

The City of Portland  
City Council  
August 4, 2025  
5:32 PM

City Council was called to order by Mayor, Jeff Westlake at 5:32 PM on Monday, August 4, 2025. Roll was called and present were members Matt Goldsworthy, Mike Aker, Ashley Hilfiker, Dave Golden, Kent McClung and Michele Brewster. Also, present were Attorney, Wes Schemenaur, and Clerk-Treasurer, Lori Phillips.  
Absent: Ron May

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of City Council minutes from July 21, 2025 Regular meeting and Public hearing**

Motion by Hilfiker, seconded by May to approve the City Council minutes from both meetings on July 21, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote. All present voted aye.

**Claims Docket**

Motion by Goldsworthy, seconded by Hilfiker to approve two payroll dockets; July 7 for \$162,131.62 and July 19 for \$162,784.88. General, Water and Sewage claims \$2,533,055.65. Roll call vote. All present voted aye.

**Carolyn Carducci, Art's Place – Request for 2026 concert series sponsorship**

Motion by McClung, seconded by Goldsworthy to approve \$15,000 sponsorship to the Art's Place 2026 concert series. Roll call vote. All present voted aye.

**Speed bump request (in the alley) between W. Water and W. Main between Charles and Park Street**

Motion by Goldsworthy, seconded by Hilfiker to approve the Street Department installing as many speed bumps as needed. Roll call vote. All present voted aye.

Mayor Westlake presented this request on behalf of Manfred Beck. The mayor stated that there is already a "Caution Children at Play" sign posted and that there are already 2 speed bumps in this location.

**Jodi Hayes, JCDC; Priority Plastics – Personal Property Tax Abatement**

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

Equipment: Electric R&B Blow Mold machine and supporting equipment

Investment: \$3,500,000

Abatement: 3 years

**Resolution 2025-10; Resolution waiving Non-Compliance – Joyce Dayton Tax Abatement**

Motion by Golden, seconded by McClung to approve Resolution 2025-10. Roll call vote. All present voted aye.

In 2024 and 2025, Joyce Dayton did not submit FORM 322 – for Real Property or FORM 103-ERA (Schedule of deductions from assessed valuation on personal property).

PP Abatement – Pay 2025; 1-year abatement in the amount of \$2,644

RE Abatement – Pay 2026; 5-year abatement – total amount of abatement \$177,660

**Ordinance 2025-10; Ordinance Adopting S-37 Supplement of the Code of Ordinances – 1<sup>st</sup> reading**

Motion by McClung, seconded by Golden to approve Ordinance 2025-10 on the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Roll call vote. All present voted aye.

**Ordinance 2025-10; Suspend Rules and Pass on the Same night**

Motion by McClung, seconded by Goldsworthy to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2025-10 the same night. Roll call vote. All present voted aye.

**Ordinance 2025-10; Approve on the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading**

Motion by Goldsworthy, seconded by McClung to pass Ordinance 2025-10 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Roll call vote. All present voted aye.

**2026 Fire Protection Contracts**

Motion by McClung, seconded by Golden to approve 2026 Fire Protection Contracts. Roll call vote. All present voted aye. 2026 township fire contracts (Wayne, Jefferson, Pike and Greene) increased by 3%.

**Council Comments**

Dave – Pleased to see that with the heavy rains last week, the downtown did not flood.

Ashley – School starts this week. Please use patience and watch out for young kids and school buses.

Kent – He praised the water department for great customer service when his neighbor had a water leak. The resident was alerted that they had an unusually high consumption of water, which indicated a possible leak. The service department accommodated the plumber with turning the service on and off as needed.

**Mayor's Report**

- Met with Randy Stephen (Ohio Valley Gas). They will have changes to present to the council at the next meeting.
- Was at ICOM conference last week
- Ali's Benefit Ride is this Saturday and starts at Hudson Park
- Redkey Gas Boom Days – August 9 & 10
- Balbec Days – August 16 & 17
- 60th Annual Antique Engine & Tractor Show – August 20 - 23
- Annual Fly-In at the Portland Municipal Airport – August 23; Breakfast and airplane rides will be available

**Clerk Treasurer's Report**

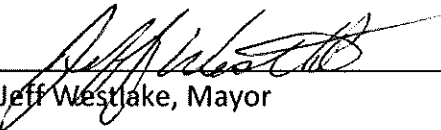
- Fall Clean-up is scheduled for October 6 thru 10
- We are near the end of our annual SBOA Federal Audit. Last year the City of Portland (including the airport) received \$1,192,596.24 in federal grant funds.
- Next week I will be in French Lick for a State Board of Accounts called meeting. I am seeking clarification on 2026 LOIT funds. After more information is received, I will be able to finalize the proposed budget.

**Adjournment** Motion by McClung , seconded by Golden to adjourn at 5:56 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

  
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Lori Phillips, Clerk-Treasurer

  
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Jeff Westlake, Mayor