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## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING Portageville City Hall April 21, 2025

#### CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City of Portageville Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, April 21, 2025, at City Hall, 301 E Main St. Mayor Cook, who was sworn in earlier in the day due to the vacancy left by former Mayor Dennis Walker, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

##### Council Members Present

Alderman Adams  
Alderman Faulk  
Alderman Hollingshead

##### Council Members Absent

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

##### Also present were:

Rachel Wrather, City Clerk  
Amenda Alexander  
Callie Roberts  
Angela Lunbeck  
Bridgett Hamm  
Amber Estes  
Al DeLisle  
Kris Simmons  
Denise Hill  
Freddie Hill  
Joseph Denton  
Dale Colbert  
Cody Chandler  
Becky Bell  
Teresa Mercer  
Betty Brewer  
Karen Gowan  
Chance Walls

Teresa Roberts  
Gail Lunbeck  
Misty Chandler  
Linda Sweatt  
Sarah Williams  
Sam Tillman  
Nancy Wheeler  
Edna Robinson  
Nick White  
Bruce Cronan  
Joey Higgerson  
Patrick Bell  
Tammy Brands  
Michelle Peeler  
Aaron Griffin  
Judy Faulk  
Jay Singleton

Neil Musgrave  
Ronnie Forrester

Jeremy Hill

APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA

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

ORDINANCES OR  
RESOLUTIONS

There was none.

OLD BUSINESS

FINAL BUDGET REVIEW

Mayor Cook presented the final draft of the fiscal year 2026 budget that will run from May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026. Mayor Cook asked if there were any changes that were needed. Discussion followed. The final version will be submitted for approval at the May 5, 2025 Board of Alderman meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR WALKER VACANCY/ RESIGNATION

Mayor Cook informed everyone that former Mayor Dennis R. Walker II had vacated the position of Mayor when he officially changed his address outside of the city limits of Portageville. Discussion followed. Mayor Cook was sworn into office on the morning of Monday, April 21, 2025. Mayor Cook asked for a motion to accept the resignation of Mayor Walker. Motion was made by Alderman Faulk and seconded by Alderman Adams. Voting was as follows: Alderman Adams, yea; Alderman Faulk, yea; Alderman Hollingshead, nay. Motion passes.

CHANGING OF BANK SIGNERS- FSB&T, FSCB

Due to the resignation of the former Mayor, Mayor Cook asked for a motion to remove Dennis R. Walker II as a signer on all city bank accounts and add Mayor Michael Cook Jr. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Alderman Hollingshead and seconded by Alderman Faulk. All members voted in favor. James C. Hollingshead, Mayor Pro-Tem, and Rachel Wrather, City Clerk, will remain as signers.

POLICE CHIEF RESIGNATION

Mayor Cook presented the resignation of Ronnie K. Adams from the elected office of Police Chief. Discussion followed. Mayor Cook asked for a motion to accept the resignation of Ronnie K. Adams, Police Chief. Motion was made by Alderman Faulk. There was no second. Motion dropped.

POLICE CHIEF APPOINTMENT

Due to the resignation of Chief Adams not being accepted, the issue was tabled.

#### K9 OFFICER RETIREMENT

Due to the resignation of Assistant Chief and K-9 Handler Jeremy Green, Mayor Cook asked the Board of Alderman how they wished to proceed with K-9 officer Baulder. Discussion followed. Alderman Adams made a motion to retire K-9 officer Baulder and release him to his handler Jeremy Green. Alderman Hollingshead seconded. All members voted in favor.

#### K9 MORTALITY INSURANCE RENEWAL

Due to the retirement of the K-9 officer, there is no need to renew the mortality insurance.

#### USDA K9 VEHICLE GRANT AMENDMENT

Mayor Cook explained that due to the retirement of the K-9 officer, USDA stated that the City could amend the original application for grant funds from a K-9 vehicle to a police vehicle since they were in the same department. Discussion followed. Motion to amend the application to a police vehicle was made by Alderman Faulk. Alderman Hollingshead seconded. All members voted in favor.

#### MUNICIPAL JUDGE MMACJA CONFERENCE- CHRIS STINNETT

Mayor Cook presented the request from Chris Stinnett, Municipal Judge, to attend the Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association 2025 Annual Courts Conference from May 21-23, 2025 at the Lodge of Four Season Lake of the Ozarks. This cost is split between all the municipalities that Judge Stinnett represents. Discussion followed. Mayor Cook asked for a motion to approve the conference attendance which includes conference fees, hotel, food and mileage. Motion was made by Alderman Hollingshead. Alderman Adams seconded. All members voted in favor.

#### MO FEDERATION OF POLICE CONFERENCE- DALE COLBERT

Mayor Cook presented a request from SRO Officer Dale Colbert to attend the Missouri Federation of Police Chiefs Conference June 10-14, 2025 in Branson. Discussion followed. Motion to approve the conference attendance was made by Alderman Adams. Alderman Hollingshead seconded. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Cook tried to adjourn to executive session but was interrupted by members of the audience. Amenda Alexander approached the diosk with concerns over discolored water. Mayor Cook stated that he was not recognizing visitors at this time. Audience members questioned rumored police department changes. Joey Higgerson addressed the Board and citizens reassuring them that New Madrid County would be there to help during any transition period. Officer Cody Chandler, Portageville PD, presented a



call log and detailed some events that the police department has to face.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Alderman Hollingshead, seconded by Alderman Faulk to adjourn to Executive Session in accordance with Section 610-021.1 RSMo to discuss pending litigation.

The vote thereon was as follows:

Alderman Adams	"Aye"
Alderman Faulk	"Aye"
Alderman Hollingshead	"Aye"

Motion was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Faulk to adjourn back to regular session at 5:45 p.m.

Roll call was as follows:

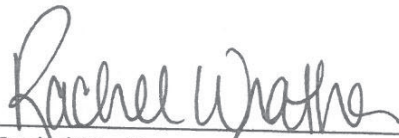
Alderman Adams	"Aye"
Alderman Faulk	"Aye"
Alderman Hollingshead	"Aye"

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regularly schedule Monthly Meeting will be held on Monday, May 5, 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 5:46 p.m.



Rachel Wrather  
City Clerk



Michael Cook Jr.  
Mayor