

MANAGER’S CONFERENCE MINUTES
Portsmouth City Council Meeting on
April 10, 2017 6:26

All members of Council were present except excused Councilman Meadows; Solicitor Haas, City Manager Allen and City Clerk Ratliff.

1. **Branch Rickey Lease** **CM-17-29**

Manager Allen said that he was contacted by Director Beaumont and that Shawnee State would like to extend the contract for the use of Branch Rickey Field for two more years. There have been no proposed changes to the agreement and our partnership would continue with Shawnee State University. He said Shawnee State University has been maintaining and improving the field which helps the city. Councilman Kevin E. Johnson asked what was being built behind the field and Manager Allen replied that Shawnee State had received a donation of the old manual type of scoreboard and they were installing it.

Councilman Kevin W. Johnson motioned to accept Alternative #1.

There were no further questions or comments: **VOTE: 5 Ayes – 0 Nays**

2. **Resolution for ARC Grant Application Sunrise Main** **CM-17-30**

Manager Allen said the city was applying for ARC funding (provided that there was ARC funding to apply for) which would be sad because the city traded our money the previous year to the County Commissioner’s project and we delayed the project for a year. The city would apply for \$250,000 to go towards a \$3,200,000 waterline replacement going to the sunrise reservoir. Councilman Kevin W. Johnson ask if this would include repairs to the façade of the reservoir because every time some of that concrete comes off, the neighborhood gets a little worried. Manager Allen said there was some issues at the old pump house but he hadn’t investigated that yet but the repairs would probably be added to this project. He said the reservoir itself needed replaced but we don’t have that kind of funding, but when the outer concrete falls off, the reservoir would not fail because the walls are at least 3 feet thick. Councilman Lowe asked how old the reservoir was and Manager Allen said it was over 100 years old. Mr. Lowe said that concrete took 75 years to get to its hardest point and then it would start to deteriorate. Manager Allen said the concrete made in the old days was a lot harder than today’s concrete.

Councilman Kevin W. Johnson motioned to accept Alternative #1.

There were no further questions or comments: **VOTE: 5 Ayes – 0 Nays**

3. **Resolution for ODOT Grant Application Multi-Use Path** **CM-17-31**

Manager Allen said that we had applied for this previously but it did not get funded, and believed that there was \$44,000,000 worth of projects of which only \$11,000,000 was funded. We would be applying for a \$525,000 grant and if received we would be responsible for \$131,000. He said that in 2014 and 2015 the city put aside approximately \$75,000 for this project and that it would be from Alexandria Point in front of the Murals, behind the City Building and next to Shawnee State’s Parking lot on our property not theirs and it would continue onto Offnere Street so that bicyclist, joggers and people walking would have a path that would loop around to the river side of the flood wall.

Councilman Kevin W. Johnson motioned to accept Alternative #1.

There were no further questions or comments: **VOTE: 5 Ayes – 0 Nays**

4. Purchase of two (2) Lawnmowers for Public Service

CM-17-32

He received a call from Director Beaumont stating that two new mowers were needed. He had not put it in the budget, but after the winter the mowers were taken out to be used and it was discovered that they needed to be replaced. We would be buying two mowers from Staker Sales for \$19,398.00 and the money would also need to be appropriated because it wasn't in the budget. Councilman Kevin W. Johnson commented that this had come up for a number of years in that we've known that these lawnmowers were a little iffy and he fully expected it to happen. Manager Allen said that sometimes he had to have somewhat of a deaf ear to the request because everyone comes and says that all their stuff was in bad shape. Mr. Lowe ask if we should take bids to get the best price. Manager Allen said that for this type of mower (zero turn radius) there were certain ones he wouldn't buy because they wouldn't hold up. He said by the time he bid it out, we would be in the middle of summer and the mowers were need now. Councilman Kevin E. Johnson said that we had to look at history and Staker's had a good history of working with the city and stood behind their equipment. Manager Allen said he didn't want to go cheap on a mower because they wouldn't last and it would be a waste. Mayor Kalb ask if the old mowers were shot or could they be repaired to use somewhere else. There was a trade in value.

Councilman Kevin W. Johnson motioned to accept Alternative #1.

There were no further questions or comments: **VOTE: 5 Ayes – 0 Nays**

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Kevin W. Johnson

Submitted by: *Diana Ratliff* – City Clerk