

Common Council Proceedings
City of Portage

Regular Meeting
Council Chambers
City Municipal Building

October 9, 2014
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Tierney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Ald. Charles, Dodd, Hamburg, Klapper, Kutzke, Lynn, Maass, Monfort

Excused: Havlovic

Also Present: Mayor Tierney, Deputy Clerk Ness, City Administrator Murphy, City Attorney Spankowski, Police Chief Manthey, Roger Brandner from Columbia County Sheriff's Dept., Ben Neumann from Portage Police Dept., Mike Schutz from Portage Police Dept., Jim Dalton from Portage Public Library

Media Present: Craig Sauer from Portage Daily Register, Bill Welsh from Cable TV

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

4. Approval of Agenda

No changes.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by Klapper, second by Charles to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2014 Common Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously on call of roll.

6. Presentation of Lifesaving Awards – Police Department

Lifesaving Awards were presented to Roger Brandner, Ben Neumann, Mike Schutz (and Eric Walters who wasn't present).

7. Loan "Pay Off" Presentation by Library

Jim Dalton, Portage Library Foundation presented a ceremonial re-payment of the \$500,000 construction loan from the City. Dalton indicated that actual re-payment was provided on October 1. Dalton stated the library was very grateful for the assistance provided from the city. With

the new addition the library was able to provide space for over 1000 school age children to receive lunches this summer.

8. Consent Agenda

Reports of Sub-Committees, Boards, and Commissions

Community Development Authority, September 23, 2014

Police and Fire Commission, September 24, 2014

Common Council Committee of the Whole, September 30, 2014

Cable TV Commission, October 1, 2014

Motion by Dodd, second by Maass to approve consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously on call of roll.

License Applications

Operators license applications for Jessica L. Bagnall and Eliza E. Rylander.

Taxi Operator applications for Ronald L. Gabbei.

Motion by Dodd, second by Maass to approve the license applications as presented. Motion carried unanimously on call of roll.

9. Committee Reports

Finance/Administration Committee, September 22, 2014, September 29, 2014 and October 6, 2014

Motion by Dodd, second by Charles to declare proposed assets as surplus. **Police:** Vehicle, 1998 Dodge Stratus VIN 1B3EJ46X7WN266997, 2011 Chevrolet Impala VIN 2GIWD5EM6B1224395 **Public Works:** 2001 Swenson salt spreader #38, Unit #31 1985 Fair Snowblower **Taxi:** Vehicle #PH12 - 2010 DODGE Braun Intervan VIN 2D4RN4DE6AR255090, Vehicle #514 - 2010 FORD Crown Victoria VIN 2FABP7CV2AX126454, Vehicle #515 - 2010 FORD Crown Victoria VIN 2FABP7CV4AX126455 **Water:** Ingersoll Rand T-30 air compressor, Tag 01452, Vehicle 1992 Chevrolet 3500 Cube Van #72 VIN 1GTKP32K2N3500803, Pressure Washer MTM Corporation 2504 Tag 01429, Black and Decker battery operated drill 9.6v, Milwaukee 3/8 driver drill with battery, Monitors Tags 01280, 01207 and 01208, (2) Keyboards Tags 01281 and 01265, Mouse, (2) Printers, Tag 1283, Adler Typewriter Tag 01262 and 01282, Portable generator Tag 1388, John Deere A90 Tag 1387, Snapper Lawnmower w/bag Tag 1402, Compressor Tank, Tag 1403, Walking saw dolly Tag 367, Napa Battery Charger Tag 1449

Motion carried unanimously on call of roll.

Motion by Dodd, second by Lynn to approve the Library loan interest waiver on full repayment. Motion carried 7-1 on call of roll, Maass voting no. Maass inquired when the first payment was to be made and wanted noted if the library had gone to any other facility the interest would need to be paid. Lynn stated the decision was made to waive the interest and take the full payment of \$500,000 and then reallocate that money to other

items. Murphy stated interest was paid by the library on construction draws from the city.

Motion by Dodd, second by Charles to approve claims in the amount of \$1,391,108.30. Motion carried unanimously call of roll.

Municipal Services and Utilities Committee, October 2, 2014

Motion by Klapper, second by Lynn to approve sending scope of services for engineering of Segment 2 of the Portage Canal to Finance for the dollar amounts to be filled in. Motion carried unanimously call of roll.

10. Old Business

11. New Business

Resolutions

Resolution No. 14-043 relative to Taxi Cab Contract was read and adopted unanimously on motion by Dodd, second by Maass and call of roll.

Resolution No. 14-044 relative to Taxi Cab Vehicle Lease Agreement was read and adopted unanimously on motion by Dodd, second by Charles and call of roll.

Resolution No. 14-045 relative to Final Special Assessments for 2014 Sidewalk Improvements was read. Motion by Klapper, second by Monfort to approve the resolution as presented. Dodd stated the sidewalk policy was recently changed to only assess corner properties on street number side and inquired if the assessment roll could be reviewed to determine what impact this would have. Lynn questioned who would pay the other part of the assessment and Administrator Murphy stated the city. Klapper stated the revised policy was adopted earlier this year and he is in support of updating the assessment roll to reflect this change. Maass stated the 2014 budget was done expecting the assessment to be completed as presented and the project was started before the policy change was implemented and supported the assessment roll as presented. Hamburg questioned if the resolution could wait for motion until after the assessment roll was reviewed/revised. Administrator Murphy stated there is a timeline to complete the process so letters can be sent to the residents giving them the choice of full payment or choosing installment payments on their tax bills, this resolution needs to be completed so information can be forwarded to the county in a timely matter. Motion and second were withdrawn. Motion by Klapper, second by Lynn to approve sending Resolution No. 14-045 back to Finance with the adjustments for corner lots. Failed 6-1 with Charles, Dodd, Hamburg, Klapper, Maass, Monfort voting no and Kutzke abstaining due to have a property on the

assessment roll. Motion by Dodd, second by Charles to approve Resolution No. 14-045 with option to credit residents after assessments are recalculated for corner lots. Attorney Spankowski stated an amended assessment roll can be approved when the adjustments are complete. Discussion ensued regarding assessing all properties except those affected by the corner lot issue and do separate special assessments roll for those. Motion amended to approve Resolution No. 14-045 and reassess properties on corner lots and delay those assessments. Passed 6-1 with Maass voting no and Kutzke abstaining.

Resolution No. 14-046 relative to Final Special Assessments for 2014 Alley Improvements was read aloud. Motion by Dodd, second by Monfort to adopt resolution. Administrator Murphy noted the interest rate is to read 3.5% in #6. Motion carried unanimously on a call of roll.

Freedom From Workplace Bullies Week Proclamation: The Mayor's proclamation was read aloud.

Mayor's Comments

1. County Infrastructure Committee update
Portage is still being considered for Columbia County offices. The Council will need to convene into closed session very soon to discuss what specific support the City of Portage can provide.
2. Elections
Election day is November 4 and elections will be held at the Portage Public Library. Please make sure ahead of time registration is complete and a photo id is obtained.

City Administrator's Report

1. Employee updates
Assistant Police Chief O'Neill is retiring January 2015. Officer Jeffrey Stumpf's last working day was October 1. Officer Dennis Pomery has returned from his injury in the field with light duty. This year the Public Works Dept. assisted with many projects and saved the city over \$50,000.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Dodd, second by Charles to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously on call of roll at 8:19 p.m.

Rebecca C. Ness
Deputy Clerk