

Common Council Proceedings
City of Portage

Regular Meeting
Council Chambers
City Municipal Building

April 9, 2015
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, Havlovic, Klapper, Kutzke, Lynn, Maass, Montfort

Also Present: Mayor Tierney, City Clerk Moe, City Administrator Murphy, City Attorney Spankowski, Manager of Parks and Recreation Kremer, Police Chief Manthey

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

Council will not adjourn Sine Die as there are committee meetings scheduled next week.

The Airport Commission minutes have been updated as Ald. Klapper was not present, but excused.

Ald. Klapper requested that the AdHoc Canal Committee meeting minutes of March 9, 2015 be removed from the consent agenda. The minutes will be taken up under committee reports.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by Klapper, second by Charles to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2015 Common Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously on call of roll.

6. Tree City USA presentation

Elizabeth Dierickx, representing the DNR urban forestry program, was present to present the City with the Tree City USA 20 year designation. Nine (9) saplings will be planted in the city representing each district.

7. Consent Agenda

Reports of Sub-Committees, Boards, and Commissions

Business Improvement District Board of Directors meeting of March 11, 2015

Library Board meeting of March 16, 2015

Airport Commission of March 26, 2015

Motion by Dodd, second by Maass to accept the reports on the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously on call of roll.

License Applications

Taxi Cab Operator license application for Adele M. Ohlin.

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

8. Committee Reports

Finance/Administration Committee meeting of April 9, 2015

Motion by Dodd, second by Lynn to approve claims in the amount of \$984,657.12. Motion carried unanimously on call of roll.

AdHoc Canal Committee meeting of March 9, 2015

Ald. Klapper questioned why the State required the city to cancel the grant for the Welcome Center after the city declined the bids submitted. The terms of the grant allowed the city three (3) years to complete the project. City Administrator Murphy has contacted the State for clarification.

9. Old Business

None.

10. New Business

Resolutions

Resolution No. 15-024 relative to Opposing Elimination of Local Government Property Insurance Fund was read and adopted unanimously on motion by Dodd, second by Charles and call of roll.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Tierney commented that he has seen many flags in a state of disrepair; and requested that residents check their flags and remove those in poor condition and dispose of properly.

The second annual spring clean-up is scheduled for Earth Day, April 22nd; and will take place at Sunset Park, the Library, and Sanborn Park. It is a collaborative effort between the City, volunteers and Portage Pride.

There will be a second meeting in April on April 23rd. The annual reorganizational meeting will be held April 21st.

City Administrator's Report

Citizens can find information for the city from the website, Facebook, and the new brochure of recreation programs.

11. **Approve the minutes of the above meeting as recorded by City Clerk**
This item was removed as the Council will not be adjourning Sine Die at this meeting.

12. **Adjournment**
Motion by Dodd, second by Charles to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously on call of roll at 7:18 p.m.

Marie A. Moe, WCPC, MMC
City Clerk