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7:00 p.m.

Call to Order.

Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call.

Proclamations:

1. Black History Month 2021

A. Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes:
  - a. Board and Commission Interviews of January 12, 2021.
  - b. Regular Meeting of January 12, 2021.
  - c. Pre-Council Meeting of January 25, 2021.
2. Approval of the Accounts Payable Register of January 26, 2021 as presented.
3. Award a contract in the amount of \$119,805 to Wightman for engineering consulting services for the Elijah Root Dam Removal Feasibility Study, and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action on behalf of the city.
4. Adopt Refunding Bond Resolutions for City of Portage Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2021A:
  1. approve a budget amendment in the Sewer Fund for \$178,736, and in the Water Fund for \$292,929, to fund portions of the early redemption of Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2012; and
  2. adopt Refunding Bond Resolution Approving Redemption of City of Portage Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2012.
5. Accept for first reading the proposed amendments to the City of Portage Code of Ordinances Chapter 64 Storm Water, Illicit Discharges and Connections.
6. Approve the recommendations regarding Poverty Exemption Guidelines for 2021 as follows:
  1. decline the option provided under PA 253 of 2020 to carry forward poverty exemptions granted in 2019 and 2020 into 2021, 2022 and 2023 for those persons who receive a fixed income solely from public assistance that is not subject to significant annual increases; and
  2. adopt the Resolution Establishing Poverty Exemption Guidelines for 2021.
7. Minutes of Boards & Commissions.
8. Materials Transmitted of January 8, 2021.

9. Calendar of Meetings:

- Historic District Commission, Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 8:15 a.m. - Virtual.
- Park Board, Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. - Virtual.
- Human Services Board, Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. - Virtual.
- Planning Commission, Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. - Virtual.
- Zoning Board of Appeals, Monday, February 8, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. - Virtual.
- Environmental Board, Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. - Virtual.
- *NOTE: All above meetings are subject to cancellation or inclusion/transition of a "virtual" aspect due to the on-going health crisis. Please monitor the City of Portage website at [www.portagemi.gov](http://www.portagemi.gov) for additional information. The public phone line to comment during most public meetings is: (844) 854-2222 Access Code 529853# (To voice a question or comment, press \*6 to enter the queue.) Major meetings may be viewed live on Charter channel 995 and AT&T channel 99 or live streaming at [portagemi.gov/205](http://portagemi.gov/205).*

B. Petitions and Statements of Citizens:

C. Communications:

1. Annual update from the Youth Advisory Committee.
2. Communication from Mr. Andy DeVries of Midwest Fastener Corporation.
3. Communications from former City employees regarding retiree health insurance.

D. Public Hearings:

E. Regular Business Agenda:

F. Unfinished Business:

1. Adopt the amendment to Article 1, In General, of Chapter 70, "Taxation" in the City of Portage Code of Ordinances.
2. With regard to 8833 Shaver Road:
  1. deny the property owner's appeal of the 30-day raze order issued on November 10, 2020 by the Construction Board of Appeals involving an unsafe building at this site; and,
  2. authorize the City Administration to solicit bids to raze/remove the building and debris on the site should the owner fail to comply with the order by January 15, 2021.
3. Response to Environmental Board Communication of December 1, 2020.

G. Council Committee Reports:

H. New Business:

I. Statements of Citizens:

J. Statements of City Council and City Manager.

Adjournment.