

Minutes

Board of Mayor and Aldermen

City of Portland, Tennessee

April 20, 2020

Pursuant to Governor Lee's Executive Order No. 16 the City Council meeting was held by electronic means.

1. **Call to Order** - Mayor Callis called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm via electronically.
2. **Prayer/Pledge** – Mayor Callis offered the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call** - The Portland Board of Mayor and Aldermen met via electronic means as allowed by the State of TN Executive Order No. 16, on April 20, 2020 with the following members in attendance: Alderman Mike Hall, Alderman Drew Jennings, Vice-Mayor John Kerley, Alderman Jody McDowell and Alderman Brian Harbin. Alderman Thomas Dillard and Alderwoman Megann Thompson were absent. City Attorney John R. Bradley and City Recorder Patricia Keen were also present.

4. **Approval of Minutes from March 16, 2020 Council Meeting**

A motion was made by Alderman McDowell, seconded by Alderman Harbin to approve the minutes as presented. A unanimous voice voted indicated approval.

The minutes were approved.

5. **Approval of Agenda** A motion was made by Alderman Harbin, seconded by Alderwoman Thompson to approve the agenda. A unanimous voice vote indicated approval of the agenda.

The agenda was approved.

6. **Communications from Mayor/Aldermen**

Alderman Dillard asked everyone to bear with the change and he appreciates everyone's work. Alderman Hall said he sees the fire at the end of the tunnel. Alderman Jennings wanted to thank the mayor for the updating videos and all the employees hard works. Vice Mayor Kerley thanks to all and things will pass. Alderman McDowell wants people to keep their spirits up. Alderwoman Thompson said thanks to the mayor, city employee, police and fire for everything they do. Hope to come out stronger. Mayor Callis reported Gov. Lee spoke today and hoping May 1 will be able to give more guidance to opening businesses. Also, you can be tested at the Health Dept. on Longview Drive, Portland.

7. **Public Recognition**

No one spoke.

8. **Public Hearing**

- A. **Resolution No. 20-48** – A resolution to annex certain territory, unaddressed North Harris Lane upon written consent of the owner and to incorporate the same within the boundaries of the City of Portland, TN and to adopt a plan of services.

No one spoke.

- 9. Departmental Reports** - Motion was made by Alderman McDowell, seconded by Alderman Jennings to approve the reports. A roll call vote indicated approval of the monthly reports.

10. Human Resources – Mayor Mike Callis – No items.

11. Planning and Codes – Mike Hall

- A. Resolution No. 20-48** – A resolution to annex certain territory, unaddressed North Harris Lane upon written consent of the owner and to incorporate the same within the boundaries of the City of Portland, TN and to adopt a plan of services.

Motion was made by Alderman Hall, seconded by Alderman Dillard to approve Resolution No. 20-48. A roll call vote indicated approval.

Resolution No. 20-48 Approved

12. Parks and Recreation – Thomas Dillard – No items.

13. Public Works & Utilities – Jody McDowell

- A. Ordinance No. 20-17 - Second Reading** - An ordinance to authorize acceptance of best bids for various chemicals for the City of Portland, for the period April 2020 through April 2021.

Motion was made by Alderman McDowell, seconded by Vice Mayor Kerley to approve Ordinance No. 20-17 on second reading. A roll call vote indicated approval.

Ordinance No. 20-17 Approved on Second Reading

14. Police Department – Drew Jennings – Not items.

15. Fire Department – Brian Harbin – No items.

16. Finance – Megann Thompson – No items.

17. Legislative – Mayor Mike Callis

- A. Resolution No. 20-55** – Resolution in support of a grant application to the TN Department of Finance and Administration for a Governor’s Local Government Grant for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Motion was made by Alderman Jennings, seconded by Alderman McDowell to approve Resolution No. 20-55. A roll call vote indicated approval.

Resolution No. 20-55 Approved

B. Resolution No. 20-56 – A resolution authorizing the cancelation of the 79th Middle Tennessee Strawberry Festival held on May 8-9, 2020.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Kerley, seconded by Alderwoman Thompson to approve Resolution No. 20-56. Sherri Ferguson, Chamber of Commerce said this is disappointing but can't bring 30,000+ people to Portland at this time. Hoping to make next year bigger and better. Question to postpone the event to later this year and Ferguson reported not fair to bring in the vendors without knowing there will be the big crowd. After speaking to the 25+ contracts for the event, they could not guarantee coming back later in the year. Mayor Callis said the deposit on the firework show will be refunded. A roll call vote indicated approval.

Resolution No. 20-56 Approved

18. Airport – Vice- Mayor John Kerley - No items.

19. Technology – Mayor Mike Callis – No items.

20. Preservation – Beautification – Vice-Mayor John Kerley – No items.

Adjournment

Mayor Callis adjourned the meeting at 5:40 pm.

Mike Callis, Mayor

Patricia Keen, City Recorder