

City of Portage Common Council
Regular Meeting
August 6, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cannon at 6:30PM.

Councilperson Lynch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Councilpersons Elizabeth Modesto, Pat Clem, Scott Williams, William Fekete, Collin Czilli, Mark Oprisko and Sue Lynch, and Clerk-Treasurer Christopher Stidham.

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

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Cannon reported that Antonio Gutierrez would begin his annual walk to DC on August 16 at Founder's Square.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report:

Clerk-Treasurer Stidham provided an update on the status of the city finances.

Correspondence & Reports: None.

Reception of Petitions & Memorials: None.

Reports of City Officials:

Street Department Assistant Superintendent Randy Reeder reported on department activities.
Fire Chief Tim Sosby reported on department activities.
Parks Superintendent Jenny Orsburn reported on department activities.
Harbormaster Barb Lusco reported on department activities.
Police Captain Michael Candiano reported on department activities.

Reports From Standing Committees:

Councilperson Williams gave a report on the Budget Committee's work.

Councilperson Fekete inquired about a committee to investigate the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer. Councilperson Lynch indicated the State was the proper authority to complete the investigation and the Council would await the results on their report.

New Business:

Introduction of Ordinances:

Councilperson Oprisko read an ordinance amending Section 78-261 of the Municipal Code of the City of Portage entitled "Gross Weight Restrictions." Councilperson Oprisko made a motion to suspend the rule requiring a second reading. Councilperson Modesto seconded the motion. Mayor Cannon requested input from the Council. Mayor Cannon requested a roll call vote. 7 yes-0 nays. Councilperson Oprisko made a motion to amend the fee to \$100.00. Councilperson Modesto seconded the motion. Mayor Cann request input from the Council. Mayor Cannon requested a roll call vote. (5 yes-2 nays (Czilli, Lynch)). Councilperson Modesto made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion. Mayor Cannon requested input from the Council. Mayor Cannon requested a roll call vote.
5 yes-2 nays (Czilli, Lynch)
ORD 19-13

Councilperson Czilli read an ordinance amending the zoning map of the Municipal Code of the City of Portage for 1910 Crisman Road. Councilperson Czilli made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Councilperson Modesto seconded the motion. Mayor Cannon requested input from the Council. Mayor Cannon requested a roll call vote.
7 yes-0 nays
ORD 19-14

Councilperson Williams read an ordinance amended Chapter 82 of the Municipal Code of the City of Portage entitled "Excessive Strength Sanitary Surcharge Rates." Councilperson Modesto made a motion to suspend the rule requiring a second reading. Councilperson Oprisko seconded the motion. Mayor Cannon requested input from the Council. Mayor Cannon requested a roll call vote. 7 yes-0 nays. Councilperson Oprisko made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Councilperson

Czilli seconded the motion. Mayor Cannon requested input from the Council. Mayor Cannon requested a roll call vote.

7 yes-0 nays
ORD 19-15

Introduction of Resolutions:

Councilperson Clem read a resolution authorizing an additional appropriation in various funds. Cannon opened a public hearing. Hearing no comments, Mayor Cannon closed the public hearing. Councilperson Clem made a motion to adopt the resolution. Councilperson Modesto seconded the motion. Mayor Cannon requested input from the Council. Mayor Cannon requested a roll call vote.

7 yes-0 nays.
RES 19-16

Councilperson Modesto read a resolution authorizing various interfund loans for July. Councilperson Modesto made a motion to adopt the resolution. Councilperson Oprisko seconded the motion. Mayor Cannon requested input from the Council. Mayor Cannon requested a roll call vote.

7 yes-0 nays.
RES 19-17

Councilperson Oprisko read a resolution authorizing various appropriation transfers. Councilperson Modesto made a motion to adopt the resolution. Councilperson Lynch seconded the motion. Mayor Cannon requested input from the Council. Mayor Cannon requested a roll call vote.

7 yes-0 nays.
RES 19-18

Unfinished Business:

Councilperson Modesto requested a discussion on the Wheel Tax. Mayor Cannon presented information regarding the use of Wheel Tax funds. Councilperson Oprisko requested a vote on an ordinance to repeal the Wheel Tax. Attorney Elwood advised the Council would need a drafted ordinance to vote on. Councilperson Modesto requested a special meeting to address such an ordinance. Councilperson Modesto made a motion to hold a special meeting in August with a date to be coordinated by the Council members. Councilperson Oprisko seconded the motion. Mayor Cannon requested input from the Council. Mayor Cannon requested a roll call vote.

7 yes-0 nays.

Notice to Taxpayers:

Councilperson Modesto made a motion to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to advertise the 2020 budget. Councilperson Oprisko seconded the motion. Mayor Cannon requested input from the Council. Mayor Cannon requested a voice vote.

7 yes-0 nays.

Reception of Remonstrances or Any Other Business:

Jean Rivich and Tom Lewandowski addressed the Council.

Councilperson Oprisko made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Lynch seconded the motion. Mayor Cannon requested input from the Council. Mayor Cannon requested a voice vote.

7 yes-0 nays.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM.

ATTEST:

Christopher D. Stidham
Clerk-Treasurer

John Cannon
Mayor