

The City of Portland
City Council
June 2, 2025
5:30 PM

City Council was called to order by Council President, Kent McClung at 5:30 PM on Monday, June 2, 2025. Roll was called and present were members Matt Goldsworthy, Mike Aker, Ashley Hilfiker, Dave Golden, and Kent McClung. Also, present were Attorney, Wes Schemenaur, and Clerk-Treasurer, Lori Phillips.

Absent: Mayor Jeff Westlake, Michele Brewster, and Ron May

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of City Council minutes from May 19, 2025

Motion by Goldsworthy, seconded by Hilfiker to approve the City Council minutes from the May 19th, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote. All present voted aye.

Claims Docket

Motion by Hilfiker, seconded by Goldsworthy to approve two payroll dockets; May 10th for \$141,547.83 and May 24th for \$151,903.27. General, Water and Sewage claims 114877-115244 \$3,897,457.48. Roll call vote. All present voted aye.

PJ Corwin, Youth Service Bureau, Director; Request for crosswalk markings and signage to connect the adjacent building and parking lot

Motion by Hilfiker, seconded by Golden to approve the street markings and signage for the YSB Office at the corner of Arch and Middle Street. Roll call vote. All present voted aye.

Matt Shauver, Street Superintendent; Discussion of the sidewalk program

Matt promoted the sidewalk program and how it works. He noted that the resident pays for the material and the street department does all labor for free. He also suggested that the city considers a payment plan so that more residents could take advantage of the sidewalk program.

Resolution 2025-3; Resolution for City Court to adopt Odyssey software

Motion by Golden, seconded by Aker to approve Resolution 2025-3. Roll call vote. All present voted aye.

Key Court, the software that is currently being used, will be discontinued by Boyce Systems on September 1st. The Odyssey software is a state platform and is free. They will provide all equipment and training to get this program up and running.

Ordinance 2025-3; Recertifying Council Districts – 2nd reading

Motion by Goldsworthy, seconded by Aker to approve Ordinance 2025-3 on the 2nd reading. Roll call vote. All present voted aye.

Ordinance 2025-5; Amending 2025 Payroll Ordinance – 2nd reading

Motion by Aker, seconded by Golden to approve Ordinance 2025-5 on the second reading. Roll call vote. All present voted aye.

This amendment changed the shift schedule for police and dispatch. It also added the title of head guard and assistance pool manager.

Ordinance 2025-6; Establishing an ordinance for Right-of-Way Use of City Roads – 1st reading

Motion by Goldsworthy, seconded by Hilfiker to approve Ordinance 2025-6 on the 1st reading. Roll call vote. All present voted aye.

This ordinance sets the process for utility companies to cut into the city streets and the manner that they need to be repaired.

Council Comments

Matt – Noted that he is in favor of a residential payment plan for the sidewalk program.

Dave – Asked the status on the Blaine Pike project. Lori noted that she has not received the final closeout documents. Dave also congratulated Mike Weitzel on receiving the Jack Cole Citizen of the Year award!

Ashley – Thanked the Street / Park Department for the keeping the pool clean and warm (with the new pool heater).

Mayor's Report

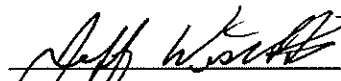
- None – Mayor was absent

Clerk Treasurer's Report

- June 4th – Local leaders will meet with Governor Mike Braun (at the State House) to advocate for additional funds for the 68-acre project.
- June 4th – Lori is attending a presentation with Barnes & Thornburg to learn more about SB-1.
- June 9th – INDOT preconstruction meeting on the 7th Street Bridge project.
- Reminded council of budget dates.
- Noted that budget sheets will go out to the department heads this week.
- Noted that the 2026 payroll ordinance will need to be discussed soon.


Adjournment Motion by Golden, seconded by Aker to adjourn at 6:02 p.m.

APPROVED:



Jeff Westlake, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Phillips, Clerk-Treasurer