

City of Portage Common Council

Special Meeting

October 22, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cannon at 6:32PM.

Councilperson Czilli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Correspondence & Reports:

Mayor Cannon recognized a moment of silence for distinguished Portage citizens Martha Willis and Debbie Reynolds who recently passed away.

Mayor Cannon asked the sanitary plant staff to provide an update on the Arcelor Mittal spill.

Reception of Petitions & Memorials:

Portage Township Trustee Brendan Clancy requested a letter of support from the City Council for the Next Level Grant program to connect Portage Township trails to City of Portage trails. Councilperson Oprisko made a motion to authorize Council Attorney Ken Elwood to write a letter of support. Councilperson Modesto seconded the motion. Mayor Cannon requested input from the Council. Mayor Cannon requested a voice vote.

7 yes-0 nays.

Reports of City Officials: None.

Reports From Standing Committees: None.

New Business:

Introduction of Ordinances:

First Reading

Councilperson Modesto read an ordinance setting employee salaries for 2020. Councilperson Modesto made a motion to deny the ordinance. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion. Mayor Cannon sought input from the Council. Discussion followed. Councilperson Modesto rescinded her motion and Councilperson Williams rescinded his second. Councilperson Clem made a motion to strike the vacant positions from the ordinance, create salaried positions for any contract employees and zero out the Superintendent of Streets amount. Councilperson Modesto seconded the motion. Mayor Cannon sought input from the Council. Mayor Cannon requested a roll call vote. 7 yes-0 nays. Councilperson Williams made a motion to amend the ordinance by taking the 2019 salary amounts, adding the proposed percentage increases and listing the resulting individual salary for each position in lieu of salary ranges. Councilperson Modesto seconded the motion. Mayor Cannon sought input from the Council. Discussion followed. Councilperson Williams called for discussion to end and a vote to be taken. Councilperson Oprisko seconded the motion. Mayor Cannon requested a roll call vote. 7 yes-0 nays. Mayor Cannon requested a roll call vote on Councilperson Williams' motion to amend the ordinance. 7 yes-0 nays. First reading only.

Second Reading

Councilperson Williams read the 2020 budget for the City of Portage. Councilperson Williams made a motion to adopt the budget. Councilperson Clem seconded the motion. Mayor Cannon requested input from the Council. Mayor Cannon requested a roll call vote.

7 yes-0 nays.

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Introduction of Resolutions: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

Reception of Remonstrances or Any Other Business: None.

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Councilperson Modesto made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Clem seconded the motion. Mayor Cannon requested a voice vote.
5 yes-2 nays (Czilli, Williams).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.

ATTEST:

Christopher D. Stidham
Clerk-Treasurer

John M. Cannon
Mayor