

City of Portage Common Council
Regular Meeting
February 4, 2020

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

Minutes: Mayor Lynch requested an amendment to the minutes. Councilperson Czilli made a motion to approve the amended January 7, 2020 minutes; Councilperson Williams seconded the motion. Mayor Lynch requested a roll call vote.

7 yes-0 nays.

Communication, Correspondence Announcements from the Mayor: Mayor Lynch spoke to the importance of the 2020 Census and the financial impact it has on the City.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report:

Clerk-Treasurer Rivas reported on the compliance with the Nepotism Policy, attestation requirements and Conflict of Interest Disclosures. Clerk-Treasurer Rivas reported the City is owed \$1,992.04 from the State of Indiana's Unclaimed Property Division and a claim has been submitted. Clerk-Treasurer Rivas reported the City is in receipt of the 2020 Advance Funding Indiana Bond Bank proceeds, totaling \$10,694,159.00. CCD Fund received \$112,301.00, CLPD Fund received \$195,602.00, Debt Service Fund received \$246,291.00, EMB Fund received \$2,366,831.00, General Fund received \$6,587,613.00, MVH received \$842,622.00, Parks & Recreation Fund received \$342,899.00. Clerk-Treasurer Rivas reported the 100R Report has been submitted on Gateway and stated the 2019 1095-C will be submitted before the deadline.

Reports from Standing Committees:

Budget/Finance Committee:

Councilperson Podgorski reported the committee would be meeting after the completion of the 2020 Annual Finance Report.

Ordinance Committee:

Councilperson Czilli reported the committee had to postpone their January meeting to February.

Ways & Means Committee:

Councilperson Clem reported the committee would be meeting on February 10, 2020, at 5 pm.

Strategic Planning Committee:

Councilperson Alvarez reported the committee would be meeting soon. He recently spoke with Councilperson Williams and Community Development Director AJ Monroe regarding incorporating the 2020 Census in their plans.

Reports of City Officials:

Police Chief Michael Candiano reported on department activities.

Fire Chief Tim Sosby reported on department activities.

Street Department Superintendent Randy Reeder reported on department activities.

Harbormaster Barb Lusco reported on department activities.

Community Development Director AJ Monroe reported on department activities.

Unfinished Business:

2020 Membership Dues – Clerk-Treasurer Rivas stated her, and Councilperson Williams discussed the membership list and decided it would temporarily be a working document. The prior list was inaccurate; however, an accurate list is being compiled.

New Business: None.

Petitions or Comments by Members of the Public Present:

Michael Cooper, Raymond Lawrence and Cameron Wild addressed the Council.

Any Matters not Already Considered by the Council:

Councilperson Czilli stated he received a request from a resident for a streetlight on Lancer and asked for clarification whether or not it was included in the Lacer Road reconstruction project. Community Development Director AJ Monroe stated he will investigate the matter. Mr. Monroe also stated there is a significant backlog with Nipsco and that a prior request may not have been completed yet.

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JANUARY 7, 2020

Councilperson Alvarez commended the Field Forces Division for their response to a standing water issue at the intersection of Lark and Evelyn Road.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Lynch entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Williams made a motion to adjourn; Councilperson Czilli seconded the motion. Mayor Lynch adjourned the meeting at 7:39 PM.

ATTEST:

Nina L. Rivas
Clerk-Treasurer

Scott Williams
Council President