

Manager's Conference Minutes

Portsmouth City Council

January 13, 2014

1. Income Tax Distribution. **(Ordinance)** **DA 14-01**

Vice Mayor Kevin W. Johnson motioned to accept alternative #1 **Consent Agenda Item**

The motion carried viva voce. **VOTE: ayes 6 – nays 0**

2. Advance Payment of Taxes **(Resolution)** **DA 14-02**

Vice Mayor Kevin W. Johnson motioned to accept alternative #1

The motion carried viva voce. **VOTE: ayes 6 – nays 0**

3. OWDA Loan Application Lawson Run Design **(Ordinance)** **DA 14-03**

Director Rick Duncan spoke and said the project has to be started by June 2014.

Vice Mayor Kevin W. Johnson motioned to accept alternative #2 with the modification being that it should be a **Consent Agenda Item**.

The motion carried viva voce. **VOTE: ayes 6 – nays 0**

4. Appropriation funds – Relief Well Construction **(Ordinance)** **DA 14-04**

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson asked if drilling had begun.

Director Duncan replied that there had been some problems. They had to drill into the levy and the drill broke down. The project cannot be approved before the wells are installed. Vice Mayor Johnson asked if the Corp of Engineer was pleased with the work. Director Duncan replied that FEMA is the one we have to please and they know that we're very close.

Mayor Sturgill asked Director Duncan if we were further along than we were in May of 2013.

Director Duncan replied that much has to be done before the bids go out and there's been many personnel changes within the Corp of Engineer.

Auditor Williams stated that Fund 265 has sufficient funds.

Vice Mayor Kevin W. Johnson motioned to accept alternative #1

The motion carried viva voce. **VOTE: ayes 6 – nays 0**

5. Vacation of Alley (Maple & Pfau) (**Ordinance**)

DA 14-05

Manager Allen explained that this comes to Council via recommendation by the City Planning Commission.

Vice Mayor Kevin W. Johnson motioned to accept Alternative #2 with the modification being that due to time restraints this needs to be a **Consent Agenda Item.**

Councilman Meadows commented that **again** we're giving away property.

Solicitor Haas stated that this property has not been cared for and that if you drove in either one of these alleyways, there would be damage to your car for the road is very bad.

Mr. Albrecht (the person requesting the alleyways) stated that the old gas station had leaky gas tanks. The options they have are only good through February and timing is everything and if all goes accordingly, construction could begin mid-March and this could be the new gateway to downtown.

Auditor Williams understood Councilman Meadow's concerns, however with the permits etc. we will get back on our investment.

The motion carried viva voce: **VOTE: ayes 6 – nays 0**

6. New Boston Billing Services Contract (**Ordinance**)

DA 14-06

Vice Mayor Kevin W. Johnson motioned to accept alternative #2 and requested to see the documentation from New Boston and what department will the money go to.

The motion carried viva voce: **VOTE: ayes 6 – nays 0**

DISCUSSION

1. City Council Committee Structure (**Ordinance**)

Vice Mayor Kevin W. Johnson requested that the Solicitor move forward with the Ordinance implementing the committee structures and for it to be a **Consent Agenda Item**.

The motion carried viva voce: **VOTE: ayes 6 – nays 0**

2. Low-Income Housing Tax Credit-Riverview Retirement Center (**Resolution**)

Vice Mayor Kevin W. Johnson recommended to Council Alternative #1 to support National Church Residence only in the form of a Resolution.

The motion carried viva voce: **VOTE: ayes 6 – nays 0**

Adjourned 7:50 p.m.