

**MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION****PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday May 29, 2018

6:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio met in regular session on Tuesday May 29, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

Acting Mayor Kevin E. Johnson called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was followed by a moment of silent prayer.

Roll Call showed the following members to be present:

Sean Dunne	1 <sup>st</sup> Ward
Jo Ann Aeh	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward
Kevin E. Johnson	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward
Jerrold Albrecht	4 <sup>th</sup> Ward
Gene Meadows	5 <sup>th</sup> Ward
Thomas K. Lowe	6 <sup>th</sup> Ward

Also present was Acting City Manager Sam Sutherland, Auditor M. Trent Williams and City Clerk Diana Ratliff. Solicitor Haas was absent.

Council dispensed with the reading of the Journal for the Regular Session of May 14, 2018 on a motion by Councilwoman Aeh. The motion carried viva voce: **VOTE: ayes 6 – nays 0.**

There was no public hearing scheduled.

Councilwoman Aeh moved to add an item to the agenda Item as **7(B)** a Resolution amending Resolution No. 6 of 2018 that authorized the City of Portsmouth to apply for, accept, and enter into a cooperative agreement as set forth in Exhibit A (the “Cooperative Agreement) for construction of the sunrise reservoir 30-inch main replacement and pump station project between the City of Portsmouth and the Ohio Water Development Authority and repealing Resolution No. 6 of 2018. The motion carried viva voce: **VOTE: ayes 6 – nays 0.**

**Item added to the Agenda**

**STATEMENTS OR REMARKS FROM CITIZENS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There was no one present that wished to address Council on items on the agenda.

**LEGISLATION**

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to an Ordinance authorizing the appropriation of \$10,000.00 from General Fund No. 101 to Civil Service Testing Line Item No. 101.109.522

Councilwoman Aeh motioned that this constitute a first reading.

There were no questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays, a first reading was declared.**

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**Res. #10-2018 Cooperative Agreement for Sunrise Reservoir 30 inch water main and pump station**

Councilwoman Aeh motioned that this Resolution be adopted.

Acting Manager Sutherland gave a brief overview of the project.

There were no further questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays, the Resolution was adopted.**

**STATEMENTS OR REMARKS FROM CITIZENS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**Valerie Gianetti-Horton – 5275 Oakland Boulevard Sciotoville** – There is a problem with disturbing the peace in their neighborhood that had been going on for approximately two years by a family that had moved in across the street from where she lives. The neighbors have 4-wheelers, ride dirt bikes out on the streets at all

hours, they work on small engine repairs in their garage which had caused additional pedestrian and vehicular traffic (car haulers) which have to back up around the blind curb to get back down the hill. The neighbors have been asked to stop and have refused, they've pleaded with the Police Officers who have spoken with the neighbors but nothing had been done about it. She felt that there were so many ordinances that govern citizens and that maybe Officers don't know all of the ordinances. (Visibly Upset) She stated that they were taking away the enjoyment of their home and if anything could be done, she would be grateful.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND REPORTS:**

**City Clerk's Report** – City Clerk Ratliff reported the following:

1. She administered the Oath of Office to Dave Stone as a member of the Board of Design and Review.
2. She participated in the Memorial Day Parade along with Mayor Johnson and Councilman Lowe escorted the River Day's candidate from East High School. The service at Greenlawn was very meaningful and she believed Mayor Johnson did a great job with the opening comments and welcome.
3. She stated that to date, there have been 13 resumes for the City Manager position received and reminded that the deadline is not until August 1<sup>st</sup>.

The City Clerk's report was received, filed and made part of the record, on a motion by Councilwoman Aeh's. The motion carried viva voce: **VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

**Acting City Manager's Report** – Manager Sutherland reported the following:

1. His written report can be found on the city's website [www.portsmouthoh.org](http://www.portsmouthoh.org).
2. He stated that the waterline project was on schedule and starting construction next week.
3. He attended the OVRDC Executive Committee meeting as well as the Scioto County Land Bank meeting.

Mayor Johnson asked about the heavy duty equipment at 11<sup>th</sup> and Offnere Streets and Mr. Sutherland replied that it was for the State Route 52 Westbound paving project.

The Acting City Manager's report was received, filed and made part of the record, on a motion by Councilwoman Aeh's. The motion carried viva voce: **VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

**Acting Mayor's Report** – Mayor Johnson reported the following:

1. He looked at a boulevard issue on May 18<sup>th</sup> and worked with Manager Sutherland and a Business Owner to resolve the issue.
2. He attended and chaired the Board of Health meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
3. He participated along with the City Clerk in the Memorial Day parade and thanked everyone that came out for the parade. He felt honored to give the opening remarks for the KIA-MIA Memorial Day ceremony at Soldiers Circle in Greenlawn cemetery. He commended the staff at the cemetery, the friends of Greenlawn and all of those that were involved in making the cemetery look beautiful.
4. He attended the Navy Memorial Day laying of the wreath at the Ohio River and Sam McKibbin was the key-note speaker and did a wonderful job.
5. He attended the fallen fire-fighters memorial service which was at Central Fire Station.

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**City Solicitor** – Solicitor Haas had no report due to absence.

**Auditor Williams** – Auditor Williams had no report.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FROM CITY COUNCIL**

**1<sup>st</sup> Ward** – Councilman Sean Dunne reported the following:

1. He attended a meeting at McKinley Pool to assess staffing and other issues.
2. He met with local groups to discuss issue developments around Portsmouth.
3. He attended the Seven Nations Celtic Club to discuss the process of twinning Portsmouth with other cities and also the hopeful launch of a "Bloomsday Celebration" in Portsmouth, he doesn't believe he will get to it this June, but would like to work on it for next June. This is a celebration of James Joyce's book Ulysses. He thanked Sam for getting back with him on some questions that he had.
4. He started a project last week to map out different parts of the downtown and wanted to incorporate GPS coordinates and be able to visualize it on a map on Tableau software.
5. He met with the STEM Academy to discuss traffic and safety concerns. He thanked Sam for a quick reply.
6. He attended the Land Reutilization meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss property in Boneyfiddle.
7. He attended the Final Friday "Ladies Night" which was a great event with great music.
8. He attended the Memorial Day ceremony at Greenlawn Cemetery.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Ward** – Councilwoman Aeh had no report.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Ward** – Councilman Kevin E. Johnson reported the following:

1. He thanked Andy Gedeon and Officer Tiffany Hedrick who had responded to various 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward issues such a grass and weeds. He asked Director Chris Smith to pass along his thanks.
2. He understood that the city had a lot of grass and weed complaints that were coming in and he knew that Manager Sutherland and the Health Department had been dealing with these issues. He asked the residents to be patient with the city because “we see them too and we are trying to deal with it”.

**4<sup>th</sup> Ward** – Councilman Albrecht had no report.

**5<sup>th</sup> Ward** – Councilman Meadows reported the following:

1. He reappointed Earl Braun to the Traffic Committee.
2. He thanked Manager Sutherland for trying to take care of the issue on Dorman Drive, he wasn't sure anything was accomplished because he drove past there the other night and there's another trailer and car parked in the front yard. He said the neighbor who had lodged the complaint ended up moving out of the city.
3. He said there was a section at Micklewaithe and 25<sup>th</sup> Street in the curve that had broken sidewalks. He had mentioned this to the prior administration because he had received some complaints and he was told that the homeowners were not going to be told to fix their sidewalks regardless of what the statutes said; he asked Manager Sutherland to take a look at the sidewalks and the ordinance to see if there was something we could do to finally help these people after all these years.

**Reappointed  
 Earl Braun to  
 Traffic  
 Committee**

**6<sup>th</sup> Ward** – Councilman Lowe reported the following:

1. He inquired about the Foster Home on Farney Avenue. The reply was that nothing had been found to date.
2. He thanked Andy Gedeon for taking care of the situation at 5434 Wilson Avenue. Mr. Gedeon had informed him that the neighbors had bought the property and will be cleaning it up. He thanked Sam Sutherland, Andy Gedeon and Tiffany Hedrick for their help.
3. He had witnessed first-hand what Mr. & Mrs. Horton were going through and unfortunately his property also backed up to the property in question and they have been causing him a problem too. The 4-wheelers go over the hill onto his property and it had deteriorated the hillside and when it rains he had all kinds of problems. He said it needed to be stopped or it would involve some kind of lawsuit. The Horton's have a nice home and their quality of life was being ruined.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:20 p.m. on a motion by Councilwoman Aeh.

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City Clerk

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Acting Mayor