

Common Council Proceedings
City of Portage

Regular Meeting
Council Chambers
City Municipal Building

October 8, 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

Excused: Ald. Monfort

Also Present: Mayor Tierney, City Clerk Moe, City Administrator Murphy, City Attorney Spankowski, Fire Chief Simonson, Library Director Schultz

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Approval of Agenda

No changes.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by Klapper, second by Maass to approve minutes of September 24, 2015 Common Council meeting. Ald. Maass stated that her comment recorded in the minutes during the discussion of the Alcohol Licensing Ordinance did not correctly summarize her concerns and statement. Motion by Maass, second by Hamburg to amend that portion of the minutes changing the following sentence by deleting the crossed out portion: Ald. Maass indicated she changed her position on this ordinance and was concerned that City would be open to litigation by picking and choosing licenses that meet the same criteria. Ald. Maass stated that all applications should be taken at City Hall for the committee to review location, guidelines and demand. Motion carried unanimously on call of roll. The original motion, as amended, carried unanimously on call of roll.

6. Consent Agenda

Reports of Sub-Committees, Boards, and Commissions

Airport Commission meeting of September 30, 2015

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

License Applications

Operator license applications for Krystle M. Poulson and Julie A. Teuber.

Taxi Cab Operator license application for Greg G. Hons.

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

7. Committee Reports

Plan Commission meeting of September 21, 2015

Finance/Administration Committee meetings of September 28, 2015 and October 8, 2015

Motion by Dodd, second by Charles to approve claims in the amount of \$1,629,649.61. Motion carried unanimously on call of roll.

Human Resources Committee meeting of September 29, 2015

Motion by Dodd, second by Hamburg to approve the revised position description for Receptionist/Administrative Assistant. Motion carried unanimously on call of roll.

Motion by Dodd, second by Maass to approve the full-time use of a city vehicle by the Public Works Superintendent. Motion carried unanimously on call of roll.

8. Unfinished Business

Ordinances

Ordinance No. 15-007 relative to Miscellaneous Offenses (Regulation of Smoking, E-Cigarettes) Tabled 05/14/15 until such time the State Legislature takes action on the proposed legislation. No action taken.

Ordinance No. 15-011 relative to Alcohol Licensing. Motion by Charles, second by Hamburg to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 15-011 relative to Alcohol Licensing by title only. Motion carried unanimously on call of roll. Ordinance No. 15-011 relative to Alcohol Licensing received its second reading by title only. Motion by Maass, second by Charles to send the Ordinance back to the Legislative and Regulatory Committee for review. Motion carried 7 to 1 on call of roll with Lynn voting no.

Ordinance No. 15-012 relative to Fire Prevention & Protection. Motion by Charles, second by Dodd to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 15-012 relative to Fire Prevention & Protection by title only. Motion carried 7 to 1 on call of roll with Klapper voting no. Ordinance No. 15-012 relative to Fire Prevention & Protection received its second reading by title only. Motion by Dodd, second by Maass to send the Ordinance back to the Legislative and Regulatory Committee for review. Motion carried unanimously on call of roll.

9. New Business

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Tierney went over filing dates for the 2016 election. Seats up for election in 2016 are District 2, 5, 6, and Mayor.

Dog owners were reminded that even though there is no leash law in the city, dogs are required to be under the owner's control. Also, owners should clean up after their pets.

Library Report

Library Director Schultz reported on activities at the Library. The Library has received the UW Extension 2015 Friend of 4H Appreciation Award. The summer food service program served 825 people at the Library and 1001 at Goodyear Park; and are looking to add a site near Wauona Trail next year. A career center is being added. More programming continues to be added. An Open House is being scheduled in November. Cardholders are comprised of 60% city residents and 40% non-residents. Staff recently attended a social services symposium to learn to deal with the homeless and disadvantaged people coming to the Library.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Dodd, second by Charles to adjourn. Fire Chief Simonson informed the council of the Fire and Police Departments Open House scheduled for Saturday. Motion carried unanimously on call of roll at 7:30 p.m.

Marie A. Moe, WCPC, MMC
City Clerk