

City of Portage Common Council
Regular Meeting
January 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Snyder at 6:32PM.

Councilperson Cannon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Councilpersons Elizabeth Modesto, Pat Clem, Scott Williams, John Cannon, Collin Czilli, Mark Oprisko and Sue Lynch, Mayor James Snyder and Clerk-Treasurer Christopher Stidham.

Minutes: Councilperson Oprisko made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Councilperson Lynch seconded the motion. Mayor Snyder requested input from the Council. Mayor Snyder requested a roll call vote.
7 yes-0 nays.

Mayor's Appointments to Boards:

The Mayor made appointments to various city boards (see attached list). Councilperson Modesto made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Steve Nelson and Ray Blazek to the Port Authority. Councilperson Clem seconded the motion. Mayor Snyder requested input from the Council. Mayor Snyder requested a roll call vote.
7 yes-0 nays.

Election of Council President:

Councilperson Oprisko nominated Councilperson Lynch to serve as President. Councilperson Williams seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Mayor Snyder requested a roll call vote.
7 yes-0 nays.

Mayor Snyder exited the meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report:

Clerk-Treasurer Stidham provided an update on the status of the 2018 year-end finances.

Correspondence & Reports: None.

Reception of Petitions & Memorials: None.

Reports of City Officials:

Street Department Superintendent Steve Nelson reported on department activities.
Assistant Police Chief Ted Uzelac reported on department activities.
Acting Fire Chief Tim Sosby reported on department activities.

Reports From Standing Committees: None.

New Business:

Introduction of Ordinances:

First Reading

Councilperson Czilli read an ordinance authorizing the issuance of tax anticipation warrants for 2019. Councilperson Oprisko made a motion to suspend the rule requiring a second reading. Councilperson Czilli seconded the motion. Councilperson Lynch requested input from the Council. Councilperson Lynch requested a roll call vote. 7 yes-0 nays. Councilperson Modesto made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Councilperson Czilli seconded the motion. Councilperson Lynch requested input from the Council. Councilperson Lynch requested a roll call vote.
7 yes-0 nays.

ORD 19-1

Councilperson Cannon read an ordinance setting minimum standards for building permits. Councilperson Cannon made a motion to suspend the rule requiring a second reading. Councilperson Czilli seconded the motion. Councilperson Lynch requested input from the Council. Councilperson Lynch requested a roll call vote. 7 yes-0 nays. Councilperson Oprisko made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Councilperson Modesto seconded the motion. Councilperson Lynch requested input from the Council. Councilperson Lynch requested a roll call vote.
7 yes-0 nays.

ORD 19-2

Councilperson Oprisko read an ordinance updating various traffic sign locations. Councilperson Czilli made a motion to suspend the rule requiring a second reading. Councilperson Modesto seconded the motion. Councilperson Lynch requested input from the Council. Councilperson

Lynch requested a roll call vote. 7 yes-0 nays. Councilperson Czilli made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Councilperson Modesto seconded the motion. Councilperson Lynch requested input from the Council. Councilperson Lynch requested a roll call vote.

7 yes-0 nays.

ORD 19-3

Introduction of Resolutions:

Councilperson Williams read a resolution authorizing a real property tax abatement for Lot 46 at Marina Shores. Councilperson Williams made a motion to adopt the resolution. Councilperson Modesto seconded the motion. Councilperson Lynch requested input from the Council.

Councilperson Lynch requested a roll call vote.

5 yes-2 nays (Czilli, Lynch).

RES 19-1

Councilperson Clem read a resolution authorizing various interfund loans for December 2018. Councilperson Clem made a motion to adopt the resolution. Councilperson Czilli seconded the motion. Councilperson Lynch requested input from the Council. Councilperson Lynch requested a roll call vote.

7 yes-0 nays.

RES 19-2

Councilperson Modesto read a resolution declaring an emergency to extend repayment of various interfund loans until June 30, 2019. Councilperson Modesto made a motion to adopt the resolution. Councilperson Czilli seconded the motion. Councilperson Lynch requested input from the Council. Councilperson Lynch requested a roll call vote.

7 yes-0 nays.

RES 19-3

Councilperson Oprisko read a resolution requesting the State of Indiana transfer Gary's second casino license to Portage. Councilperson Oprisko made a motion to adopt the resolution.

Councilperson Modesto seconded the motion. Councilperson Lynch requested input from the Council. Councilperson Lynch requested a roll call vote.

7 yes-0 nays.

RES 19-4

Unfinished Business:

Councilperson Czilli made a motion to select Ken Elwood of Rhame, Elwood & McClure to serve as Council Attorney for 2019. Councilperson Modesto seconded the motion. Councilperson Lynch requested input from the Council. Councilperson Lynch requested a roll call vote.

7 yes-0 nays.

Notice to Taxpayers: None.

Reception of Remonstrances or Any Other Business:

Linda Rawlins, Dawn Anderson, Allison Bridges, John Arroyo, and Rich Osgerby addressed the Council.

Councilperson Oprisko made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Modesto seconded the motion. Councilperson Lynch requested input from the Council. Councilperson Lynch requested a voice vote.

7 yes-0 nays.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47PM.

ATTEST:

Christopher D. Stidham
Clerk-Treasurer

Sue Lynch
Council President