

City of Petersburg
Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting
October 17, 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 Terri Bauer, Charles Bruckner, Rich Haller, Kevin Richards, Lawrence Schadewald and Joanne Tollison. Absent:

Minutes of the last meeting were presented to Council in printed form as recorded.

Moved by Bruckner that the minutes of the previous meeting, 10/3/16, be approved.
Supported by Haller. Aye (7) Nay (0) Absent (0) Motion carried.

Invoices were presented to council in printed form by accounts: General fund- \$19,607.70; Police fund- \$24,217.04; Major St.-\$392.96; Local St.- \$392.96; Sewer fund- \$6,930.06; Water fund- \$3,268.69 for a total of \$54,809.41.
Moved by Haller that the invoices as presented be approved and checks drawn for the same. Supported by Tollison.
Roll Call Vote: Aye (7) Nay (0) Absent (0) Motion carried.

E. Elm Street resident Julie Grodi spoke about a crack in her concrete driveway that she says became larger after City workers cut down the tree in front of her house. She was supposed to be notified when it was being removed and was not. She already spoke with one concrete contractor and will get another opinion on repairing/replacing it. Mayor Holeman will contact the City's liability insurance carrier about making a claim.

Ms. Grodi's attorney, Mike Heller, requested a copy of the ordinance or charter allowing the City to remove trees in the right of way. Mayor Holeman will get that information to Ms. Grodi.

Richards reported that the State has said if the sidewalk is pushed to the curb it will need to be 6' wide instead of 5' and the other tree in front of Grodi's will need to be removed. Michelle Krueger asked about the location of the sidewalk along St. Peter's Lutheran church property on E. Elm Street and if 2 trees would need to be removed. Richards said they will be going around those trees. Rachel Duvall also inquired about the location of the sidewalk in front of her house on E. Elm.

Brian Hughes from Hughes & Associates presented options for medical insurance next year. He will email a few other options with higher deductibles and Clerk Goodin will forward to Council along with original proposal for discussion next month.

DPW Superintendent Harvey Salenbien submitted a positive written 30 day performance review for new employee Tracy Raymer.

Mayor has not contacted the Drain or Road Commissions on tiling the ditch on Elizabeth Street until it has been decided what will be done for the sidewalk. The City's old police car will be taken to Monroe soon and the new car will be arriving. The title needs to be mailed to the Sheriff's department. Additional signage has been ordered for the one way section of E. Elm.

Moved by Richards to grant an easement over any City water mains for sidewalk construction. Supported by Bauer. Aye (7) Nay (0) Absent (0) Motion carried.

Schadewald reported that the brush along the path to the high school will be cut beginning next week.

Tollison reported that she secured a second bid for tree removal from John's Tree Service that was higher than the bid from Aardvark Tree Service. She will contact Aardvark to remove only 1 tree on Rose Road. Tollison also reminded Council of the Methodist Church's roast beef dinner on October 21 to benefit the Library History Room as well as the Harvest Moon Storytelling event at the Library on October 29.

Moved by Tollison that Council adjourn at 8:09pm. Supported by Bruckner. Aye (7) Nay (0) Absent (0) Motion carried.

Guests: Julie Grodi, Mike Heller, Rachel Duvall, Michelle Krueger, Brian Hughes, Jeff Corie
Employees: Leanne Goodin, Trudy Goodin

Minutes submitted by: _____ Leanne G. Goodin, Clerk

Minutes approved by: _____ Mayor James W. Holeman