

City of Petersburg
Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting
August 15, 2016 7:00 p.m.
Petersburg Municipal Building
24 E. Center Street
Petersburg, MI 49270

A Regular Meeting of the Council for the City of Petersburg was held on the above date.
The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor, James W. Holeman
Councilpersons present were Charles Bruckner, Kevin Richards, Lawrence Schadewald and Joanne Tollison.
Absent: Terri Bauer and Rich Haller

Minutes of the last meeting were presented to Council in printed form as recorded.
Moved by Bruckner that the minutes of the previous meeting, 8/1/16, be approved.
Supported by Tollison. Aye (5) Nay (0) Absent (2) Motion carried.

Invoices were presented to council in printed form by accounts: General fund- \$36,226.89; Police fund- \$28,121.02; Major St.-\$35,285.83; Local St.- \$12,875.85; Sewer fund- \$8,851.54; Water fund- \$34,148.42 for a total of \$155,509.55. Moved by Richards that the invoices as presented and corrected for insurance/cleaning bills, be approved and checks drawn for the same. Supported by Tollison. Roll Call Vote: Aye (5) Nay (0) Absent (2) Motion carried.

Keith Richards representing Commercial Outdoors inquired about leasing property at Ida West and US23 for 2 billboards. Advised to contact MCRC.

Mayor reported 2 options to replace police car. 1) Purchase a used car with 50,000 miles for \$20,000 2) Continue using loaner car and sign title of old car over to Sheriff department for parts and order a new car for \$40,000. Mayor will contact Major Kemp to get something in writing for option 2 before next meeting. City will retain any equipment that can be reused in a new vehicle.

Mayor reports that per engineer Dave Kubiske, some of the sidewalk on the north side of Elm Street could be eliminated from the Safe Routes to School project. Also, it has been suggested that the 10' asphalt path continue on the east side of Elizabeth Street to Center or so which would require a ditch to be tiled and catch basin installed. (as Elizabeth is not located correctly) The south side of Walnut Street will be striped from Forrest to Division for NO PARKING AREA, as well as 20' either side of walkway to path. Handicapped unloading area on Elm to be marked in blue. Mayor will ask Mr. Kubiske and Julie Grodi to attend the September 6 meeting to discuss matters.

Schadewald presented 2 bids for clearing brush in preparation for 10' asphalt path. JEnterprise, LLC for \$3945 and John's Tree Service for \$5600. School has agreed to pay 1/2 of the cost. Schadewald will contact JEnterprise to ask if bid is accepted now can the work be done later in the fall.

Discussed splitting 3 lots in River Bend development into 2 larger lots per the request of 2 potential buyers. It was decided to allow this as long as the developer or property owners provide the Assessing department with new legal descriptions for recording. Suggested that the planning commission adopt a procedure/fees for any future requests.

Moved by Richards to raise Harvey Salenbien's wage to previous Superintendent's rate effective August 15.
Supported by Tollison. Aye (5) Nay (0) Absent (2) Motion carried.

Moved by Richards to accept Personnel committee recommendation to hire Tracy Raymer for the open DPW position starting at \$17 per hour with .50 raise for each license obtained and a 120 day probationary period. Clerk Goodin will contact Mr. Raymer. Supported by Tollison. Aye (5) Nay (0) Absent (2) Motion carried.

Personnel committee of Haller, Schadewald and Bruckner to meet with Fugate and Curley at 9am Wednesday, August 17 regarding raises.

Mayor reported the tiling along the newly paved section of Railroad for drainage is progressing. Water plant #1 high service pump is out of service. Currently working with Helms to repair.

Mayor would like to discuss with Township supervisor assistance with police wages/car expenses at a later date.

Clerk Goodin reported that a new location for the Mobilite cell system has been suggested along the west side of Saline Street just south of Center in a grassy curbed area, which is favorable over the original location in the middle of a sidewalk near MB&T. Goodin will contact Mobilite and let them know this site is acceptable.

Richards was approached by someone interested in running a car show in the city during the summer. All were supportive of the idea. Tollison pointed out an article in the Blade regarding the Tiny House movement and suggested the City begin to consider this for small lots that are currently not buildable.

Moved by Richards that Council adjourn at 8:30pm. Supported by Bruckner. Aye (5) Nay (0) Absent (2) Motion carried.

Guests: Keith Richards, Bobbi Richards
Employees: Leanne Goodin, Donna Maartin

Minutes submitted by: _____ Leanne G. Goodin, Clerk

Minutes approved by: _____ Mayor James W. Holeman