

**MINUTES – SPECIAL SESSION**

**PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Thursday January 3, 2013

6:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio met in special session on, Thursday January 3, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

Acting President of Council, Rich Saddler called the meeting to order. A moment of silent prayer was observed followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call showed the following members to be present:

Kevin Johnson	1 <sup>st</sup> Ward
Rich Saddler	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward
Nicholas Basham	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward
Jim Kalb	4 <sup>th</sup> Ward
Vacancy	5 <sup>th</sup> Ward
Steve Sturgill	6 <sup>th</sup> Ward

Clerk's Report

1. In accordance with Section 4 of the City's Charter, three members of Council requested in writing that a Special Meeting be called for the purpose of appointing a 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Council person.
2. Notice of meeting was delivered to all Members of Council, the Mayor, City Solicitor and City Auditor.
3. Receipt of the notice was received from all those being served.

The Clerk's report was accepted, filed and made part of the record on a motion by Councilman Basham.

**STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECT OF SPECIAL MEETING**

**Jane Murray** – 1920 Dorman Drive, approached the podium with numerous pieces of written material. She began reading from a letter, which appeared to be from the EPA. After having read several paragraphs, it was noted that Ms. Murray was not addressing the subject of the special meeting. When advised of this, she insisted on continuing, however, after being further advised that her remarks were not in keeping with the subject of the meeting and continued protest by Ms. Murray, she was asked to take her seat or be removed. Ms. Murray reluctantly returned to her seat.

Mr. Johnson moved that Council go into Executive Session to discuss resumes for the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Council seat.

The roll was called. Vote: ayes 5 – nays 0 - **The motion carried. Council recessed into Executive Session at approximately 6:10p.m.**

**Executive  
Session**

Council reconvened at 7:45p.m. The roll call showed all those previously in attendance were still present with the exception of the Mayor.

Acting President Saddler opened up the floor for nominations for 5<sup>TH</sup> Ward Council person.

Councilman Sturgill nominated Gene Meadows.

Councilman Kalb nominated Chris Neff

Mr. Saddler called for other nominations three times.

Mr. Johnson moved that nominations be closed.

The motion carried viva voce. **VOTE: ayes 5 – nays 0 Nominations for the position of 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilman were closed.**

There were no further discussions. Roll call vote was requested for each candidate in alphabetical order by last name. Candidate: GENE MEADOWS. The roll was called. **VOTE: ayes 3 (Basham, Sturgill, Johnson) – nays 2 (Kalb, Saddler)**

Roll call vote for Candidate: CHRIS NEFF. The roll was called. **VOTE: ayes 3 (Kalb, Saddler, Basham) – nays 2 (Sturgill, Johnson)**

Councilman Johnson objected saying, "Parliamentary rules and Roberts rules do not allow a person to vote Aye twice on the same motion, one person, one vote rule".

Councilman Johnson called for a re-vote on the last candidate

Roll call vote for Candidate: CHRIS NEFF. The roll was called. **VOTE: ayes 2 (Kalb, Saddler) – nays 3 (Sturgill, Basham, Johnson).**

The Clerk reread the totals for each candidate. Mr. Gene Meadows was appointed the new 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilman.

Councilman Saddler motion for a recess so that the Oath of office could be prepared for Councilman Meadows. Recessed at 7:50 p.m.

Reconvened at 7:55 p.m., and City Solicitor John Haas gave the Oath of Office to Councilman Meadows.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00p.m. on a motion by Councilman Johnson.

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City Clerk

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President of Council