



**City of Portola  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
June 22, 2022 06:00 PM  
35 Third Ave Portola 96122  
<https://www.cityofportola.com/>**

Mayor Pat Morton • Mayor Pro Tem Tom Cooley • Councilmember Phil Oels • Councilmember Stan Peiler • Councilmember Bill Powers

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Pat Morton.

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

Lead by Mayor Pat Morton

**B. Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Pat Morton, Mayor Pro Tem Tom Cooley, Councilmember Phil Oels, Councilmember Stan Peiler, Councilmember Bill Powers

Staff Present:

Interim City Manager - Jon Kennedy

Finance Officer - Susan Scarlett

Deputy City Clerk - Mercadez Flewell

City Attorney - Steve Gross

**2. Public Comments**

This section is intended to provide members of the public with an opportunity to comment on any subject that does not appear on this agenda. Please note that California law prohibits the City Council from taking action on any matter which is not on the posted agenda, unless it is determined to be an urgency item by the City Council. Any member of the public wishing to address the City Council during "**PUBLIC COMMENT**" shall first secure permission of the presiding officer, stand; may give his/her name and address to the Clerk for the record. Each person addressing the City Council shall be limited to three minutes ordinarily, unless the presiding officer indicates a different amount will be allotted.

Joshua Hart expressed concerns he has with Interim City Manager Jon Kennedy

**3. CITY COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. City Council Communications / Committee Reports**

Councilmember Oels reported that he attended the Firewise meeting and that he will be attending the Plumas County Transportation Commission committee meeting on Monday the 27th of June

Councilmember Powers reported that he attended the Plumas County Airport Land Use Commission meeting, the LAFCO meeting, the tri-counties action meeting, and a foster care meeting in Butte County

Councilmember Peiler reported that he hasn't attended any public meeting, he is hearing great things regarding the city clean up project

Mayor Pro Tem Cooley reported that he attended the grand opening event of the Disc Golf Course, the Fire Safe Council and the LAFCO meeting

Mayor Morton reported that she attended the LAFCO meeting, the grand opening of the Disc Golf Course, and the Beckwourth Fire District board meeting

B. Staff Communications / Fire Report / Sheriff's Report / Air Quality Report

Air Quality - Mikki Brown reported that she is a new employee for air quality and will be working on the wood stove/chimney compliance program

C. City Manager Report

Interim City Manager Kennedy reported that the public records requests that are coming into the City are taking a lot of time and he and the attorney have been working on them to be sure to stay in compliance with the law

4. **Resolution No 2517 Concerning COVID Remote Meetings** Councilmember Bill Powers motioned to approve. A second was made by Councilmember Phil Oels. The roll call vote:

Aye **Mayor Pat Morton** Aye **Mayor Pro Tem Tom Cooley** Aye **Councilmember Phil Oels**  
Aye **Councilmember Stan Peiler** Aye **Councilmember Bill Powers**

Public Comment:

Joshua Hart expressed concerns about the city still not allowing in person meetings and that the public is not being considered in this decision

Unknown public member expressed same concerns as Josh Hart

Attorney Steve Gross expressed that the City is in compliance with the California Law and the way that the City has been doing the meetings is open to all public members of the community

All Councilmembers expressed that they'd love to be open to the public however with COVID cases still rising it is unsafe

5. **Consent Agenda**

- A. **Claims-** Adopt Resolution No. 2510 authorizing payment of claims for the period of June 09 through June 22, 2022

Accounts Payable: \$ 45,105.44

Payroll: \$ 33,711.32

Total: \$ 78,816.76

Special Check 43990-\$130,000

Void Check Number 43696- \$130,000

Void Check Number 43847-\$811.45

Councilmember Stan Peiler motioned to approve. A second was made by Mayor Pro Tem Tom Cooley. The roll call vote:

Aye **Mayor Pat Morton** Aye **Mayor Pro Tem Tom Cooley** Aye **Councilmember Phil Oels**  
Aye **Councilmember Stan Peiler** Aye **Councilmember Bill Powers**

Councilmember Oels asked why there was a voided and issues \$130,000.00 check, Interim City Manager Jon Kennedy addressed Oels concerns letting him know that it is for the Sheriff's Department contract, the original check was misplaced or lost by the county and the City had to reissue the check

Joshua Hart commented as well

6. **Adoption of North Loop project and Bid Authorization** Councilmember Phil Oels motioned to approve. A second was made by Councilmember Stan Peiler. The roll call vote:

Aye **Mayor Pat Morton** Aye **Mayor Pro Tem Tom Cooley** Aye **Councilmember Phil Oels**  
Aye **Councilmember Stan Peiler** Aye **Councilmember Bill Powers**

Dan Bastian the City Engineer explained in detail the project to the council, Mayor Morton asked if the project would allow street parking. Bastian clarified that due to the specifics of this grant and the current easement's and road map up, there will likely be no street parking.

Joshua Hart expressed concerns regarding the project and the transportation crisis

Unknown Public Commenter expressed concerns regarding the pot holes on the roads and doesn't understand why the city would do this project

Mikki Brown expressed great appreciation towards the project as it would give the children of this community a safe place to walk to get to the park

Councilmember Cooley asked if this projects funds could be used for other road maintenance project, specifically potholes, Bastian said no as this project has been worked on, reported, and quoted specifically for adding the sidewalks and fixing joy way road

**7. Ordinance No. 361 to comply with SB 1383 Reduction of disposal of organic waste**

Councilmember Bill Powers motioned to approve. A second was made by Mayor Pro Tem Tom Cooley. The roll call vote:

Aye **Mayor Pat Morton** Aye **Mayor Pro Tem Tom Cooley** Aye **Councilmember Phil Oels**  
Aye **Councilmember Stan Peiler** Aye **Councilmember Bill Powers**

The city has received a collection hold for the time being but will still be required to provide outreach, explained by Interim City Manager Jon Kennedy. The city will be working with City Waste Consultant Tom Valentino on that portion of the city compliance moving forward. No public comment provided

**8. GANN appropriations limit, Investment Policy, Facility Fees and Budget Adoption** motioned to approve. A second was made by . The roll call vote:

Aye **Mayor Pat Morton** Aye **Mayor Pro Tem Tom Cooley** Aye **Councilmember Phil Oels**  
Aye **Councilmember Stan Peiler** Aye **Councilmember Bill Powers**

Each resolution was voted on separately and unanimously approved by all councilmembers.

Resolution 2511 motion to approve by Councilmember Powers and seconded by Councilmember Oels

Resolution 2512 motion to approve by Councilmember Oels and seconded by Councilmember Powers

Resolution 2513 motion to approve by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooley Powers and seconded by Councilmember Peiler

Resolution 2514 motion to approve by Councilmember Oels and seconded by Councilmember Powers

Resolution 2515 motion to approve by Councilmember Oels and seconded by Councilmember Peiler

Resolution 2516 motion to approve by Councilmember Peiler and seconded by Councilmember Oels

**9. November 8, 2022 General Municipal Election** Councilmember Phil Oels motioned to approve. A second was made by Councilmember Bill Powers. The roll call vote:

Aye **Mayor Pat Morton** Aye **Mayor Pro Tem Tom Cooley** Aye **Councilmember Phil Oels**  
Aye **Councilmember Stan Peiler** Aye **Councilmember Bill Powers**

No public comment provided.

**10. Adjournment**

Mayor Morton adjourned @ 7:04 p.m.