

City of Portage Common Council

Regular Meeting

January 7, 2020

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

Councilperson Giese-Hurst led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Councilpersons Ferdinand Alvarez, Debbie Podgorski, Gina Giese-Hurst, Pat Clem, Scott Williams, Brian Gulley, Collin Czilli, Mayor Sue Lynch and Clerk-Treasurer Nina Rivas.

Election of Council President:

Councilperson Czilli nominated Councilperson Williams to serve as President; Councilperson Giese-Hurst seconded the nomination. Councilperson Williams made a motion to nominate Councilperson Czilli as Vice President; Councilperson Clem seconded the nomination.

**No Objections.

Minutes: Councilperson Czilli made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Councilperson Clem seconded the motion requested input from the Council Mayor Lynch requested a roll call vote.

3 yes-4present-0 nays.

Council's Appointments to Boards & Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEE'S

Budget-Finance Committee:

Debbie Podgorski, Chairperson
Ferdinand Alvarez, Member
Scott Williams, Member

Strategic Planning Committee:

Ferdinand Alvarez, Chairperson
Gina Giese-Hurst, Member
Collin Czilli, Member

Ways & Means Committee:

Pat Clem, Chairperson
Debbie Podgorski, Member
Gina Giese-Hurst, Member

Ordinance Committee:

Collin Czilli, Chairperson
Brian Gulley, Member
Pat Clem, Member

Liaison's:

Fire Merit: Scott Williams
Police Merit Deb Podgorski
Park Board: Gina Giese-Hurst/Deb Podgorski
Port Authority: Ferdinand Alvarez
Streets & Sanitation: Pat Clem
Utilities: Collin Czilli
Porter County Solid Waste District: Brian Gulley
Plan Commission: Gina Giese-Hurst
Senior Advisory Commission: Sue Lynch
Economic Development: Brian Gulley
Traffic Commission: Deb Podgorski
RDC: Collin Czilli
Advisory Claims Committee: Pat Clem
Board of Licensing: Ferdinand Alvarez

Council President Williams made appointments to various city boards and commissions. Councilperson Williams made a motion to adopt the aforementioned appointee's; Councilperson Czilli seconded the motion. Mayor Lynch requested a roll call vote.

7 yes-0 nays.

Mayor's Appointments to Boards:

The Mayor made appointments to various city boards (see attached list)

Councilperson Williams made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment to the various city boards. Councilperson Clem seconded the motion. Mayor Lynch requested input from the Council. Mayor Lynch requested a roll call vote.

7 yes-0 nays.

Mayor Lynch announced and swore in her appointment for City Department Heads:

Administrative Assistant: Norma Laboy
Police Chief: Michael Candiano
Fire Chief: Tim Sosby
Director of Community Development: AJ Monroe
Street Department Superintendent: Randy Reeder
Park Department: Lori Wilkie
Marina Director: Barb Lusco
Field Forces Superintendent: David Littleton
Sanitary Plant Superintendent: Don Slawnikowski

Clerk-Treasurer's Report:

Ordinance 2020-01-Temporary Interfund Loan Extension Loan

Councilperson Williams read a resolution declaring an emergency to extend repayment of various interfund loans until June 30, 2020. Councilperson Modesto made a motion to adopt the resolution. Councilperson Czilli seconded the motion. Councilperson Lynch requested input from the Council. Councilperson Lynch requested a roll call vote.

7 yes-0 nays.

RES 20-1

Correspondence & Reports: None.

Reception of Petitions & Memorials: None.

Reports of City Officials:

Fire Chief Tim Sosby reported on department activities.
Police Chief Michael Candiano reported on department activities.
Harbormaster Barb Lusco reported on department activities.
Park Superintendent Lori Wilkie reported on department activities.
Street Department Superintendent Randy Reeder reported on department activities.

Reports from Standing Committees: None.

New Business:

Introduction of Ordinances:

Second Reading

Councilperson William read an ordinance affixing salaries of appointed officials and employees of the City of Portage for 2020. Councilperson Williams made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Councilperson Czilli seconded the motion. Mayor Lynch requested input from the Council. Mayor Lynch requested a roll call vote.

7 yes-0 nays.

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First Reading

Councilperson Czilli read an ordinance regarding various personnel matters. Councilperson Czilli asked that the ordinance be further reviewed by the Ordinance Committee before any action from the Council.

Introduction of Resolutions:

Councilperson Czilli read a resolution declaring a lakefront emergency. Councilperson Czilli made a motion to adopt the resolution. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion. Mayor Lynch requested input from the Council. Mayor Lynch requested a roll call vote.

7 yes-0 nays.

RES 20-02

2020 Membership & Dues List

Councilperson Czilli motioned to table the 2020 Membership List; Clerk-Treasurer Rivas would like to review further. Councilperson Clem seconded. Mayor Lynch requested input from the Council. Mayor Lynch requested a roll call vote.

7-yes-0 nays.

Standing Council Meetings

Councilperson Williams motioned to approve the standing monthly council meetings as the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm with the exception of May 12, 2020 and November 10, 2020 due to Election Day. Councilperson Czilli seconded the motion. Mayor Lynch requested input from the Council. Mayor Lynch requested a roll call vote.
7-yes-0 nays.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Notice to Taxpayers: None.

Reception of Remonstrances or Any Other Business:

Linda Rawlins, Frank O’Rielly, and Michael Cooper addressed the Council.

Councilperson Czilli made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion. Councilperson Lynch requested input from the Council. Councilperson Lynch requested a voice vote.
7 yes-0 nays.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.

ATTEST:

Nina L. Rivas
Clerk-Treasurer

Scott Williams
Council President