

The City of Portland
City Council
December 2, 2024

City Council was called to order by Mayor, Jeff Westlake at 5:30 PM on Monday, December 2, 2024. Roll was called and present were members Matt Goldsworthy, Mike Aker, Dave Golden, Michele Brewster, and Kent McClung. Also, present was Clerk-Treasurer, Lori Phillips and Rob Weaver (WPGW).

Present via Zoom: Ashley Hilfiker

Absent: Ron May

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of City Council minutes from November 18, 2024

Motion by Aker, seconded by Brewster to approve the minutes from November 18th as presented. Roll call vote. All present voted aye.

Claims Docket

Motion by McClung, seconded by Golden to approve two payroll dockets; November 9th for \$132,527.05, and November 23 for \$139,707.66. General, Water and Sewage claims 113100-113401 totaled \$2,562,412.69. Roll call vote. All present voted aye.

Ordinance 2024-19; Amending Chapter 50 – Limited waiver for sewer charges – 2nd reading

This ordinance gives the Board of Works and Safety the authority to waiver sewer fees under certain limited circumstances. Motion by Goldsworthy, seconded by Golden to approve Ordinance 2024-19 on the 2nd reading. Roll call vote. All present voted aye.

Matt Shauver and Ronnie Reynolds – Additional Appropriation request for Park van

The Parks Department has requested that a van be purchased for use in maintaining the parks.

Historically, the park vehicle has been purchased from the MVH budget. The need has come to transition that purchase to the park budget. For this purchase, it is requested that half is paid from MVH and half from Park funds. Moving forward, a line item will be added to the Park's budget for such a purchase. The Park Board is agreeable to this purchase. This request will go before the Board of Works on December 5th. Motion by Golden, seconded by McClung to approve the additional appropriation for a van. Roll call vote. All present voted aye.

2025 Annual Nepotism and Conflict of Disclosure forms were signed

JCHS Students were introduced

Council Comments

Mike-

1. Noted the progress on the east wall of the Greasy Pickle.
2. Asked if the metal around the manholes (downtown) would be removed this week. Mayor Westlake noted that the contractor is working on this and will hopefully be removed this week.

Dave-

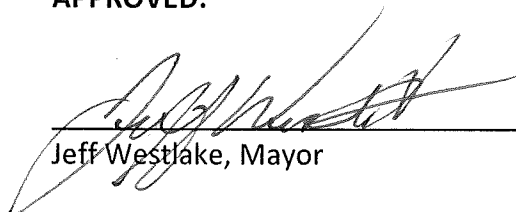
1. Thanked the Street Department for getting the city's Christmas decorations up downtown.
2. Noted that he wants to see JCDC succeed with hiring a new Executive Director. He noted that he would like to see the 2025 pledge of \$50,000 on the next docket. There was some discussion about not releasing until June (when it is normally released) or possibly \$25,000 at the beginning of 2025 and the remaining \$25,000 later in the year. No action was taken on this request.

Mayor's Report

1. Noted that the traffic lights may be completed by mid-December.
2. Noted that INDOT Bridge Executives will be onsite December 18th to discuss the request to paint the US 26 bridge railing blue.
3. Noted that 93.53 tons were collected during fall clean-up.

Adjournment Motion by McClung, seconded by Golden to adjourn at 5:52 pm.

APPROVED:



Jeff Westlake, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Phillips, Clerk-Treasurer