

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

May 25, 2010

PROCLAMATION

- ◆ Mayor Strazdas issued a Scleroderma Awareness Month Proclamation.

CHECK REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of May 25, 2010, as presented.

PETITIONS AND STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

- ◆ 61st District State Representative Larry DeShazor read from the State of Michigan Resolution of Respect honoring the twenty years of service to Portage Cable Access by Rick Kienbaum, 6741 Trotwood, signed by 20th District State Senator Tom George and himself.
- ◆ Lorence Wenke, 3598 Wyngate Meadow, Galesburg, announced his candidacy for the 20th District State Senator position.
- ◆ Jim Carroll, 401 Gingham, expressed the concern that the ambulance services that do business in Portage do not have a reciprocity agreement. Mayor Strazdas referred the matter to the Administration for review and recommendation.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Approved the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Final Budget and adopted the General Appropriations Act Resolution, the Salary and Wage Resolution and the Reimbursement Resolution.
- ◆ Approved the revised City of Portage – South County Sewer and Water Authority US 131 Corridor Wastewater Conveyance Agreement and authorized the Mayor to sign the revised agreement on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Adopted the Resolution Supporting Application for Local Bridge Program Funds for replacement of the Kilgore Road Bridge over Portage Creek.
- ◆ Approved The Homestead III Preliminary Plat subject to the condition identified in the April 30, 2010 Department of Community Development report to the Planning Commission; and approved The Homestead III Final Preliminary Plat and accept the detailed engineering plans.
- ◆ Accepted the City Manager recommendation in response to the petition regarding signage on South Westnedge Avenue.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the Purchasing Procedures / Flow Chart as information only.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the April 2010 Summary Environmental Activity Report as information only.
- ◆ Received the Department Monthly Reports.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT

- ◆ Adopted the proposed Ballot Wording Resolution to Amend Section 8.4(a) and 8.4(b) of Chapter 8 of the Charter of the City of Portage, Michigan, and referred the recommendations contained in the Advisory Board Review Committee Communication dated May 21, 2010, to the Administration for review and a recommendation.

BID TABULATIONS

- ◆ Approved the Phone System Upgrade Project, with equipment provided by Qwest Business and leased through Capital Advantage Leasing at a total five-year lease cost of \$200,454 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this project on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved a two-year contract to the low bidder, Specialty Business Forms, in the amount of \$44,173.73 (total for two years) to print, insert and mail tax bills, assessment notices and personal property tax returns, with the option to renew for three additional one-year periods and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this contract on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Authorized the purchase of 75 Kenwood Model 2212 portable radios for the Police Department from State Systems Radio, Inc., at a cost not-to-exceed \$29,118.75 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the purchase on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Accepted the low bid submitted by Parker-Arntz Plumbing & Heating, Incorporated, of Greenville, Michigan, in the amount of \$10,728 for the installation of radiant heat in Fire Station No. 2 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action on behalf of the city.

STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

- ◆ Councilmember Randall thanked Ron and Lynn Kitchens, donors and participants for a successful fundraiser that netted over \$34,000 for Portage Community Center.
- ◆ Councilmember O'Brien extended congratulations for a successful Race for the Cure and expressed her appreciation to the Historic District Commission for their Awards Ceremony, especially the passion she witnessed for maintaining historic housing in Portage. She also reminded everyone that there would be a Memorial Day Parade.
- ◆ Councilmember Campbell congratulated the high school seniors who are graduating on June 4, 2010.
- ◆ City Manager Evans thanked City Council for approving the budget as presented and extended kudos to Deputy City Manager Brian Bowling, Finance Director Dan Foecking, Deputy Finance Director Pat Fitnitch, Financial Services Director Bob Luders and Community Development Director Jeffrey Erickson for their fine efforts in preparing the budget.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Sackley announced the city-sponsored program, "Parents Who Host Lose the Most" that will include red and black promotional signs to discourage the use of alcohol and/or hosting the use of alcohol for under-aged people.
- ◆ Mayor Strazdas praised City Council as engaged, concerned citizens, as evidenced by their assistance with fund raisers, attendance at community events and participation in committees that keep positive change happening in the City of Portage.

COMPLETE MINUTES OF EACH CITY COUNCIL MEETING ARE AVAILABLE ON THE CITY WEBSITE AT PORTAGEMI.GOV, IN CITY HALL AND IN THE DISTRICT LIBRARY. MINUTES OF CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.