

## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING Portageville City Hall March 24, 2025

#### CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City of Portageville Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, March 24, 2025, at City Hall, 301 E Main St. Mayor Walker called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

##### Council Members Present

Alderman Adams  
Alderman Faulk  
Alderman Cook  
Alderman Hollingshead

##### Council Members Absent

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

Also present were:

Rachel Wrather, City Clerk  
Mark Gibbins

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

#### ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Walker introduced Bill No. 1357:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 230.100.G OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PORTAGEVILLE TO ADOPT A NEW SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR SOLID WASTE PICKUP IN THE CITY.

Mayor Walker entertained a motion for the First Reading of Bill No. 1357. A motion was made by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Adams. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Walker entertained a motion for the Second Reading of Bill No. 1357. A motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Hollingshead. A roll call vote was taken.

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

After hearing Bill No. 1357 read two times, passed, and approved, Mayor Walker declared Bill No. 1357 to become Ordinance No. 1357 this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

## OLD BUSINESS

### LIABILITY INSURANCE RENEWAL

Mayor Walker stated that the General Liability Renewal was carried over from the March 10, 2025 meeting. Mark Gibbins with Ellington Insurance was present to speak with the Board. Discussion followed. Alderman Cook made a motion to renew liability insurance in the amount of \$167,745.00 with Missouri Rural Services. Alderman Hollingshead seconded. All members voted in favor.

Financing was discussed due to the change from monthly payments to quarterly. Mayor Walker stated he would contact the local banks to see what financing rates they would offer. If needed, an email vote would be conducted with the options presented.

### POLICE CHIEF SALARY

Mayor Walker stated that the salary for the Police Chief needed to be discussed as the salary for an elected official can only be increased or lowered before an election is held. Discussion followed. Alderman Adams abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest. Alderman Hollingshead made a motion for a 20% increase to the Police Chief salary. Mayor Walker asked for a second. There was no second. Motion dropped. The Police Chief salary would remain the same for the four-year term.

### DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REVIEW

Mayor Walker presented the compiled budget for fiscal year 2026 which will run from May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026. The departments were reviewed again in order to balance the budget.

## Sewer Rate Increase

Mayor Walker presented a notice from DNR regarding the SRF grant/loan that the City was awarded. Sewer rates will need to be increased in order to close. The proposed rates are listed below:

EFFECTIVE DATE	BASE RATE (for 2000 gallons)	VOLUME (per 1000 gallons)
Current	\$15.00	\$3.00
5/1/25	\$16.00	\$3.96
5/1/26	\$17.00	\$4.01
5/1/27	\$18.00	\$4.10
5/1/28	\$19.00	\$4.20

Mayor Walker asked for a motion to draft an ordinance for the rate increase to sewer. Motion was made by Alderman Cook and

seconded by Alderman Hollingshead. Voting was as follows:  
Alderman Adams, yea; Alderman Faulk, nay; Alderman Cook, yea;  
Alderman Hollingshead, yea. Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS

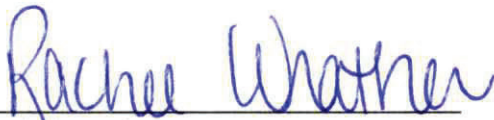
There was none.

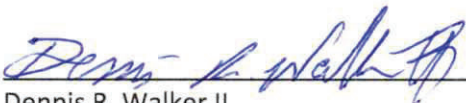
DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regularly schedule Monthly Meeting will be held on  
Monday, April 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 301 E Main,  
Portageville.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Alderman Cook,  
seconded by Alderman Adams and unanimously carried, to adjourn  
at 6:50 p.m.

  
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Rachel Wrather  
City Clerk

  
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Dennis R. Walker II  
Mayor