

City of Petersburg
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
October 7, 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 Laura Antoszewski, Dawn Cilley, Kevin Richards, Rita Rousseau, Ron Stumpmier,
Joanne Tollison
Absent:

Moved by Tollison to approve the agenda as printed. Supported by Cilley. Aye (7) Nay (0) Absent (0)
Motion carried.

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented to Council in printed form as recorded.
Moved by Cilley that the minutes of the 9/16/24 meeting be approved.
Supported by Richards. Aye (7) Nay (0) Absent (0) Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Stella Kirby reported that benches were placed in Fernstrom Park by Charlie Vittore. She asked if a post can be placed in the ground at the top of the park for her to attach signs seasonally. There will be a park clean up day on October 16, from 5-7pm.

New Business:

Moved by Richards to renew building inspector Todd Roach’s contract with no changes through July 15, 2025.
Supported by Stumpmier. Aye (7) Nay (0) Absent (0) Motion carried.

Clerk Goodin informed Council that a \$6000 grant was received for operating secure elections from the Institute for Responsive Government to be used by May 31, 2025. She asked Council to consider using it toward a standby generator for the municipal building. She has 2 bids from earlier this year and will try to get one more.

Mayor Holeman reported that health insurance for next year is increasing 12% and one DPW employee left for a higher paying position. He suggested we may need to raise water and sewer rates to address increasing operating costs and possibly replacing aging equipment.

Clerk Goodin has already posted the open DPW position for one week and will leave it posted another week. Two applicants will be interviewed this week as well as any others received.

Old Business:

City engineer Dave Kubiske gave a report on the street project which is under budget so far. They are still trying to secure a contractor for striping and an ADA ramp on Chestnut Street needs to be installed by Gerken, (\$3000 was withheld until completed). Manholes need to be raised, cut out and concreted around also. Some drainage issues will be addressed by the City.

Council Reports:

Antoszewski asked if angle parking around the north side of the elementary school is possible to make more parking spaces.

Tollison received 2 bids for tree removal/trimming and will ask one more contractor for a bid.

Employee Reports:

Moved by Stumpmier that Council adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Supported by Cilley. Aye (7) Nay (0) Absent (0) Motion carried.

Guests: Stella Kirby, Bobby Richards, Paul Galoner, Mike Weinclaw, Dave Kubiske

Employees: Leanne Goodin, Trudy Goodin

Minutes submitted by: _____ Leanne G. Goodin, Clerk

Minutes approved by: _____ Mayor James W. Holeman