

The City of Portland
City Council
May 6, 2024
5:30 PM

City Council was called to order by Mayor, Jeff Westlake at 5:30 PM on Monday, May 6, 2024. Roll was called and present were members Matt Goldsworthy, Mike Aker, Michele Brewster, Ron May, Dave Golden, Ashley Hilfiker, and Kent McClung. Also, present was City Attorney, Wes Schemenaur, Clerk-Treasurer, Lori Phillips, Rob Weaver (WPGW) and Ray Cooney (CR).

Pledge of Allegiance

Ross Hagen, Baker Tilly – Review of Water and Wastewater Financial Management Reports

The water and wastewater reports were reviewed. Ross noted that the water utility (in the next 5 years) will be spending down the cash on hand with the upcoming capital improvement projects. He noted that an increase will need to be considered in a few years. The water rates have been unchanged since 2004.

Nate Kimball, ECI Regional Planning District – Announcement of OOR Grant

The OOR (Owner Occupied Rehab) Grant stems from the HELP Grant that the County received. This grant is income based. Projects that the grant could cover are as follow: roof, electrical, HVAC system, water heater and ADA compliance projects. Grant applications will be accepted from May 28 thru June 28th. The applicant will need to provide the following information: Income, mortgage holder, home owners insurance and policy number, current on property taxes and provide a copy of the deed. The applications will be reviewed and approved by OCRA. The jobs will all go out for contractor bid and will be coordinated with the homeowner. The grant will pay the contractor directly.

Approval of City Council minutes from April 15, 2024

Motion by McClung, seconded by Goldsworthy to approve the City Council minutes from the April 15, 2024 meeting as presented. Roll call vote. All voted aye.

Approval of City Council WORK SESSION minutes from April 25, 2024

Motion by McClung, seconded by Golden to approve the work session minutes from the April 25, 2024 meeting as presented. Roll call vote. All voted aye.

Claims Docket

Motion by McClung, seconded by Goldsworthy to approve three payroll dockets; March 30 for \$135,098.53, April 14 for \$138,151.87 and April 27 for \$138,786.95. General, Water and Sewage claims 110691-111012 totaled \$1,396,171.32. Roll call vote. All voted aye.

Resolution 2024-3 – Additional Appropriation – Police Equipment \$162,711 Motion by Golden, seconded by May to approve Resolution 2024-3. Roll call vote. All voted aye. The additional appropriation is to outfit the three police vehicles that were approved by council on March 18th.

Ordinance 2024-5; Unlawful Storage of Recreational Vehicles – 2nd Reading

Motion by Golden, seconded by Goldsworthy to approve Ordinance 2024-5 on the second reading. Roll call vote. May voted nay. All others voted aye.

City Council member – Tricia Meyers; 1. Questioned if any changes were made to this ordinance since it was last presented. 2. Questioned if council members talked to their constituents about the ordinance. 3. Noted that this ordinance is an undue hardship on some camper owners.

Ordinance 2024-7; Amending Chapter 30; section 30.33 - Council meetings

Motion by May, seconded by Brewster to approve Ordinance 2024-7 on the second reading. Roll call vote. All voted aye. This ordinance updated the meeting location and time.

Dustin Mock – Policy for Take-home vehicles

Motion by Hilfiker, seconded by Brewster to approve the vehicle take home policy that was presented by Chief Mock. Roll call vote. Aker voted nay. All others voted aye.

- Aker and May both noted they are not for taking the police vehicles out of the county. Aker also questioned the additional cost of fuel and if they will be used for just commuting back and forth to work.
- Dustin noted the department is having a hard time recruiting officers and this is what they are asking for.
- McClung and Wes noted that the ordinance regarding police living in a 2-mile radius needs to be updated.

Council Comments

Matt – Reminded citizens that he is always available to listen to their concerns. He noted that he may not always agree, but is willing to listen and hear your point of view. Council is trying to make things better for Portland and part of that is establishing ordinances to ensure safety.

Kent – Concerned about the state of JCDC and if the commissioners will support Travis. Noted that he is not in favor of releasing the city funds for JCDC at this time.

Dave – Agreed with Kent’s concerns. He also encouraged everyone to vote tomorrow in the primary election.

Ashley – Thanked the Street Department for installing the flashing stop sign at Middle Street. This has helped tremendously with awareness of the new stop sign location.

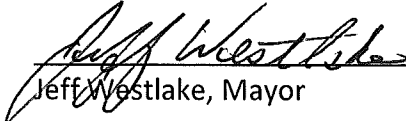
Jeff – 1. Requested an update on blighted homes. Mayor Westlake will look into this and report back. 2. Asked about Spruce Alley (east and west) south of Bricker Auction House . He has received complaints that the auction house has taken over the alley. Also, complaints of the rubbish on the property.

Mayor’s Report

- Portland Airport is currently working on an apron expansion around the airport terminal. They also recently replaced a large hangar door and reel lights.
- Street Department installed the drinking fountain and dog bowl fountain at Hudson Park. At Milton Miller Park, the pickleball court and benches are finished and being used. The basketball goals have also been powder coated and reset.
- Wastewater Department has started mapping the wastewater lines and catch basins with Diamond Maps program.
- Police Department is working on code violations,
- Fire Department held an event at their new training center.

Adjournment Motion by McClung, seconded by May to adjourn at 6:31 p.m.

APPROVED:



Jeff Westlake, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Phillips, Clerk-Treasurer