



City of Portsmouth

Office of the City Manager

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TO: Portsmouth City Council
FROM: City Manager Derek K. Allen, ICMA-CM DKA
DATE: March 7, 2016
RE: City Manager's Report March 14, 2016

ADMINISTRATION

Meetings

Met with the F.O.P. on February 12, 2016 and agreed to a resolution of the F.O.P. grievance in which the City of Portsmouth was prepared to go Common Pleas Court to vacate the arbitrator's answer.

Attended the Connex Board meeting on February 16, 2016.

Met with the owner of Yamoto Japanese Steakhouse regarding adding signal heads to the traffic signal at 28th and Scioto Trail on February 17, 2016.

Participated in the Open Checkbook press conference with SOPA at the Welcome Center on February 17, 2016.

Attended the MAPS Course Planning with Purpose and Vision at the John Glenn School at The Ohio State University on February 18, 2016.

Attended Rotary meeting held at Shawnee State University on February 22, 2016.

Met with Chris Pridemore from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) on February 23, 2016 regarding the rock slide on US 52 and regarding the rock that has begun to separate from the cliff.

Conducted a meeting on February 23, 2016 with Robert Jablonski from Poggemeyer Design Group to sign an agreement to begin design of the multi-use path from Alexandria Point to Offnere Street and back to Alexandria Point.

Conducted a grievance hearing to hear the five (5) grievances filed by the dispatchers on February 23, 2016.

Attended the Ohio City Manager's conference in Columbus, Ohio on February 24, 25 and 26, 2016.

Attended Rotary meeting held at Shawnee State University on February 29, 2016.

Met with Dan Palmer of the Scioto-Lawrence County Solid Waste District on March 4, 2016.

Met with Kirk Donges regarding the Downtown Design Review Board on March 4, 2016.

Council Requests

The street light outage at Grant Street and Garfield Avenue was called into AEP and was fixed by AEP crews.

The battery for the speed trailer was received and the Police Department speed trailer was placed on Sunrise for southbound traffic on March 1, 2016.

A code enforcement letter was sent on February 22, 2016 to the homeowner at 6325 Gallia Street that they have a retaining wall falling over into the roadway and this must be abated.

Traffic signal head at Dorman Drive and North Hill Road was repaired on Tuesday, February 23, 2016.

The STOP sign that was knocked down at Bonser Avenue and Endicott Avenue was erected on Tuesday, February 23, 2016.

The sidewalk on Harding Avenue over the drainage ditch was closed on Tuesday, February 23, 2016. The storm drain was cleared the same day.

FLOOD CONTROL

The Flood Defense System was put into operation from Wednesday, February 3rd to Sunday, February 7th and from Tuesday, February 23rd to Monday, February 29th, due to high river elevations. The Ohio River peaked at 40.68 on Saturday, February 27th. Flood Defense Stations 5 and 1A were put on-line.

The flood pumps are put on line when the river reaches 36 feet.

PERSONNEL

51 people took the civil service exam on February 27, 2016 for the position of cashier in the Utility Account Services Department.

40 people took the civil service exam on February 27, 2016 for the position of clerk typist II in the Utility Account Services Department.

The employee that parked a city vehicle in the wounded warriors' parking spot at the Wheelersburg Lowe's store wrote a letter of apology.

The City filed a Motion to Dismiss on the former Police Officer's appeal to Common Pleas Court to overturn the arbitrator's decision to uphold the city's termination of his employment.

WASTEWATER

Portsmouth Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Ultraviolet bulbs for the UV disinfection system which has never been operational were installed in preparation for switching from Chlorine to UV disinfection.

Sewer Collection

February 15, 2016: Holiday.

February 16, 2016: City wide. Clearing catch basins due to snow and rain. 1702 Highland Avenue cleaned sewer line.

February 17, 2016: 1555 Beechwood Drive, sanitary sewer repair.

February 18, 2016: Eastern Pump Station, cleaning pump station due to force main break. Wal-Mart drive, repair of drive due to force main replacement.

February 19, 2016: Wal-Mart drive, repair of drive due to force main replacement.

February 22, 2016: City wide. Clearing catch basins due to heavy rain. Helped water works personnel to repair water line at SSU.

February 23, 2016: State Route 140 and Gallia Street cleaned storm drain and culvert. Filtration Plant-cleaned catch basin.

February 24, 2016: Various locations. Cleaned culverts at Bonser, Poplar, Brunner (Sciotoville), Dorman and Thomas AvENUE, Chateau Dr., 25th and Thomas, 25th at SOMC.

February 25, 2016: 703 Bonser Avenue repair of 4-inch sanitary tap.

February 26, 2016: 703 Bonser Avenue Complete repair of 4-inch sanitary tap.

February 29, 2016: 2528 Gallia Street repaired manhole.

March 1, 2016: 602 Chillicothe Street video inspection of sewers around Masonic Temple Building.

March 2, 2016: 1341 Buena Vista Road repaired catch basin.

March 3, 2016: 3100 Gallia Street cleaned and videoed sewer.

March 4, 2016: 1711 8th Street repair of manhole at A-1 Auto Glass.

Illegal signs removed from right-of-way: 5.

The Contech SiteSolutions February 2016 Newsletter recognized the City of Portsmouth and the underground stormwater detention facility that was constructed in the 2300 block of Grandview Avenue.

The city is in the process of finding a suitable location to install the telemetry equipment for the 2300 block of Grandview Avenue.

WATER

Water Leaks and Line Work

February 8, 2016: Repaired 4" main located at 223 Market Street.

February 12, 2016: Repaired 6" main 3200 block Rhodes Avenue and replaced lead service. Repaired 2" main Conroy Street, Wheelersburg; replaced ¾" lead service.

February 13, 2016: Repaired 6" main North Hill Road.

February 17, 2016: Repaired 4" main located at 79 McCall Street, Scioto Dale.

February 18, 2016: Replaced 6" valve at Harrisonville and Columbia Avenue, New Boston.

February 19, 2016: Repaired 6" main 2700 block of Sunrise Avenue; Replaced 6" hydrant valve on North Hill Road.

February 21, 2016: Repaired 6" main 3700 block of Rhodes Avenue.

February 22, 2016: Repaired 6" main located at 12th Street and Offnere Street.

February 24, 2016: Repaired 2" water line on Eggbert Road, Wheelersburg.

The rest of the week consisted of hole repairs, service line repairs and tap installations.

Hydrant Work

February 18, 2016: Replaced hydrant at 2125 Charles Street.

Before ODOT resurfaces US 52 eastbound lanes the city is going to replace approximately two thousand (2,000') feet of six inch watermain between Norfolk Street and Busch Street. This water line is in poor condition and it is important that this be replaced prior to ODOT's resurfacing of the street.

The City will begin the process of replacing the thirty (30") inch watermain that runs from the Sunrise reservoir down Sunrise to Kinneys Lane, heading east to Offnere Street and going down Offnere Street to Robinson Avenue. This main is in terrible shape and keeps having watermain breaks. In 2015 there was a break on Kinneys Lane which took out a block of street. Since then there was a substantial break in the 1800 block of Offnere Street. This project will cost a couple of million dollars and will have to be done in phases. In this council packet is a proposal to apply for Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) funding for this project. The funding strategy will also include applying for other grants.

WATER PLANT

The Rapid Mix project is completed and the final payments have been made to the contractor.

Last year I mentioned a critical repair at the water plant regarding the east wall of the settling basin that had deteriorated and the failure of could have serious impact on the water treatment plant. This situation has deteriorated worse and the repair will have to be done as an emergency. There is information in your packet.

PUBLIC SERVICE

STREETS

The ODOT agreements for paving of US 52 were delivered to ODOT along with the local match check of \$25,003 on March 3, 2016.

City officials met with Chris Pridemore of ODOT regarding the rocks along US 52. The rocks do not meet the requirements for emergency programming. A project to work on the rocks, if accepted into the program by ODOT, would not be scheduled before 2020. ODOT does not considerate this section priority scheduling due to the availability of a fall area between the rock wall and the pavement section of roadway. ODOT recommended a vendor that they use and that does this kind of work for local governments. Staff met with this company and obtained a quote for working on the one rock section that is beginning to cleave.

We are still waiting on ODOT to repair the guardrails at the Second Street bridge.

We are also still waiting on ODOT to repair the sign on US 52 at the exit for S.R. 335.

BRIDGES

On February 26, 2016 the homeless people set another fire under the Young Street Bridge once again damaging the bridge. The City had a bridge engineer come out and inspect the Young Street bridge before it was okayed to be reopened after the fire. An engineer will need to be contracted with to develop bid specs and an engineer's estimate to have the Young Street Bridge repaired after homeless people set furniture on fire again and damaged the bridge again. The steel beams have had the protective paint burned off and cross bracing between the beams have melted and will need to be replaced. This project will be scheduled for 2017.

STORM SEWER

The contractor has finished placing the thirty (30") inch pipe and setting the three manholes on North Hill Road. An inlet pipe was set to put flowable fill into the old pipe. The gas company contractor was on the scene replacing the gas main that was damaged when the Fedex truck. The driveway still has to be replaced. The street will be repaved this summer and the other street will be reconstructed at the same time.