

City of Petersburg
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
October 21, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.
Petersburg, MI 49270

A Meeting of the Council for the City of Petersburg was held on the above date.
The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor, James W. Holeman
Councilpersons present were Dawn Cilley, Kevin Richards, Rita Rousseau, Ron Stumpmier, Joanne Tollison

Absent: Laura Antoszewski

Moved by Tollison to approve the agenda as printed. Supported by Cilley. Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1)
Motion carried.

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented to Council in printed form as recorded.
Moved by Cilley that the minutes of the 10/7/24 meeting be approved.
Supported by Richards. Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

Invoices were presented to council in printed form by accounts: General fund- \$23,775.23; Police fund- \$327.67; Major St.- \$3,162.80; Local St.- \$3,245.42; Sewer fund- \$7,733.86; Water fund- \$15,608.18 for a total of \$53,853.16 Moved by Cilley that the invoices as presented be approved and checks drawn for the same. Supported by Stumpmier. Roll Call Vote: Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Stella Kirby reported 3 people helped with Fernstrom Park fall clean up. She asked if Lume could be made to clean up the weeds on their property facing Ida West Road. Mayor will contact Lume.

New Business:

City insurance agent Brian Hughes reported on the DPW department health insurance renewal for December 1 and answered any questions. The current plan with Priority Health increased 12% but was still the lowest option compared to similar plans and employees are satisfied with the plan.

Moved by Richards to approve the renewal of Priority Health medical insurance for the DPW department commencing December 1. Supported by Stumpmier. Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

Moved by Cilley to reappoint Stella Kirby, Mike Doughty and Mike Ramey to the Planning Commission for a 3 year term ending 7/1/2027. Supported by Stumpmier. Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

Moved by Stumpmier to reappoint Stella Kirby and Rich Haller to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3 year term ending 9/21/2027. Supported by Cilley. Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

Moved by Richards to increase the quarterly sewer rate to \$110 effective January 1, 2025. Supported by Rousseau. Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

Clerk Goodin will consult with the city attorney to determine if the sewer rate can be changed by resolution instead of ordinance, similar to the process for revising water rates. The sewer rate has not increased since 1997.

Old Business:

Moved by Richards to adopt immediately the updated Employee Policy and Procedure Manual, formerly the Employee Handbook, as presented by Clerk Goodin. Supported by Rousseau. Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

Mayor reported the new DPW employee, Nilo Burgener, will begin working November 4.

Council Reports:

Rousseau will order yard signs for the winners of the holiday decorating contest. Tollison asked if we could start promoting the contest soon.

Antoszewski (by phone) asked if we can remind residents not to burn on the streets and no burning near the street on Halloween.

Richards reported a representative from Michigan Economic Development will be present at the November 4th meeting. He also mentioned the Tree Lighting committee has secured someone to offer horse drawn carriage rides that day and wondered if the City's liability insurance would cover them. Clerk will check, no action taken.

Tollison reported she received the lowest quote from All-Year Tree Service for tree trimming and removal and will contact them to proceed once they provide an updated insurance certificate.

Employee Reports:

Clerk Goodin will contact our city deputy to secure police coverage for Halloween until 8pm. Clerk reminded council that the November 4th meeting will take place at the Library.

Moved by Tollison that Council adjourn at 7:26p.m. Supported by Richards. Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

Guests: Stella Kirby, Bobby Richards, Brian Hughes

Employees: Donna Maertin

Minutes submitted by: _____ Leanne G. Goodin, Clerk

Minutes approved by: _____ Mayor James W. Holeman