

Manager's Conference Minutes
Portsmouth City Council
June 23, 2014
8:00 p.m.

1. Purchase of Vehicle for SOPA

CM-14-27

City Manager Allen explained that it was the city's intent to give Southern Ohio Port Authority \$25,000. The city did not have the money in the General Fund, however Manager Allen stated that Mr. Kester of the SOPA needed a SUV type vehicle to transport potential investors to sites that are not easily accessible with a car and Manager Allen stated that if SOPA was willing to accept a vehicle from the city in lieu of the \$25,000 with could do that from the Capital Improvement Funds, so he is proposing to purchase this vehicle for SOPA's use and at any time if SOPA is disbanded, the vehicle would return to the city. All we would be doing is providing a vehicle as our contribution. He also stated that we do not have a vehicle that is presentable for potential investors.

Mr. Kester stated that SOPA is willing to cover the insurance and the gas mileage on the vehicle.

Councilman Saddler stated that he's glad the City Manager has cleared up some questions that he's been presented with, with regard to spending money we don't have to spend. This was an agreement between the City and SOPA that needs to be honored and we do have CIP money. If we do not come up with the money, SOPA will not look to Portsmouth for industry to come into the city. He stated that he doesn't have anything against Glockners but he would like to see us get a quote from a car dealer in Portsmouth. Councilman Kalb stated that we should look around for the best quote.

Councilman Meadows asked if this should be bid out to different dealerships. Manager Allen stated that the bid limit is \$50,000. Vice Mayor Johnson ask what the cost to advertise, City Clerk Ratliff replied she wasn't sure but gave the example of running the advertisement for the 6th Ward Council position and for 3 days advertisement it cost \$255.00. City Manager Allen stated that legal notices have to run for 2 consecutive weeks.

Councilman Meadows ask how many sites in Portsmouth have been shown to potential investors and Mr. Kester responded that he has shown 4 sites but known have been fruitful. Councilman Saddler asked if this would be brought back as a 1st reading or

back on the Conference Agenda. City Manager stated possibly Council Agenda. Councilman Saddler moved to accept alternative #2 to modify the request with at least 3 estimates.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson asked the City Manager what items are purchased out of the CIP fund. City Manager Allen listed the many items that were paid out of the CIP fund. He asked if we intend to use this money for a vehicle when there are streets that need resurfacing. City Manager Allen replied that he's against re-paving at this time as the infrastructure of the streets need to be brought up to date as it would be a waste of money and man hours to repave at this point. There are water main breaks, sewer issues and cave-ins happening all around town and before we spend the money to repave those issues need to be fixed. We paved streets last year only to have Columbia Gas tear them up. Councilman Kalb stated that he believes that Columbia Gas should be giving the city a list of streets that they will be working on before there is any paving done.

Councilman Saddler stated that we need a plan to rebuild our streets because the infrastructure is horrible. City Manager Allen stated that an evaluation of the sewers, water mains and where Columbia Gas is going to tear up because they have not given us a list of streets. It's been a waste of money on the streets that have been resurfaced. He would like to wait a year and get a plan in place for fixing the problem and not just covering it up. Back to the point we would be purchasing the vehicle and loaning it to SOPA. Mr. Kester stated that he would email the quotes to the City Clerk and she can forward it onto the Solicitor to create legislation.

VOTE: 5 Ayes - 0 Nays

2. Declaration of Surplus Property - Engine 189

CM-14-28

City Manager Allen stated that he believes that this item has been brought before Council before but he would like to declare this Engine 189 as surplus. SOCF has expressed interest in this and the Fire Chief still has interest in donating it to them, but to be honest he would almost be embarrassed to donate this to someone because it has sat outside and deteriorated. The Fire Chief could not get it to work when we tried to loan it to Vernon Township because their engine had been wrecked and they were in need. If Council has a preference on what to do with the old fire truck, such as putting it up for auction.

Councilman Saddler stated that he didn't feel comfortable giving the State of Ohio something when they've been taking everything away from us. He would just as soon sell it than give it away and he's pretty sure Councilman Meadows feels the same way.

Councilman Meadows stated that he's sure that we could haul the engine off to a scrap yard as he is opposed to giving it to the State of Ohio. He ask "What have they given to us lately, besides a Fiscal Caution". They take and take and take and now they still want to take, he said to declare it surplus. If we can't get an agreeable bid for it, hook it up to a tow truck or fire truck and pull it up to Livingston and scrap it.

City Manager Allen stated that what he's done in the past is take it somewhere to get an estimate on scraping it and then bid it out and see if anyone wants to buy it and if we can't get a bid higher than the scrap value, we will just scrap it.

Councilman Kalb ask if we still supplied SOFC with water or if they still had a contract with the city? They are on Water One, they switched some time ago.

Councilman Saddler moved to accept alternative #2 to modify the request. Council will consider it surplus but would like the City Manager to get an estimate to auction it off. City Manager Allen stated that he would get the cost to scrap it and that would be the minimum bid for auction if no bids he would scrap it. Councilman Saddler stated that the money should go into the General Fund.

VOTE: 5 Ayes - 0 Nays

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Kalb was accepted and the meeting adjourn at 8:20 p.m.