



City of Portsmouth

Office of the City Manager

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TO: Mayor Sturgill and City Council
FROM: City Manager Derek K. Allen, ICMA-CM DKA
DATE: April 22, 2014
RE: City Manager's Report April 28, 2014

FACILITIES

The contractor installing the doors at City Hall have begun the installation and should have the doors completed this week.

The air conditioner for the 3rd floor of the Health Department building that we discussed during the capital budget process failed. During the capital budget process we decided to remove and wait for the unit to fail and then I was to come back to City Council. During the discussion there was a concern about delays in making the repairs. I instructed Health Commissioner Chris Smith to go ahead and order the new unit and I would come to Council for the authorization as well as the appropriation. That will be forthcoming.

An air conditioner unit at the Fire Department failed. I instructed Chief Raison to obtain a new unit. The cost is expected to be approximately \$1,000.

STREET REPAIRS

A notice to Proceed was issued to Reiser Construction for the repair of the Blue Rock road slip. There was \$30,000 appropriated in the 2014 capital improvement budget and the cost of repair is \$24,600.

A notice to Proceed was issued to Reiser Construction for the repair of the Oakland Boulevard road slip. There was \$150,000 appropriated in the 2014 capital improvement budget and the cost of repair is \$49,200. There was drainage work that needed to be installed prior to repair of the road slip and the City of Portsmouth Wastewater Department installed the drainage pipe and French drain at a cost savings of approximately \$8,500.

Prior to my arrival the City of Portsmouth paid \$80,000 in design fees to Howerton Engineering to design a repair that was estimated at \$450,000 for

a residential street that served fewer than five houses. The design will go unused because it was not a practical or financially feasible solution. In the end we will make the repair for less than the design costs.

FIRE

The Fire Department has been conducting flow testing of fire hydrants which is one of the requirements for maintaining our ISO rating.

PUBLIC SERVICE

An emphasis was placed on getting grass cut and crews have been out mowing grass.

The transfer station, now operated by city crews, has been running smoothly.

WATER

There were no water leaks to report for the past week.

The week consisted of hydrant repairs/replacements, repairing holes, utility line spots, locating services and assisting Clay Township with a hydrant replacement at state Route 139 and Rosemount Road.

Hydrant Repairs:

April 14, 2014: Rebuilt hydrant at 6th and Glover Streets.

April 15, 2014: Replaced hydrant 1700 block of 12th Street.

April 16, 2014: Replaced hydrant 700 block of Front Street, Replaced hydrant at Sunrise Avenue and Cole Boulevard. (This also included a line repair).

April 17, 2014: Replaced bonnet on hydrant at Pleasant Avenue and Groves Lane.

Crews have been flushing water lines east of the water plant.

WASTEWATER

Sewer repairs and maintenance:

Monday, April 7, 2014: Cleaned sewage holding tank at 5333 Gallia St and cleaned basins.

Tuesday, April 8, 2014: Repaired 6-inch sewer main at 1317 Union St. Cleaned sludge pad at Sciotoville Wastewater Plant.

Wednesday, April 9, 2014: Repaired manhole at 3112 Fields Ct.

Thursday, April 10, 2014: Poured concrete on previous sewer repairs at 2745 Sunrise Av., 1321 Kinney's Lane, 2020 20th St., and 5369 Winchester Ave. (In preparation for paving by Street Division.)

Friday, April 11, 2014: General clean-up at sewer maintenance including removal old fill materials.

The two (2) houses on Grandview have been removed and the properties prepared for the underground storage facility to handle drainage runoff in this area. There has been misinformation posted on the internet that the city is building a mosquito pond. This is not true.