

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING Portageville City Hall February 3, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City of Portageville Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, February 3, 2025, at City Hall, 301 E Main St. Mayor Walker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Angela Lunbeck opened with prayer.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present

Alderman Adams
Alderman Faulk
Alderman Cook

Council Members Absent

Alderman Hollingshead

Following roll call, the City Clerk reported that a quorum was present.

Also present were:

Rachel Wrather, City Clerk
Angela Lunbeck
Gail Lunbeck
Shirley Estes
Jonathan Thacker
Carol Bowden
Scott Patterson
Jimmy Wyman
Daniel Smith
Robin Modlin
Chris Stinnett
Terry Wheeler

Terry McVey, City Attorney
Jim McCleish
Daniel Kingree
Scott Rhodi
Jeremy Green
Kevin Guthrie
Al DeLisle
Lori Joiner
Dan Rozerio
Michael Welch
Roosevelt Mosby

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Cook and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Public Hearing Trash- 1/6/25 Reg. Meeting- 1/6/25

Mayor Walker asked members of the Council if they had read a copy of the Minutes made available to them three days prior to the meeting. All answered in the affirmative.

Mayor Walker asked if there were any additions or deletions to the minutes. There were none.

Moved by Alderman Faulk, seconded by Alderman Cook and unanimously carried, to approve the submitted minutes for the month of January.

ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2025-1: USDA Grant for
K9 Equipment and Vehicle

Mayor Walker introduced Resolution 2025-1:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PORTAGEVILLE CONCERNING ACCEPTANCE AND COMPLIANCE WITH VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

Mayor Walker entertained a motion for the First Reading of Resolution 2025-1. A motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Faulk. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Walker entertained a motion for the Second Reading of Resolution 2025-1. A motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Faulk. A roll call vote was taken.

Alderman Adams, yea; Alderman Faulk, yea; Alderman Cook, yea; Alderman Hollingshead, absent. Motion passes.

After hearing Resolution 2025-1 read two times, passed, and approved, Mayor Walker declared Resolution 2025-1 passed this 3rd day of February 2025.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

There were none.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Cellebrite Donation Pemiscot County

RONNIE ADAMS- CHIEF OF POLICE

Turned in a written report for the month of January.

Alderman Adams recognized Officer Sarah Williams for spotting a fire on Main Street in Portageville during patrol.

Assistant Chief Jeremy Green stated that the department had received a letter from Pemiscot County Sheriff Joe Bryant asking all departments to donate \$1500 for the use of the Cellebrite system. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to make the donation in the amount of \$1500.00 to Pemiscot County Sheriff's Department. Motion was made by Alderman Faulk and seconded by Alderman Adams. All members voted in favor.

Alderman Adams asked if Mark Gibbins with Ellington Insurance had responded to anyone concerning insuring the old tasers under the City liability policy. Green responded he had not heard anything.

GEORGE DELISLE- FIRE CHIEF

Turned in a written report for the month of January.

Al Delisle was present and stated that the department needed extra gear, and he would be getting pricing together. DeLisle also informed the Board that the county recently purchased a hose roller for approximately \$8000 and a rehab trailer for New Madrid County Emergency Management.

Mayor Walker asked about damage incurred for the new tanker truck that happened when responding to a fire on DeLisle Avenue. Al Delisle stated that the damage was not significant. The back bumper was bent but no damage was done to the frame. The company from St. Louis that manufactured the truck is going to send someone down to look at it within the next couple weeks. The tanker is still in operation.

PARK BOARD

No meeting was held in January.

JONATHAN THACKER- STREET & SOLID WASTE SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of January.

The Board of Alderman thanked the department for their efforts with the snow and water removal during the past month.

JONATHAN THACKER- CODE ENFORCEMENT

Turned in a written report for the month of January.

JIMMY WYMAN- WATER SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of January.

Wyman was asked about the discolored water around town. He stated that they have stopped flushing hydrants as our system is a circulatory system and he felt like the hydrant flushing was keeping things stirred up in the lines. By stopping it would allow the water to settle.

Wyman stated that he needed to replace parts used to repair leaks and it would cost approximately \$2300.00. Discussion followed. Alderman Cook made the motion to purchase the replacements at a cost of approximately \$2300.00. Alderman Faulk seconded. All members voted in favor.

Wyman also stated he would be purchasing a replacement battery for the lawnmower at the plant.

Wyman also requested a pay raise for Steven Chance Russell.

Discussion followed. The Board stated they would look into it during budget sessions.

KEVIN GUTHRIE- SEWER SUPERINTENDENT

Turned in a written report for the month of January.

Guthrie stated that the department passed their WET test with flying colors. He also commended Thomas Penrod and Daryl Hayes for their work in finding downed pumps during rounds and being able to place them back into service.

Guthrie informed the Board that the vertical auger had something trapped in it and would need to be removed by crane to investigate the situation. Previously, this was done by Vandevanter Engineering. Discussion followed. Guthrie was instructed to obtain a quote to pull the auger.

SCOTT PATTERSON - PRETREATMENT

Turned in a written report for the month of January.

Patterson presented the annual FOG facilities for 2025. He also presented the annual report that is required by EPA and submitted to Department of Natural Resources.

ROOSEVELT MOSBY – ANIMAL CONTROL

Turned in a written report for the month of January.

PLANNING AND ZONING

No report was turned in for the month of January.

PROJECT REPORTS

WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Horner Shifrin turned in a written report for the month of January.

Daniel Kingree and Jim McCleish presented the draft bid package that was submitted to DNR for review. Once approval is received, the project can be placed out for bids. Approval is expected in the next couple of weeks.

The arrival of SRF loan funds from DNR have not arrived to pay Horner Shifrin invoices for December 2024 and January 2024.

OLD BUSINESS

WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES BID REVIEW

Mayor Walker stated that four bids were received for waste collection services in the City of Portageville. The bids were from the following companies: Republic Services, Heartland Waste Service, Welch Hauling and Waste Pro. Discussion followed. Members of the Board presented questions regarding the bids that were received. Bids are good for ninety days. The issue was tabled until mid-month meeting to determine whether they wish to stay with Sharp Disposal or move forward with the bid process for a new trash service.

POLICE DEPT TASERS

No new information was available at this time. The issue was tabled until March 2025.

AT&T DAMAGE CLAIM

Mayor Walker asked Terry McVey, City Attorney, about the progress of negotiations on the AT&T Damage Claim. McVey stated that he responded to their demand with no settlement offer due to the City stating that the markings were not made by AT&T in the right location. The issue was tabled until March 2025.

AUTO READ METER LEASE PAYMENT

Mayor Walker informed the Board of Aldermen that he had spoken with First State Community Bank about paying interest only and deferring the payment; however, since this was a governmental lease, it was not an easy process. The Board had the option to continue with that option or utilize the CD maturing in March to make the payment with no penalties for withdrawal. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Alderman Adams to utilize the CD to make the payment for auto read meters and apply any remaining funds to the principle of the lease. Alderman Faulk seconded. All members voted in favor.

INTERSECTION OF EAST 12TH STREET AND KING AVENUE DRAINAGE

Mayor Walker presented emails from the Kreidler residence on East 12th street regarding the flash flooding that occurred on Thursday, January 30, 2025. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker explained that the amount of rain received in a short period of time caused a flash flooding incident that affected multiple areas within the city. Crews worked continuously to try to limit the effects of the flooding on all citizens. Alderman Faulk stated that Jonathan Thacker, Street Superintendent, was investigating the possibility of a new ditch from East 12th Street running north along the Lakeview area to State Highway 162 to see if it can relieve flash flooding in the future from the area of concern in the email.

NEW BUSINESS

WORKERS COMPENSATION RENEWAL

Mayor Walker presented the renewal quote in the amount of \$72,831.00 from Missouri Employers Mutual for the City's Workers Compensation in 2025. Discussion followed. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to approve the renewal in the amount listed above. Motion was made by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Adams. All members voted in favor.

NMC MAYOR'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL RENEWAL

Mayor Walker informed the Board that an invoice had been received from New Madrid Mayor's Association in the amount of \$250.00 for the 2025 contribution. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Alderman Cook to pay the contribution in the amount of \$250.00. Alderman Adams seconded. All members voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF
FINANCIAL REPORTS
Municipal Court

CHRIS STINNETT, MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE
Stinnett turned in a written report for the month of January as follows:

Fines Collected/ Clerk Fees	\$1601.50
Inmate Security	\$8.00
Crime Victim Compensation	\$1.48
LET Fund	\$8.00
TOTAL	\$1618.98

CAROL BOWDEN, CITY COLLECTOR
RACHEL WRATHER, CITY TREASURER

Bowden and Wrather turned in a written report for the month of January as follows:

Turned over to City Treasurer:	\$292,341.38
Received from City Collector:	
Park Fund	\$27,423.70
General Fund	\$122,872.53
Health Fund	\$32,908.44
Street Fund	\$155.00
Solid Waste Fund	\$26,479.15
Water & Sewer Fund	\$81,942.56
Meter Deposits	\$560.00
TOTAL	\$292,341.38
Received from City Clerk:	
General Fund	\$33,777.96
Street Fund	\$13,673.95
Sales Tax	\$55,804.76
TOTAL	\$103,256.67
Interest on Deposits	\$12.27
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$397,229.30
<i>(Court, Collector, Clerk, & Interest)</i>	

City Collector
City Treasurer

Mayor Walker entertained a motion to approve Municipal Court Judge, City Collector and City Treasurer reports for the month of January. Motion was made by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Adams. All members voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A list of outstanding bills was given to the Board of Aldermen for the month of January. After checking the bills, Mayor Walker asked for a motion. Motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Cook. All members voted in favor.

MAYOR AND
COUNCIL COMMENTS

Trash Services Bids

Mayor Walker asked if there were any comments from any members of the Board of Aldermen.

Mayor Walker stated that he had a web meeting with members of the PFAS Cost Recovery suit and they are moving forward with the class action lawsuit with hopes of a settlement soon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was none.

OPEN SESSION/
DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There will be a Mid-Month Meeting on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Budget Meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 24, 2025, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The next regularly schedule Monthly Meeting will be held on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

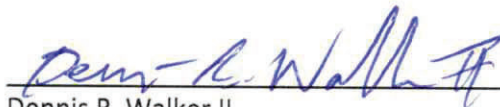
All meetings will be held at City Hall, 301 E Main, Portageville.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Cook and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.



Rachel Wrather
City Clerk



Dennis R. Walker II
Mayor