

CITY OF PORTLAND COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday January 9, 2012

The Portland City Council met in regular session on Monday January 9, 2012 in the Memorial Hall Building. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sven Mickels. Also present were Aldermen Josh Braaten, Ed Lenaburg, and Shirley Rux and Ryan Domier.

Minutes for the December 12, 2011 regular meeting were presented. Motion Rux to approve minutes, second Lenaberg, all aye, motion carried.

Sheriff Mike Crocker from the Traill County Sheriff's was in attendance. Deputy Sheriff Scott Cote will be returning to work on February 1, 2012. New vehicle has been ordered and will arrive in April 2012. Sheriff Crocker will present cost details by city as soon as available.

Senator Murphy was in attendance. Senator Murphy thanked all for their service and stated that he is available to assist the city in any way that he could. Proposed State Measure 2 which deals with removing property taxation authority was briefly reviewed.

Resident requested that Argus Street be vacated so that he could plant a hedge for snow control. City declined to vacate Argus Street. Motion Braaten, second Rux to approve a hedge planted on edge of Argus Street, all aye, motion carried.

Scott Hovde representing Traill County EDC was in attendance and reviewed the upcoming marketing campaign targeting the western part of ND. This campaign would give Traill County as option for relocation from western ND. A new website is being designed by TCEDC for this marketing campaign in addition to print ads. TCEDC will work with MPEDC for funding options. Traill County EDC signing program was discussed. The City of Portland will work with the Park Board to apply for the reimbursement of signs purchased for the east and west edges of town that will be installed this coming spring.

Motion Braaten, second Rux to approve \$6500 to purchase a new pump for lift station, on roll, all aye, motion carried.

Motion Braaten, second Domier to approve paying the \$110 registration plus mileage and lodging for Bruce Olson to attend ND Rural Cater Systems convention in Fargo, on roll, all aye, motion carried.

Replat of Lot 5, Block 1, Riverside 3rd Addition reviewed. Motion Braaten, second Rux to approve replat, all aye, motion carried.

Mail reviewed.

The following bills were presented:

SALARIES	\$3,037.77
MSU	\$642.87
First & Farmers Bank	\$25.00
State Disbursement Unit	\$375.50
IRS	\$1,092.26
Bruce Olson	\$616.86
Karen Nelson	\$35.00
City of Mayville	\$1,600.00
Postmaster	\$131.00

Moore Engineering	\$21,484.03
HE Everson	\$116.05
Farmers Union Oil	\$1,698.47
ND Munc Judges Assoc	\$25.00
One Call Concepts	\$1.30
Office of Tax Comm.	\$243.81
Polar Communications	\$154.03
Traill Rural Water	\$5,575.00
City of Fargo	\$14.00
MayPort Farmers Coop	\$1,000.00
Job Service of ND	\$19.97
Office of Treasurer	\$3,493.00
Xcel Energy	\$714.47
Ferguson Waterworks	\$309.12
MPEDC	\$8,738.96
MFOA	\$30.00
ND State Plumbing Board	\$165.00
Traill County Treasurer	\$8,023.04
Duckwall-Alco	\$52.31
Xcel Energy	\$979.69
Waste Management	\$443.72
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Total **\$64,261.41**

Motion Braaten, second Lenaberg to pay all bills. On roll, all aye, motion carried.

Financial reports presented. Motion Braaten, second Domier for the following transfers to balance the budget for 2011: \$705 from attorney to auditor, \$270.22 from Operations/Maintenance to Travel, \$259.05 from Operations/Maintenance to Bldgs/Lots/Ground, \$39.11 from Street lights to Street Maintenance. Motion Domier, second Lenaberg to approve financial reports as amended, all aye, motion carried.

Department Head Reports: **Police** – Braaten: No Report **Streets** – Lenaburg: Ice outside of Post Office to be monitored. **Water** – Rux: Over due bills discussed. Nine accounts scheduled to be turned off on Monday January 16, 2012 for non-payment. Motion Rux, second Domier for City of Portland to revert back to billing tenets directly for city utilities and not the landlords; unless tenet is in delinquent status. **Buildings** – Domier: Commercial trash haul discussed.

Motion Rux, second Braaten to approve the Pledge of Securities at First & Farmers Bank and First Community Credit Union, all aye, motion carried.

Motion Braaten, second Lenaberg for City of Portland to enroll in the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement Fund, on roll, all aye, motion carried

No further business, meeting adjourned.

Nadine Rygg, Auditor

Sven Mickels, Mayor