment process that is currently permitted and require a modification of the existing permit.

Motion by Clement, supported by Fabiano, to approve Resolution 11-30 approving, authorizing, and directing the City Manager to sign a Wastewater Discharge Permit Application to modify the Permit for the Portland Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Yeas: Clement, Fabiano, VanSlambrouck, Calley, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Motion by Clement, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting held on March 21, 2011, payment of invoices in the amount of \$61,231.35 and payroll in the amount of \$123,972.14 for a total of \$185,203.49. There were no purchase orders over \$5,000.00.

Yeas: Clement, VanSlambrouck, Calley, Fabiano, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under Council Comments, Mayor Pro-Tem Clement encouraged residents to sell goods and come shop at the Main Street Rummage Sale on April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of City Hall.

Council Member VanSlambrouck commented that he had attended the Main Street Quarterly Training in Wayland with DDA/Main Street Director Reagan and received some very good information.

City Manager Dempsey noted that all of the Council Members would be attending events at the MML Conference this week in Lansing. He acknowledged their efforts and concern for the residents of the City of Portland.

Motion by Clement, supported by Fabiano, to adjourn the meeting.

Yeas: Clement, Fabiano, VanSlambrouck, Calley, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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James E. Barnes, Mayor

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Monique I. Miller, City Clerk