

City of Potterville Council Meeting Minutes
319 N. Nelson Street, Potterville MI 48876
Thursday, May 18, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Ross called the meeting to order at 7:02

Pledge: Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Roll Call: Mayor Ross, Member D. Hartson, Member L. Amey, Member J. French, Member K. Schmidt

Absent: Member J. Bussard, Member R. Lundquist

Agenda Approval: Motion by Member L. Amey and supported by Member K. Schmidt to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried. (5-0/2-absent: R. Lundquist, J. Bussard).

Public Hearing: Medical Marijuana: None

Approval of Minutes:

1. Motion by Member K. Schmidt to approve the April 20, 2017 regular meeting minutes, supported by Member D. Hartson. Motion carried. (4-1- Abstention: L. Amey /2-absent: R. Lundquist, J. Bussard)
2. Motion by Member L. Amey to approve the May 3, 2017 the special meeting minutes, supported by Member Hartson Motion carried. (4-1-Abstention: K. Schmidt /2-absent: R. Lundquist, J. Bussard,)

City Manager's Report: Manager provided verbal report. Manager Darrow discussed the new administrators, the clerk and the park and recreation planner, they were doing well in the new positions and still training, Manager also updated the council on the all the projects that were ongoing with the city.

Authorization of Bills:

1. General Bills of \$35,020.88 + \$19,705.45 = \$54,726.33. Motion by Member L. Amey to approve general bills of \$54,726.33 (\$34,020.88 + \$19,705.33) supported by Member J. French. Roll call. Motion carried. (5-0/2-absent: R. Lundquist, J. Bussard)
2. Rural Development Bills Total \$97,549.17. Motion by Member K. Schmidt to approve Rural Development bills of \$97,549.17 supported by Member J. French. Roll call. Motion carried. (5-0/2-absent: R. Lundquist, J. Bussard)

Public Comment on agenda items: Clarissa Newton from Gospel Fest, stated that parking spots were for the vendors and are part of the city property and if someone wants to have a booth they need to pay for the spots like the other vendors and she needs clarification, council clarified, yes vendors do need to pay, asked Joe Bristol, business owner, requesting waive the permit purchasing fee as this is part of their business space in front and would like to keep it open as

part of his site plan. Discussion by Council members, recommended as that was done in the past and should waive the permit purchasing fee. Closed by Member R. Ross.

Commission/Committee Reports: Department reports in your packet

Department Reports: Administration – Department Reports are included in your packet.

Police Chief, Shane Bartlett provided verbal report on the proposed budget from Eaton County to lay off 22 officers from the road patrol, he will keep the council updated in the council reports. Bartlett commented on the Medical Marijuana controversy. Bartlett states the city needs to decide whether they need to license the caregivers, however police officers cannot get warrants for medical care as they are under the HIPA protection. Bartlett states that there are 5 different licenses and the city can charge for the licenses along with the taxes, but does not see that it is worth it for keeping marijuana within the city as this is the only benefit that it would bring. Along with the dispensaries brings crime, which can be targets for possible robberies and other criminal acts. Council asked if they have a limit on how much they can do to control, and will be in a specific facility, Bartlett confirmed that the medical marijuana is like the liquor license, so it will cause more work for law enforcement, for inspections, and other possible crimes. Bartlett explains that the city has to weigh the money vs crime rates/fees. Manager Darrow commented this will still bring problems, and the city could regulate and zone the facility, to a certain part of the city if they decide.

Unfinished/Old Business:

- a. Approval for Joe Bristol's Gospel Fest Site Plan: Joe Bristol commented that he would like to request outdoor service, on the sidewalk for June 9 & 10 for the Gospel Fest. Bristol would sell alcohol (no glass containers) and food with possibly an additional bar outside. Bristol stated he will regulate and follow the alcohol state regulations and there will be a fence around the boundary. Council questioned parking spots to the Gospel Fest, it was confirmed by Mrs. Newton from Gospel Fest, that there should be foot traffic only. Manager Darrow expressed concern with the business taking up too many parking spots on the site plan and would like 2 spots used instead of 3 for fire, parade and etc., and would like to keep the other food vendors away from Bristol's facility. Council would also like to make sure music from the festival is heard from the venue. Motion by Member D. Hartson for 2 spots, instead of 3 with recommendation of waiving the permit purchasing fee, supported by Member K. Schmidt. Motion carried. (5/0)
- b. Budget 2017-2018- Manager Darrow would like the approval of the budget for June. Member J. French stated he would like to see more tournaments as this brings in money for the city. Manager stated there is interests in the youth leagues during the week, and other tournaments on the weekend. General discussion took place on how the city should generate money from tournaments. Mayor R. Ross would like to see a shredding service, and see more paper recycled, Manager stated she would look into it more and would depend on the price. Looking for

approval and to meet to go over the budget on the week of June 13/14, this matter will be brought forwarded at a later date.

- c. Medical Marijuana- Member K. Schmidt brought article on “The Impacts on the Medical Marijuana” for the council to read and review, K. Schmidt proposed the ordinance or zoning would like to vote against it, as this is bad health habits for community, and problems that would be with law enforcement and crime. K. Schmidt would like to keep a clean and safe city. Manager Darrow clarified that moratoriums could no longer be used, an ordinance, and a stance needs to be taken on this matter, the city will also need a resolution on the stance of the council. Move to have a resolution with absolutely no medical marijuana dispensaries in the city. Bartlett commented that they would be voting with the majority of other counties. General discussion was taken on the topic, on whether facilities and zoning, and that for clarification on this topic the city would have to go the lawyer. By request of the council, a resolution against the medical marijuana facilities at the next council meeting.

New Business:

New Election Equipment Resolution- Manager Darrow explained the county felt that new election equipment is needed, and the state is helping pay up to a certain amount through a grant. This year’s election we would use the old equipment and next year the new equipment. There will be training for the new equipment as well stated Darrow, Motion made by Member L. Amey to approve Election Equipment Resolution #17-0518-01 as is, supported by Member K. Schmidt. Roll Call. Motion carried. (5-0/ -2 absent: J. Bussard & R. Lundquist).

Utility Billing Resolution- General discussion on the utility bill list that was provided with the resolution. Motion by Member L. Amey to approve the Utility Bills to 2017 Summer Tax Roll Resolution # 17-0518-02, supported by D. Hartson. Roll Call. Motion carried. (5-0/ -2 absent: J. Bussard & R. Lundquist)

Public Comment on non-agenda items: None.

Communication from the Mayor and Council: Mayor Ross stated he would like to make sure a resolution is provided against a reduction for police force that was mentioned by Bartlett and would like a resolution against layoffs in the police force for Eaton County, general discussion took place. Mayor R. Ross would like a Resolution in support of keeping the officers, and for the safety that the officers provide.

Next Meeting: June 15, 2017

Excuse absent members: Motion made by Member K. Schmidt, supported by Member D. Hartson to excuse absent members J. Bussard and R. Lundquist. Motion Carried (5-0/-2 absent: J. Bussard & R. Lundquist)

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Member D. Hartson, by supported by Member K. Schmidt to adjourn. Motion Carried. (5-0/-2 absent: J. Bussard & R. Lundquist)

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully submitted,

Tessa Wightman, City Clerk