

The City of Portland  
City Council  
July 15, 2024  
5:30 PM

City Council was called to order by Mayor, Jeff Westlake at 5:30 PM on Monday, July 15, 2024. Roll was called and present were members Matt Goldsworthy, Mike Aker, Ashley Hilfiker, and Dave Golden. Also, present was Clerk-Treasurer, Lori Phillips, Wes Schemenaur, and Travis Richards (JCDC).

Absent: Kent McClung, Ron may and Michele Brewster

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Approval of City Council minutes from July 1, 2024**

Motion by Hilfiker, seconded by Goldsworthy to approve the City Council minutes from the July 1, 2024 meeting as presented. Roll call vote. All present voted aye.

### **Second reading of Ordinance 2024-11; Exception to allow sales of alcohol in all parks within the City of Portland – with valid permit**

Motion by Goldsworthy, seconded by Hilfiker to pass ordinance 2024-11 on the second reading. Roll call vote. All present voted aye. The Park Board will approve all permits.

### **Request for additional funds (\$49,809) to repair the outside (north) wall of Reclaiming Design**

Eric Welch, Attorney for Leann Miller, presented a quote to repair the wall that was left in a compromised state after the demolition of 201 and 203 North Meridian Street (former Hunts buildings). The Board of Public Works and Safety approved the lowest quote (to repair the wall) on July 11<sup>th</sup>. This request is for the council to approve additional funds so the bid can be awarded to Trisco Systems. Motion by Golden, seconded by Goldsworthy to approve the additional funds from the general account. Roll call vote. All present voted aye.

### **Travis Richards; Rollin J Lanes Development Agreement – Compliance recommendation**

The Edit Advisory Board met at 5:00 to review the compliance documents for the agreement. \$50,000 was awarded to Rollin J Lanes. The Edit Advisory Board determined that all of the terms of the agreement have been met. They made the recommendation that 50% of the grant should be a forgivable loan. Also, that repayment of the \$25,000 is to begin on September 1, 2024. Motion by Goldsworthy, seconded by Golden to approve the grant to be 50% forgivable. Roll call vote. All present voted aye.

### **Council Comments**

Dave Golden –

1. Thanked all that attended the Jay County Fair and the many service organizations.
2. Asked that the council revisits the 4-way stop that was recently added to Main and Pleasant Street. He suggests that it revert back to the 2-way stop. Ashley noted that she is open to revisit this 4-way stop. She also recommended that a form be completed

(by concerned citizens or council members) for all stop sign requests. The police and council could investigate from this point.

**Mayor's Report**

1. Asked for continued prayers for the Holly and Dustin Garringer family.
2. Thanked all that attended the fair and thanked the Optimist organization for allowing him to help in their food stand.

**Adjournment** Motion by Aker, seconded by Golden to adjourn at 5:39 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Jeff Westlake, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Lori Phillips, Clerk-Treasurer