

## City of Potterville of Council Minutes

Thursday, December 20, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. – Potterville City Hall, 319 N. Nelson Street

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Meeting was called to order by Mayor Kring at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**Roll Call:**      **Present:** Lewis, Twichell, Kring, Lenneman, Schmidt, Hartson, Bussard  
                      **Absent:** None

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Kring to amend the agenda to discuss unfinished business Letter H under the City Managers report (Gabridge and Company). Supported by Twichell. Motion carried (7-0). Motion by Lewis to add Lake Alliance damage under new business letter c. Supported by Bussard. Motion carried (7-0). Motion made by Bussard to amend agenda to discuss Maureen Storie ethic complaint under new business letter a. Move current a-c to b-d. Supported by Twichell. Motion carried (6-1, Schmidt against).

### Approval of Minutes

Motion by Lewis to approve the meeting minutes from November 15, 2018 with the correction of a 4-0 motion to have Clerk/Finance/Manager committee review clerk applicants. Lenneman only raised question regarding the process. Seconded by Bussard. Motion carried. (7-0).

### Approval of Special Minutes

Motion by Lewis to approve the special meeting minutes from December 5, 2018 with the correction of applicant Tempsey spelling. Seconded by Bussard. Motion carried (7-0).

### Approval of Bills

General Bills: Motion by Lenneman to approve the bills in the amount \$62,374.76 supported by Twichell. Bussard noted that until the financial status of the City is known, he will refuse to approve any further bills. Roll call. Motion carried. (4-3; Bussard, Schmidt, Hartson against). Rural development bills: Motion made by Bussard, seconded by Twichell, to approve the bills in the amount of \$235,739.38. Roll call. Motion carried (7-0).

**City Manager's Report:** Interim City Manager, Brad Boyce has a written report in packet. Discussion regarding council thoughts on driveway plowing for seniors and disabled. Motion by Kring to table discussion until January meeting and remove from the City website. Seconded by Bussard. Motion carried (7-0). Gabridge and Company provided a written update on progress. Council stated disapproval of time frame of services being performed.

**Public Comment on agenda items:** Ben Geiger of Nashville introduced himself as an applicant for City Manager.

**Commission/Committee Reports:** Department reports in your packet.

**Department Reports:** Administration- Department reports in your packet. Chief Bartlett talked about 302 funds and asked Council if there are any issues, rumors, questions, etc. regarding the police department that he may address. During discussion of the City Managers report, Mr. Boyce confirmed that testing results were received in December 2018 indicating that Mr. Stanley failed his wastewater test for the second time, but the City's wastewater system continues to be contractually supervised by Rural Water, until such time as we have our own licensed operator. Discussion of the City Manager's report also entailed details about the Gabridge and Co and the city's financial situation, including but not limited to the need to file for an extension on the 2018 audit, the fact that bank recs have not been passed for any months after May 2018, the budget amendments are needed, and that it is imperative that the net position is known by the next meeting.

### Unfinished Business:

- a. Audit: Addressed in Manager report.
- b. Clerk: Stephanie Wilson was hired and starts 12/27/18.
- c. City Manager- Position posted on MML website through 1/4/19.

- d. Cross Connection-Motion by Twichell to table until March meeting, supported by Bussard. Motion carried (7-0).
- e. Profile Metal Forming- Not present. Remove for January meeting.
- f. Resolution #18-1115-01: Resolution to Establish a No Parking Zone on Nelson Street. Motion by Bussard to amend with resolution with no parking zone between Main St. and Cherry and change both side of Nelson St with southbound side of Nelson, westside of street. Supported by Lewis. Roll call. Motion carried (7-0).
- g. Resolution #18-1115-02: Resolution to Designate FOIA Coordinator. Motion by Bussard to approve as presented, supported by Lewis. Motion carried (7-0).
- h. Employee complaint. Complaint from DPW supervisor, Don Stanley, against Member Schmidt, that State of Michigan letter was not factual in regards to him not passing his water test twice. Reading of letter written by Schmidt to State by Twichell. Long discussion by Council. Reading of letter from Schmidt to Stanley regarding her response to his complaint. Stanley to pull certifications and provide to Schmidt. Schmidt and Stanley to have resolution to both their satisfaction by the January 2019 council meeting. No further action at this time by Council.

**New Business:**

- a. Ethic complaint letter against council member for representing themselves as the City to the State of Michigan. Complaint read by Bussard. Long discussion ensued. The complaint was found to be unsubstantiated and no further action is to be taken.
- b. Appoint Duston Twichell as council representative to sit on DDA. Motion made by Kring to appoint Twichell to be council representative on DDA, supported by Lenneman. Discussion. Roll call vote. Motion failed. (3-4, Bussard, Schmidt, Hartson, Lewis against).
- c. Establish 2019 meeting dates. Motion made by Lenneman to approve council calendar as presented. Supported by Lewis. Motion carried (7-0).
- d. Lake Alliance damage. Motion made by Bussard to research cost of trail cams and table until January 17, 2019 meeting. Supported by Lewis. Motion carried (7-0).

**Public Comment on non-agenda items:** Ben Geiger, Nashville, still interested in City Manager position.

Allen Selis-322 N Church- recommended council cosigns any letters that are sent on behalf of the City.

Loren Smalley- 608 Concord- thanked council for service but embarrassed by how they are conducting selves.

Briant Titus-606 Vermontville-bring back ethics board.

Ben Price- 125 Runaway Bay, Lansing- Police report filed on his vehicle. Playing Pokémon GO and not stalking council member(s).

Jake Robertson- 5541 Windsor Hwy, Potterville- Applying for position of City Manager.

Maureen Storie- 724 Mitchell- Discussed all the great things Potterville Gives Back has been up to for the community (coat donation, deer donation, sock drive, adopted 14 families for Holiday. Deliver food to needy, and were able to fill 30 tags from the giving tree at the school).

Mike Potter- 143 Constitution- Council continues to be an embarrassment.

**Communication from the Mayor and Council:** Mayor Kring and several council members discussed trying to work together and conduct themselves better.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**Excuse absent member(s):** No absent members

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion by Lenneman to adjourn meeting, supported by Lewis. Motion carried. (7-0)

Meeting adjourned at 10:34.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jodi West, Treasurer