

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PORTAGE CITY COUNCIL
AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICANTS
MAY 8, 2018**

Mayor Patricia Randall called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. The following Councilmembers were present at this meeting: Councilmembers Chris Burns, Richard Ford, Claudette Reid, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Pearson and Mayor Patricia Randall. Councilmember Lori Knapp arrived at 5:21 p.m. Councilmember Urban was absent with excuse. Also present were City Manager Laurence Shaffer and City Clerk Adam Herringa.

* From 5:15 p.m. to 5:35 p.m., and at the request of Mayor Randall, Deputy City Clerk Erica Eklov explained the roles and responsibilities of the Youth Advisory Committee and the benefits of being on the Committee. Megan Chow, current Secretary and member of the Youth Advisory Committee, elaborated further and discussed the impact the Youth Advisory Committee has on the community. City Council interviewed Clarice Bryant, Megan Chow, Casey Flanagan, Brennan Ketteler, Una Metzger, Arushi Mithal, Jaime Sackett, Malia Sinkler, Alex Thompson and Lucas Townsend. At the invitation of City Council, the youth applicants shared their thoughts on issues facing the community and thoughts on technology that is being utilized by younger people.

* From 5:35 p.m. to 5:50 p.m., City Council interviewed Becky Baldwin, Stu Bernhardt, Danny Corradini, J. William Lenehan, Kris Mbah, Paul Pezzoli, Wayne Stoffer and Jay Woodhams for the Planning Commission. Mr. Wayne Stoffer, current Chairperson of the Planning Commission, explained the work of the body and that he would be willing to serve an additional year to reach his maximum ten year service cap on the Planning Commission. Councilmember Ford pointed out that current members of boards and commissions who express interest in being reappointed are traditionally granted another term. Councilmember Reid asked the applicants to share their thoughts on the rate of growth in the City of Portage.

* From 5:50 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., City Council interviewed Linda Fry, Stu Bernhardt, John Lobo and Kris Mbah for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Randall Schau reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the board.

* From 6:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., City Council interviewed Gary Gilchrist for the Construction Board of Appeals. Lawrence Schmidt, Chairperson of the Construction Board of Appeals, reviewed some of the recent issues the Construction Board of Appeals has addressed.

* From 6:15 p.m. to 6:25 p.m., City Council interviewed John Lobo for the Senior Citizen Advisory Board. Mr. Bill Wierenga, Senior Citizen Advisory Board Chairperson, provided an overview of the Senior Citizen Advisory Board and highlighted the possibility of a new or renovated Senior Center.

* From 6:25 p.m. to 6:32 p.m., City Council interviewed Jeremy Custer for the Historic District Commission. City Clerk Herringa provided an overview of the Historic District Commission.

* From 6:32 p.m. to 6:40 p.m., City Council interviewed Stu Bernhardt for the Economic Development Corporation/Tax Increment Finance Authority and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. City Clerk Herringa and City Manager Shaffer reviewed the roles, responsibilities and meeting schedule of this board.

City Council then deliberated as to which applicants should be appointed to the various boards and commissions.

ADJOURN: Mayor Randall adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Adam Herringa, City Clerk