

The City of Portland
City Council
May 5, 2025
5:30 PM

City Council was called to order by Mayor, Jeff Westlake at 5:30 PM on Monday, May 5, 2025. Roll was called and present were members Matt Goldsworthy, Mike Aker, Michele Brewster, Ron May, Ashley Hilfiker, Dave Golden, and Kent McClung. Also, present were Attorney, Wes Schemenaur, Clerk-Treasurer, Lori Phillips, and Ray Cooney (CR).

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of City Council minutes from April 21, 2025

Motion by Hilfiker, seconded by Golden to approve the City Council minutes from the April 21st, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote. All voted aye.

Claims Docket

Motion by May, seconded by Hilfiker to approve two payroll dockets; April 12th for \$145,718.47, April 26th for \$142,648.06. General, Water and Sewage claims 114611-114876 totaled \$2,534,778.08. Roll call vote. All voted aye.

Resolution 2025-2; Sanitation - Additional appropriation

Motion by May, seconded by Brewster to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$174,500. Roll call vote. All voted aye.

The additional was for the purchase of the second trash truck

Trash truck #1 (Received a month ago) \$226,666.50 minus Trade-in - \$50,000 = \$176,666.50

Trash truck #2 (Arriving this Thursday) \$247,563.60 minus Trade-in - \$45,000 = \$202,563.60

Ceann Bales, JCDC; NAC Holdings LLC - RE Tax Abatement

Motion by McClung, seconded by Golden to approve sending NAC Holdings LLC RE Tax Abatements to the Tax Abatement Board. Roll call vote. All voted aye.

Investment: \$250,000

3 years savings: \$14,272

Council Comments

Ron – Donated \$200 to Special Olympics. Troy Atkinson and Martha Loper were present to accept the donation. Troy stated that the funds will be used for special Olympics athlete expenses. He noted that the organization accepts donations throughout the year. He also noted that they are funded through fundraisers and service organization contributions.

Kent –

1. Noted that a resident approached him about the poor condition that the sidewalks on Meridian Street between 7th Street and 10th Street. Kent suggested a grant program and grading sidewalks to determine a replacement plan for those that are dangerous.

2. 68-acre project – Noted that all council members need to think about where they stand on this topic. How much are we (as city council) willing to contribute to this project. In the very near future, the county will be approaching council for a commitment.

Dave –

1. Noted that the stop lights uptown are not changing for golf carts. Mayor Westlake noted that the golf carts are not heavy enough to register and that residents will need to use patience.
2. Thanked all involved for the recent city street paving project through CCMG.
3. Noted that there is still no railing at the Commercial Review building.
4. Stated that there has been no movement on vacating the alley beside the Democrat headquarter building. He also noted that the Portland Foundation is not interested in vacating their part of the alley.

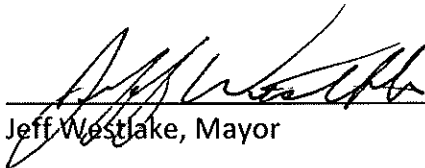
Mayor's Report

- The manhole in front of CVS has been raised.
- Mowing season is here. Please make sure your yard is mowed according to the city ordinance.

High school student was introduced

Adjournment Motion by McClung, seconded by Golden to adjourn at 5:48 p.m.

APPROVED:



Jeff Westlake, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Phillips, Clerk-Treasurer