

The City of Portland
City Council
November 4, 2024

City Council was called to order by Mayor, Jeff Westlake at 5:30 PM on Monday, November 4, 2024. Roll was called and present were members Matt Goldsworthy, Mike Aker, Dave Golden, Ashley Hilfiker, Michele Brewster, and Kent McClung. Also, present was Clerk-Treasurer, Lori Phillips and Rob Weaver (WPGW).

Absent: Ron May

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of City Council minutes from October 21, 2024

Motion by Goldsworthy, seconded by Hilfiker to approve the minutes from October 21st as presented. Roll call vote. All present voted aye.

Claims Docket

Motion by McClung, seconded by Golden to approve two payroll dockets; October 12 for \$139,781.93, and October 26 for \$134,230.18. General, Water and Sewage claims 112811-113099 totaled \$1,846,470.88. Roll call vote. All present voted aye.

Carolyn Carducci, Art's Place Director – Review of 2024 concerts

Carolyn reported on the success of the 2024 concert series at Hudson Family Park Amphitheatre. They hosted 4 different concerts which all drew crowds in excess of 700 people each. Two bands have been secured for 2025 and another one is in the works, but it's not official yet. If residents have suggestions for entertainment, they can go to myplace.org and submit their ideas for indoor or outdoor events. Carolyn thanked the council for their continued support.

Kyle Love, Outside sewer customer – Request for waiver

As an outside sewer customer (that had his home destroyed by the September tornado) he is requesting a waiver until his home has been rebuilt. Current sewer ordinances do not allow for such a waiver. After much discussion, this was tabled for the Clerk Treasurer to research other communities that have encountered this exact issue. Motion by Goldsworthy, seconded by McClung to table for further information. Roll call vote. All present voted aye.

Kurt Wanninger, Wessler Engineering – Lead service line rules

The Federal government has mandated that all lead service lines be replaced over the next 10 years. The first phase of this mandate is to complete a lead service line inventory in each community. The initial identification of the line has been completed and submitted to the Federal Government. 82% of the service lines were identified as not lead lines. There were 243 lines that were identified as being lead based, 366 lines that are unknown. Additional investigations will need to be done on the lines that are unknown. Letters will need to go out in the mail by November 15th to all customers that lead lines were located and also to the

customers with unknown lines. Best estimate at this time for the 243 service lines that will need to be replaced is roughly 1.6 – 2.3 million dollars. There are still so many unknowns about the mandates, so more information will be given once clarification is received from the federal government.

Travis Richards, PP Tax Abatement; Joyce Dayton – Request to send to the Tax Abatement Committee

Motion by Goldsworthy, seconded by McClung to approve sending the tax abatement to the Tax Abatement Committee. Roll call vote. All present voted aye.

Investment: \$229,000

Savings over 1 year: \$2,748

Travis Richards, Edit Request for the Board of Aviation

Travis requested the council approve Edit funds for the local match of the terminal apron expansion. The Portland Municipal Airport has been awarded a federal grant for the terminal apron expansion. This will allow for more planes to be parked at the airport. The construction will begin in early summer of 2025.

Project funding:

FAA Share (90%) \$1,057,733.24

INDOT Share (5%) \$58,762.96

Local Share (5%) \$58,762.96

Motion by Hilfiker, seconded by Goldsworthy to approve funding the local match of \$58,762.96. Roll call vote. All present voted aye.

Travis Richards and Emily Goodrich – Discussion of extending the Riverfront District

A request was made for the council to give a thumbs up for Travis to move forward with putting an economic development are in place to allow the Riverfront District to be extended to the Goodrich Brewery. Emily would like to establish a “Pop-Up Restaurant” within the building that houses the brewery. No vote was taken, but the council did give their blessing for Travis and Emily to look further into this possibility.

Travis Richards – JCDC Updates

Travis noted that his last day with JCDC is November 15th, but he will be around to assist with ongoing projects. He asked the council to continue supporting JCDC financially and economically.

Council Comments

Mike – Noted that he spoke with construction workers doing the concrete curb ramps. They will be done with this phase by Friday.

Kent – Reminded everyone to go vote tomorrow.

Ashley – Asked is Goodwill is going into the old Walgreens building. Mayor Westlake noted that yes, they are remodeling the building now. Noted that they may be open within 3 – 6 months.

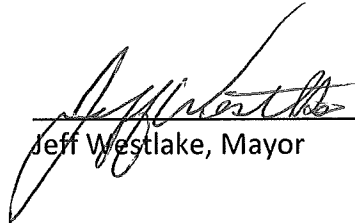
Dave – Praised Travis Richards, Jodi Hayes and the Executive Board for their commitment to Jay County. He stated that Jay County is lucky to have JCDC.

Mayor's Report

1. Reminded that this week is city wide clean up
2. Introduced JCHS students

Adjournment Motion by McClung, seconded by Golden to adjourn at 6:47 pm.

APPROVED:



Jeff Westlake, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Phillips, Clerk-Treasurer