

**City of Portage Common Council**  
Regular Meeting  
December 4, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Councilperson Oprisko at 6:33PM.

Councilperson Cannon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members present:** Councilpersons Pat Clem, Scott Williams, John Cannon, Collin Czilli, Mark Oprisko and Sue Lynch, and Clerk-Treasurer Christopher Stidham.

**Minutes:** Councilperson Czilli made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Councilperson Lynch seconded the motion. Councilperson Oprisko requested input from the Council. Councilperson Oprisko requested a roll call vote.  
6 yes-0 nays.

**Clerk-Treasurer's Report:**

Clerk-Treasurer Stidham provided an update on the status of the current fiscal year budget.

**Correspondence & Reports:** None.

**Reception of Petitions & Memorials:** None.

**Reports of City Officials:**

Assistant Fire Chief Sosby reported on department activities.  
Assistant Street Superintendent Reeder reported on department activities.

**Reports From Standing Committees:** None.

**New Business:**

**Introduction of Ordinances:**

*First Reading*

Councilperson Oprisko read an ordinance affixing salaries of elected officers of the City of Portage for 2019. Councilperson Oprisko made a motion to suspend the rule requiring a second reading. Councilperson Czilli seconded the motion. Councilperson Oprisko requested input from the Council. Councilperson Oprisko requested a roll call vote. 6 yes-0 nays. Councilperson Czilli made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Councilperson Lynch seconded the motion. Councilperson Oprisko requested input from the Council. Councilperson Oprisko requested a roll call vote.  
5 yes-1 nay (Cannon).

**ORD 18-19**

*Second Reading*

Councilperson Clem read an ordinance affixing the salaries of appointed officials and employees of the City of Portage for 2019. Councilperson Clem made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Councilperson Cannon seconded the motion. Councilperson Oprisko requested input from the Council. Discussion followed. Councilperson Oprisko made a motion to amend the ordinance to eliminate the raise for the positions of Fire Chief and Police Chief. Motion died for lack of a second. Councilperson Oprisko called for a roll call vote on the motion to adopt.  
5 yes-1 nay (Oprisko).

**ORD 18-20**

Councilperson Czilli made a motion to request the Mayor propose an increase to the salary of Assistant Fire Chief to be set at \$71,485.00 for 2019. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion. Councilperson Oprisko requested input from the Council. Councilperson Oprisko requested a roll call vote.  
6 yes-0 nays.

**Introduction of Resolutions:**

Councilperson Oprisko read a resolution authorizing tax abatements for Marina Shores Lot 17 and Lot 37. Councilperson Williams made a motion to adopt the resolution. Councilperson Oprisko seconded the motion. Councilperson Oprisko requested input from the Council. Councilperson Oprisko requested a roll call vote.  
4 yes-2 nays (Czilli, Lynch).

**RES 18-32**

**RES 18-33**

Councilperson Cannon read a resolution authorizing real and personal property tax abatements for Gelnex. Councilperson Cannon made a motion to adopt the resolution. Councilperson Oprisko seconded the motion. Councilperson Oprisko requested input from the Council. Councilperson Oprisko requested a roll call vote.

6 yes-0 nays.

**RES 18-30**

**RES 18-31**

Councilperson Oprisko read a resolution authorizing additional appropriations #4. Councilperson Oprisko made a motion to adopt the resolution. Councilperson Czilli seconded the motion. Councilperson Oprisko opened a public hearing. Councilperson Oprisko requested input from the public. Hearing none, Councilperson Oprisko closed the public hearing. Councilperson Oprisko requested input from the Council. Councilperson Oprisko requested a roll call vote.

4 yes-2 nays (Czilli, Lynch).

**RES 18-34**

Councilperson Oprisko read a resolution authorizing various appropriation transfers #4. Councilperson Oprisko made a motion to adopt the resolution. Councilperson Czilli seconded the motion. Councilperson Oprisko requested input from the Council. Councilperson Oprisko requested a roll call vote.

6 yes-0 nays.

**RES 18-35**

Councilperson Oprisko read a resolution authorizing various temporary interfund loans. Councilperson Oprisko made a motion to adopt the resolution. Councilperson Clem seconded the motion. Councilperson Oprisko requested input from the Council. Councilperson Oprisko requested a roll call vote.

5 yes-1 nay (Clem).

**RES 18-36**

**Unfinished Business:**

Councilperson Oprisko asked Council Attorney Ken Elwood to present a settlement proposal for the Mayor's lawsuit to resume control of the Utility Service Board. Councilperson Oprisko made a motion to approve the settlement and dissolve the Utility Service Board effective December 31, 2018. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion. Councilperson Oprisko requested input from the Council. Councilperson Oprisko requested a roll call vote.

6 yes-0 nays.

**Notice to Taxpayers:** None.

**Reception of Remonstrances or Any Other Business:**

Linda Rawlins, Marialyce Akers, Vicki Williams, William Fekete, John Arroyo, Michael Cooper and Michael Door addressed the Council.

Councilperson Williams made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Czilli seconded the motion. Councilperson Oprisko requested input from the Council. Councilperson Oprisko requested a voice vote.

6 yes-0 nays.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23PM.

ATTEST:

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Christopher D. Stidham  
Clerk-Treasurer

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Mark Oprisko  
Council President