

The City of Portland
City Council
September 9, 2024
5:00 PM

City Council was called to order by Mayor, Jeff Westlake at 5:00 PM on Monday, September 9, 2024. Present were members Kent McClung, Matt Goldsworthy, Mike Aker, Ashley Hilfiker, and Dave Golden. Also, present was Clerk-Treasurer, Lori Phillips, Travis Richards and Ray Cooney (CR).

Absent: Ron May and Michele Brewster.

Fifer Properties, LLC – Chad Fifer; Site tour and review of Edit request

At the request of the Edit Advisory Committee, the City Council met at Fifer Properties – 510 South Bridge Street. Chad guided the city council through the buildings and around the grounds. He also provided the council with updated revenue and expenditures estimates for 2024-2028.

Since purchasing the property from the City of Portland, Chad and his employees have done the following:

Cleared out most of the buildings

Removed the smoke stacks

Ground work (moving earth) – leveling off the ground

Cleaned up overgrown weeds, trees and brush

Opened up all of the skylights to bring in natural light (buildings to the south)

Continues to remove objects from the roof

Opened up the building to the north – building #1 (removed the siding and doors)

Added security cameras around the property

Plans for requested Edit funds - \$309,372:

Exterior improvements to the building to the north – building #1. This includes metal siding, insulation, doors, etc. He will also install a cedar privacy fence.

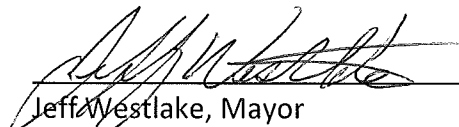
The sawmill will be built as soon as the north building is enclosed.

Once this phase is complete, Chad plans to continue to rehab the existing buildings at 20,000 square feet at a time. These spaces are intended to be rented to other businesses or individuals. Other future phases include constructing a wood kiln to dry wood.

Chad is working with ECIC (Nate Kimball) for other grants to assist with the next phases of the project. Chad noted that the buildings have a total square footage of 60,000.

Adjournment Motion by McClung, seconded by Golden to adjourn at 5:57 p.m.

APPROVED:



Jeff Westlake, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Phillips, Clerk-Treasurer