

## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING Portageville City Hall June 25, 2025

#### CALL TO ORDER

\*\*\* This meeting was originally scheduled for Monday, June 23, 2025 but rescheduled due to illness.

A meeting of the City of Portageville Board of Aldermen was held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at City Hall, 301 E Main St. Mayor Cook was absent due to illness, so Mayor Pro-Tem McCrate called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

##### Council Members Present

Alderman Faulk  
Alderman Simmons  
Alderman Smith

##### Council Members Absent

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

Also present were:

Rachel Wrather, City Clerk  
Freddie Hill  
Sam Tillman

Carol Bowden  
Al DeLisle

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Alderman Faulk, seconded by Alderman Simmons and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as submitted.

#### ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS

There was none.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### PFAS COST RECOVERY REPAYMENT PROGRAM

Mayor Pro-Tem McCrate presented a proposal from Napoli Shkolnik PLLC, class action settlement attorneys for the PFAS Cost Recovery Program. They have developed a program to allow municipalities to receive their 3M PFAS settlement payout this Fall instead of waiting for payouts over the course of the next 8 years, but a non-binding

letter of intent needed to be signed to proceed. Discussion followed. Alderman Simmons made a motion to proceed and authorize the Mayor to sign the non-binding letter of intent. Alderman Smith seconded. All members voted in favor.

## NEW BUSINESS

### STREET DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR

Mayor Pro-Tem McCrate stated that due to the resignation of Jonathan Thacker, he would like to see Terry Wheeler moved from his current position to Street Superintendent, which would do away with the position of Public Works Coordinator. Discussion followed. Alderman Faulk made a motion to appointment Terry Wheeler as Street Superintendent removing the position of Public Works Coordinator and giving Wheeler the department truck to utilize that Thacker had previously driven as Street Superintendent. Alderman Smith seconded. All members voted in favor.

It was also stated that all employees other than operators and back-up operators at the Water and Sewer Departments be moved to the Street Department under Terry Wheeler's supervision. Supervisors of Water and Sewer Department could work together with the Street Supervisor to borrow employees when the need arises. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Alderman Faulk to move Darryl Hayes from the Sewer Department to the Street Department. Alderman Simmons seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion was made by Alderman Smith to move Steven Chance Russell from the Water Department to the Street Department. Alderman McCrate seconded. All members voted in favor.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER ADVERTISEMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem McCrate stated that Chief Freddie Hill had asked to advertise for one night officer and one day officer. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Alderman Faulk to approve the Police Department advertising for two officers, one on day shift and one on night shift. Alderman Simmons seconded. All members voted in favor.

### WATER DEPARTMENT UNIFORMS

Mayor Pro-Tem McCrate stated that Jimmy Wyman, Water Superintendent, had brought up the fact that members of the Water Department do not utilize the uniforms that the City is paying for and would like to see a stipend given to employees instead. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Alderman Faulk that employees who receive uniforms from Vestis are required to wear at least the shirts provided to them in order to citizens to be aware that they are City workers when on the job. Alderman Simmons seconded. All members voted in favor.

Al DeLisle was present and informed the Board of Aldermen about FEMA and SEMA declarations. At the time of the meeting, Chris Cooley, Emergency Management for Portageville, had not submitted anything on the portal.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was none.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Alderman Faulk, seconded by Alderman Smith and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.



Rachel Wrather  
City Clerk



Denis McCrate  
Mayor Pro-Tem