

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF PORTER HELD
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bradah Littlefield at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll call, declaration of a quorum being present.

Members present were: Whitney Littlefield, Bradah Littlefield, Clifford Marshall, Jr., and Norma Meyer. Kristin Eaton was absent. A quorum was present.

Others present were: Adam Springsted, Kendra Moore, Natashia Baucom, Jackie Todd, Travis Burk, Teddy Abbott, and Shirley Herring.

3. Prayer.

Mayor Bradah Littlefield said a prayer.

4. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board members and members of the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Necessary action concerning approval of the consent agenda:

- a. Approval of the minutes of the previous meetings.
- b. Approval of the purchase orders.
- c. Approval of the payroll purchase orders.

Motion was made by Whitney Littlefield to approve the consent agenda (items a, b, and c). The motion was seconded by Norma Meyer. Voted yes: Whitney Littlefield, Bradah Littlefield, Clifford Marshall, Jr., and Norma Meyer. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

6. Consideration and possible action on items removed from the consent agenda.

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

7. Appearances or petitions from the audience:

(a) Travis Burk concerning have a car show/cookoff as a fundraiser for the Town and to speak to the Board about the baseball fields.

Travis Burk appeared before the Board. Travis said he has been trying to think of a way to make money for the Town. He said he knows a lot of people who have cars that they show in different car shows. Travis said he could get these people to come to Porter for a car show. He said he can get some musicians to provide entertainment. He said he can also get some food vendors. Travis said in coming years, he would like to have a carnival. He said he would like to have the car show this year on June 16th and 17th, and call it "Hot Rods, Tailgates, and Music. Norma Meyer suggested "Hot Rods, Tailgates, and Tunes".

Concerning the baseball fields, Travis asked the Board members if they have ever considered renting out the baseball fields. He said the money from the rent could be used to maintain the fields.

(b) Others from the audience.

There were no appearances or petitions by others from the audience.

8. Discussion and necessary action concerning:

(a) Purchasing a "Porter Peach Capital of Oklahoma" Banner

Mayor Bradah Littlefield said she would like to purchase a banner to hang across Main Street from the east to the west side at the intersection of Cresthaven Avenue. She said the banner could have peaches on each end and the wording "Porter Peach Capital of Oklahoma". She said it could be hung up starting in June and remain through August. Mayor Littlefield said the banner is 5' tall by 20" long. She said the cost of the banner is \$500.00 with some additional cost to add the peaches. The Board members suggested changing the wording to "Welcome to Porter, Peach Capital of Oklahoma. Jackie Todd said a 5' tall banner may hang down too low. The Board members said it needs to be checked into to see what size of banner is permitted, and if the banner can be hung from the telephone wires. No action was taken on this item.

(b) Purchasing a Christmas banner or Christmas Skyline.

No action was taken on this item.

(c) Approval of car show/cookoff.

Motion was made by Norma Meyer to approve having a car show/cookoff. The motion was seconded by Clifford Marshall, Jr. Voted yes: Whitney Littlefield, Bradah Littlefield, Clifford Marshall, Jr., and Norma Meyer. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

(d) Reimbursing Lesa Rinehart for removal of trees.

Mayor Bradah Littlefield said the Town paid for the removal of two trees in front of Toni Montessi residence because these trees were located on the town's right of way. She said the two trees that fell in front of Lesa Rinehart's residence were also in the town's right of way; therefore, the town should have paid to have them removed. She said she does not know how much Ms. Rinehart paid to have the trees removed. She said she will talk to her and see how much she paid. Mayor Littlefield said the town paid \$3,000.00 to have the trees removed in front of Toni Montessi residence. Motion was made by Bradah Littlefield to talk to Lesa Rinehart and see how much she paid to have the trees removed and to reimburse her for around \$3,000.00. The motion was seconded by Norma Meyer. Voted yes: Whitney Littlefield, Bradah Littlefield, Clifford Marshall, Jr., and Norma Meyer. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

9. Reports from:

(a) Fire Department.

Fire Chief Adam Springsted reported that the firefighters responded to 36 calls in February, which included 23 medical calls, 5 motor vehicle accidents, 4 grass fires, and 4 structure fires. He said the fire department used 5,500 gallons of water in February. Adam said there was an accident that occurred when approximately 2,000 feet of hose came off the top of the fire engine and landed on the turnpike. He said four vehicles that drove over the hose were damaged. He said the accident has been turned over to the insurance company. Adam also reported that during the storm, when the storm sirens were sounded, only two of the sirens were working, the one located at the blue water tower and the one on top of City Hall. He said he is going to install a switch on the storm siren located on Hale Avenue. He said this siren can then be turned on and off with the switch. Mayor Bradah Littlefield said Emergency Management is trying to get some new storm sirens for Porter. Adam said during the storm, people were bringing dogs into the shelter at the Civic Center. He said there is a sign stating no dogs are allowed, but the sign didn't help.

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(b) Department heads.

No reports.

(c) Mayor

No report.

10. New business.

There was no new business to be discussed.

11 Adjournment.

Motion was made by Whitney Littlefield to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Clifford Marshall, Jr. Voted yes: Whitney Littlefield, Bradah Littlefield, Clifford Marshall, Jr., and Norma Meyer. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bradah Littlefield".

BRADAH LITTLEFIELD, MAYOR

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shirley Herring".

SHIRLEY HERRING, TOWN CLERK