

MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION

PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday June 25, 2018

6:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio met in regular session on Monday June 25, 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 st Ward
Jo Ann Aeh	2 nd Ward
Kevin E. Johnson	3 rd Ward
Jerrold Albrecht	4 th Ward
Gene Meadows	5 th Ward
Thomas K. Lowe	6 th Ward

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

Council dispensed with the reading of the Journal for the Regular Session of June 11, 2018 on a motion by Councilwoman Aeh. The motion carried viva voce: **VOTE: ayes 6 – nays 0.**

Public Hearing – Tax Budget 2019

Acting Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open at 6:07 p.m. There was no one present who wished to address Council on the Public Hearing. Acting Mayor Johnson closed the hearing at 6:07 p.m. since there were no comments.

**Public
Hearing for
Tax Budget
2019**

P R O C L A M A T I O N

Whereas, today we gather with a sense of patriotism and gratitude for the Daughters of the American Revolution - Joseph Spencer Chapter; and

Whereas, the Portsmouth organization was formed in 1898 by Mrs. Mary Sarah Slocomb Cotton and Mrs. Sarah Merrill McCall, both were members of the Cincinnati Chapter and found others that had interest in forming a new chapter in Portsmouth; and

Whereas, the name Joseph Spencer was decided upon as he was a General in the Revolutionary War and was an ancestor to Mrs. Cotton; and

Whereas, the Portsmouth Chapter will be celebrating their 120th Anniversary on June 30th.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kevin E. Johnson, Acting Mayor of the City of Portsmouth, do hereby proclaim Saturday, June 30, 2018 as: **DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION DAY**

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 **third reading**, to an Ordinance authorizing the appropriation of \$10,000.00 from General Fund No. 101 to Civil Service Testing Line Item No. 101.109.5224.

Councilwoman Aeh motioned that the Ordinance be passed.

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

The clerk gave a **second reading**, to an Ordinance authorizing the appropriation of \$13,497.00 from General Fund No. 101 to Central Computer System Line Item No. 101.119.5235 for payment to the Scioto County Engineer's Office for the development of 2-foot contours to be delivered by the geospatial mapping firm Wolpert and uploaded to the County's GIS system.

Councilwoman Aeh motioned that this constitute a second reading.

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

**Ord. #31-2018
Appropriation
for additional
money in Civil
Service**

The clerk gave a **second reading**, to an Ordinance authorizing the transfer and appropriation of \$5,000.00 from General Fund No. 101 to Contingent/Donation Line Item No. 101.119.5298 to fund potential Serve Day projects.

Councilwoman Aeh motioned that this constitute a second reading.

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

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to an Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of funds in the amount of \$232,000.00 into Fund No. 606 and the appropriation of the funds into Waterlines Line Item No. 606.771.5530 for payment to Strand Engineering Associates. Pursuant to Council Rule 5, this legislation is requested to be passed as an emergency in accordance with Section 10 of the Charter for the City of Portsmouth in order to facilitate administration, daily operation and avoid practical and legal entanglements.

Councilwoman Aeh motioned to suspend the three reading rule.

The role was called. VOTE: 3 ayes – 3 nays (G. Meadows, T. Lowe, S. Dunne), the rule was not suspended and a first reading was declared.

Councilman Meadows stated that he voted “no” on waiving the three reading rule because there was no discussion on why there was a need for the three reading rule to be suspended. He felt that with an amount of \$232,000.00 there needed to be an explanation as to why the rule needed suspended. Acting Mayor Johnson asked Solicitor Haas if Roberts Rules was the reason why there couldn’t be a discussion before the readings were waived. Solicitor Haas stated that once the motion was made there could not be a discussion because it wasn’t debatable. Mr. Johnson said as long as no one made the motion to waive the three reading rule the item could be discussed. Councilwoman Aeh said that after there was a discussion if a person changed their mind, the item could be reconsidered, but only after another piece of legislation had been read and before the meeting adjourned. There was discussion on whether the vote to suspend the rule counted as a first reading and it was decided that it was a first reading. Auditor Williams suggested opening with a motion for first reading, a discussion could take place, then if rule suspension was a possibility the motion could be withdrawn and a motion to waive the three readings could be introduced.

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to an Ordinance authorizing the appropriation of an additional \$50,000.00 from General Fund No. 101 to Management Consultants Line Item No. 101.103.5234 and the appropriation of an additional \$65,153.75 from CIP Fund No. 301 to Miscellaneous Executive Line Item No. 301.103.5529.

Councilwoman Aeh motioned that this constitute a first reading.

Councilman Lowe stated that the legislation reflected an additional \$65,000 for the Bike Path, and Manager Sutherland replied that it was correct and added that the total projected cost for the plans was \$122,000 because there had been some changes to the original plan. Councilwoman Aeh stated that this was another example of not enough money being allotted in 2018 Budget. She added that this does not reflect poorly on Acting Manager Sutherland but from the previous administration. She said that there’s another example coming up where Engineering spent \$53,000 in 2017, but only \$13,000 was budgeted for in 2018. Acting Mayor Johnson said that he supported the project but he would like to see the plans. Mrs. Aeh said that she understood that when the city applied for the grant, the one-way proposal was in the grant. Mr. Johnson requested that a representative of the project be present to bring Council up to date. Councilman Dunne stated that the plans were revised after the public meeting and input. They removed the concrete barrier in the path which added to the design cost, this was done to avoid complications with snow removal.

Councilwoman Aeh stated that if there were no objections she would withdraw her motion for a first reading and motioned for the three reading rule to be suspended.

The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 1 nays (G. Meadows), the rule was suspended.

Councilwoman Aeh motioned that the Ordinance be passed.

There were no further questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 1 nays (G. Meadows, the Ordinance was passed.**

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to an Ordinance authorizing the appropriation of \$15,000.00 from General Fund No. 101 to Munn’s Run Wall Repair Drainage Projects Line Item No. 101.116.5509.

Councilwoman Aeh noted that the Acting City Manager had requested that the readings be waived, but she motioned for a first reading so that there could be conversation.

Councilman Meadows asked the Acting City Manager if this was being proposed to prevent flooding issues and the reason that the three reading rule needed suspended and Mr. Sutherland replied “yes”.

**Ord. #33-2018
Munn Runs
Wall Repair**

Councilwoman Aeh withdrew her first reading motion. Councilman Lowe motioned to suspend the three reading rule as there was an emergency situation where the wall was caving in under a home.

The role was called. VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays, the rule was suspended.

Councilwoman Aeh motioned that the Ordinance be passed.

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

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to an Ordinance amending Section 351.23 Front Yard Parking of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilwoman Aeh motioned that this constitute a first reading.

Councilman Meadows stated that this item had been discussed at length and it had been an issue in the 5th Ward as well as in the 2nd Ward, the Chief of Police had been having problems enforcing the ordinance that was currently in place and he believed there to be a legitimate public safety interest in waiving the three reading rule and allowing it to go forward. He said right now if you park in your front yard a Police Officer had to give a 24 hour notice to move the vehicle. This amendment would remove the 24 hour notice and allow the officer to use discretion on whether or not he felt a citation or warning needed to be issued at that time. He said that if a citizen was a chronic offender or doesn’t care what the ordinances say, the police would have the leeway to do something about it and not have to give a 24 hour notice. Councilman Lowe asked Police Chief Ware his thoughts about it and he said that Councilman Meadows had summed it up.

Acting Mayor Johnson said that when the waiving of the three reading rule was put in place, it was to accept insurance checks and miscellaneous items, however if the media wasn’t present during the last conference meeting then tonight was the first time they’ve heard about it and the public won’t have a chance to give input. Councilman Lowe stated that the media should stay until the end of the meeting or check with the clerk the following day. Councilman Meadows asked what the difference was in the public not having a right to know about this as opposed to the public not having a right to Council spending \$232,000. Councilman Dunne asked about certain situations that could be forgiven and Mr. Meadows stated that those were items within the officer’s discretion, but if the grass was dead from where a vehicle was parked in the yard all of the time, then that person would be a chronic offender.

Mr. Johnson said that this would deal with a person’s constitutional right and he wasn’t opposed to the legislation but he believed that some people would question if they owned the property, do they or do they not have the right to park their cars on their own property. Mr. Meadows stated that there had never been a constitutional challenge to the ordinance before. Mr. Lowe stated that the ordinance was already in place, but wasn’t sure when the ordinance was put in place. Councilwoman Aeh stated that it had been in effect for many years, and had started with people on Scioto Trail parking in their front yard. She continued by saying if you’ve got furniture or other items you’re unloading that wouldn’t be a problem but when it was used as a regular parking place that would be chronic. Mr. Johnson asked Solicitor Haas if there were any legal problems with the ordinance, he responded that the original ordinance was passed on March 27, 2006, and that it would be a minor misdemeanor. He said officers had discretion to do all kinds of things every day and he was sure they would exercise discretion in this issue. He added that he did not see it as an emergency.

Councilwoman Aeh withdrew her first reading motion and Councilman Meadows moved to waive the three reading rule.

The role was called. VOTE: 1 ayes (G. Meadows) – 5 nays, the rule was not suspended and a first reading was declared.

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to an Ordinance authorizing an appropriation in the amount of \$18,920 in CIP Fund No. 301 for the replacement of the City's central computer system server and backup equipment.

Councilwoman Aeh motioned that this constitute a first reading.

Councilman Meadows requested Auditor Williams explain the need for the suspension of the three reading rule. Auditor Williams stated that it was noted that it would be better sooner rather than later, but not an emergency. The request was for replacing the server that contained all of the information in the finance department, tax office, and waterworks accounts. He said it was a 2011 server that had been scheduled to be replaced this year or next year and was brought to his attention that the backup tape system was inoperable. There was a drive to drive backup but was housed on this property; normal procedure would be to make a backup tape every evening of all the city's information and take it to a different location in case something were to happen to the building, there would be a copy. He said the system itself was aging and needed replaced. Councilman Lowe asked if it included the city's website and email system, Mr. Williams stated that was a separate system, Mr. Lowe said that also needed to be improved. Councilman Dunne said that he would still like to look into being able to stream live video of the city council meetings. He said that he knew there were problems with people connecting to the server; Mr. Williams stated that we don't want people connecting to the city's server. Mr. Dunne said he would like for someone to be able to come in, connect to the WIFI so that they could stream the Council meetings live, because a lot of the people that would like to be here, can't be here for one reason or another. He added that he would like it to be able to broadcast and stored and he thought it would be worth paying someone money to come in and have this feature. Mr. Williams stated that we could schedule a meeting with Kyle Webb to take a look at putting that in place. Acting Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Williams about the online checkbook and Mr. Williams replied that we had been on that for some time now. Solicitor Haas reminded Council that the quote was valid for 30 days.

**Ord. #34-2018
 Replacement of
 City's central
 computer
 server and
 backup system**

Councilwoman Aeh withdrew her first reading motion and motioned to suspend the three reading rules per the Auditor's request at the last meeting.

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

Councilwoman Aeh motioned that the Ordinance be passed.

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

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to a Resolution providing for the annual tax budget for municipal purposes for the year 2019.

Councilwoman Aeh motioned that the Resolution be adopted.

**Res. #12 -2018
 2019 Annual
 Tax Budget**

There were no 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

Sharon Bender – 1666 Highland Avenue Portsmouth, Ohio – She had a business at 518 2nd Street and for the last two weekends, 2nd Street has been totally closed off to traffic. She said last week it was a concert at Patties & Pints that didn't start until 6:00 p.m. but the street was closed all day. She said that it was very difficult for people to get to the businesses in that area. She stated the Senior Olympics were held this past weekend and was a terrible mess, because streets and alleys were both closed and the people that worked at her business could not get there and were rerouted down along the river but when they got to the end they couldn't get out because it was closed off. There should be some criteria for closing a street in a business district on a Saturday which was the busiest day of the week. The business owners were not advised that the street were going to be closed, and it appeared to be a bad system. On another note, she thanked the city workers for a great job and working through a major mess.

Jerry Skiver – 3320 Indian Drive Portsmouth, Ohio – He questioned what analysis the city administration used prior to the commencement of the water line replacement to Sunrise Reservoir to ensure that service would not be interrupted to residents and businesses in the surrounding areas. Were possible scenarios considered should issues occur with the installation of a new water line? What communication system had this administration put in place in order to inform the public when their safety is at risk? Things to ponder.

Judy Doll – 306 Washington House Riverview Apts. Portsmouth, Ohio – She spoke in regard to the Historical Society's intent to erect historic markers for our city's Native American History. Her purpose on attending was to become part of a social cultural diverse team willing to tell the whole truth, the good, the bad

and the ugly of our city's local history. She titled her speech "Igniting the Fire of Love", she reference Prince Harry and Meghan Markels wedding and the Evangelist Bishop during which he spoke about the avenue of peace was through lighting the fire of love in our communities. She believed that it was time to light the fire of love within our communities with the Historical Society's announcement of developing African-American history via the historical marker within the City of Portsmouth beginning at McKinley Pool. She passed around a flyer that was used when she lived here, she was willing to assist City Council on creating a committee to help the Historic Society in an effort to report African-American history.

Joe McNeer – 101 Front Street Portsmouth, Ohio – He was with the Portsmouth Motorcycle Club, and invited everyone down this weekend as they celebrate their 125th year as a cycle club, which was the oldest cycle club in the nation. It will begin Saturday June 23, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., they will have old fashion vintage motorcycles, vintage bicycles, and they will be doing a small river run as well as a parade through the Boneyfiddle area. Around 5:00 p.m. they will have an old-fashioned barbeque and a live band.

Darrel Nichols – Life Point Church Portsmouth, Ohio – He wanted to touch base with City Council regarding "Serve Day" which will be held on Saturday July 14th at 9:00 a.m. beginning at Spartan Stadium. Serve Day is a day where they encourage area churches, civic groups, motorcycle clubs, any type of group that would like to come out and join them in taking on projects around the city and county to clean and build up to make this a better place. They have 16 churches signed up so far, last year they had 22 churches but they were hoping for 30 churches this year. He invited all of Council even if they would just come down for the event at the Stadium, they will be singing a couple of songs and praying together, then they will go out into the county and throughout the city to start cleaning up. They had over 1,000 people last year. He thanked all of the city workers who worked over the weekend trying to fix the water issues and also thanked Acting Mayor Johnson for getting on facebook and letting everyone know what happened.

Vina Colley – P.O. Box 136 Portsmouth, Ohio – She thanked Councilman Albrecht for going with her to the Charles Street dump, Mr. Albrecht took pictures where someone was making a bigger dump out of it. She also thanked Acting Mayor Johnson for delivering bottled water to citizens.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND REPORTS:

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

1. She prepared the Daughters of the American Revolution Proclamation.
2. She attended Portsmouth Today hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Portsmouth. There were a lot of organizations there explaining the mission of their group.
3. She received on June 21, 2018 the Licensing Fee Distribution list from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control and a copy was emailed to the Auditor's office.
4. She reminded Council that Mayor Zenker from Zittau Germany will be in town the 28th & 29th.
5. She had money saver cards for Main Street Portsmouth, if anyone wants one.
6. She commented that six months from today was Christmas!

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.
2. He attended the Mound Park neighborhood watch program and commended Code Enforcement Officer Tiffany Hedrick, Detective Aaron Cooper and Sergeant Joel Robinson and K-9 Officer Michael Queen. They gave a very special presentation which was well organized.
3. He said that the City had a couple of tragic events that had happened to a couple of our employees. He'd like everyone to remember Scott Leeth and Mark Tindall in their prayers.

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 said that he had been invited and attended the Portsmouth Health Department needle exchange program. There were a lot of wonderful programs he wasn't aware of and he thanked all of the folks in the Health Department.
2. He attended the City Planning Commission meeting
3. He acknowledged Andy Gedeon of the Health Department for doing a tremendous job because there have been so many things that needed addressed.
4. He had complaints from people who were contacted at 5:30 a.m. to move their vehicles for the Senior Olympics event which they had no idea was taking place. He heard from business owners that their business had been drastically impacted in a bad way. He believed in the Senior Olympics and thought it was great for the community, but there may be better ways the next time in organizing the event.

5. He thanked the City Workers that worked this weekend on the water issues. They had been working 60-70 hours non-stop from Friday until Monday.
6. He addressed the citizens that went without water and asked them to keep in mind that this was all the price of progress and things like this would happen from time to time.
7. He thanked all of the folks that reached out to our workers, delivering pizzas, dropping off food and drinks to them, the community really came together during this trying time. He believed that we need to look at ways of communicating better when there were issues similar to this and would like Council as a body and the Acting City Manager to get together to come up with a communication system. He and Councilman Dunne had spoken about a text alert system, similar to what the schools use.

The Acting Mayor'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.**

City Solicitor – Solicitor Haas reported the following:

1. He stated that he was fortunate enough to travel to Honduras on a mission trip with Fire Chief Bill Raison and former City Manager Derek Allen and he found it to be an eye opening experience. He understood why Chief Raison and Mr. Allen had been doing this every year and he planned on doing the mission work annually. He said that it was 8-9 days of feeling that every day was a really good day.
2. He said that on his trip home when he reached Scioto County, there was a car on fire beside the highway and he thought it appeared to be a rollover, he parked and ran to the car, looked around but could not find anyone and no one came back for the vehicle. That was his welcome back to Scioto County.

The Solicitor'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.**

Auditor Williams – Auditor Williams reported the following:

1. He thanked the City Employees for all their hard work.
2. He enjoyed the Life Point Church movie in the park event at Mound Park.
3. He invited everyone to the Portsmouth Wind Symphony concert at Tracy Park at 7:00 p.m.

The Auditor'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.**

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FROM CITY COUNCIL

1st Ward – Councilman Sean Dunne reported the following:

1. He submitted a written report.
2. He thanked Sam Sutherland, he was a force of nature this weekend as well as all the others that worked with the water department on the problems that arose in the water infrastructure. He thanked Josh Irwin and the workers at Penn Station and Dave Duncan and workers at Papa John's for donating food and drinks to these workers. He thanked the residents of the First Ward and other areas that were affected by the problem for being patient and understanding while the problem was resolved. He said that we were fortunate to have a group of employees willing to work on a problem until it was fixed regardless of the time and effort required.
3. He stated he believed the problems in our water infrastructure exposed a necessary improvement in our communications system. He brought information on "One Call Now" which was a text/emailing system in the event of a water issue, active shooter, tornado or any type of message that needed to get to the masses to ensure people were informed of any serious problems or concerns in the city. He felt that a system needed to be adopted by our city.
4. He advised that last Saturday, Portsmouth hosted a qualifying event of the National Senior Games. It resulted in the closure of 2nd Street and the loss of business for many local business owners. After asking about the event, his understanding was that the organizers of the event promised the city that they would inform businesses about the event. He wasn't approached by the organizers, nor were the vast majority of business owners. He said that the failure evident in the process began with the lack of consultation with the local business community and then culminated in the refusal notification which caused a lot of distress for the business owners and simply could have been avoided. He requested that the Traffic Committee should not agree to shut down 2nd Street again unless they have consulted with business owners. He suggested that any future events proposed by organizers of this last event should be given careful review as they did not notify business owners as they had agreed.
5. He attended the Main Street Portsmouth "Today" at the Welcome Center. He found it to be a well-organized event that aimed to share what many different organizations were doing in the city.
6. He gave a presentation to the Sister City Organization about an additional Sister City, to which he suggested Ireland.
7. He attended a panel discussion to speak to current interns at the Scioto Foundation and they had a great discussion between the panel and audience.

8. He read the Proclamation for the Ohio Association of Colored Women’s Club at Shawnee State Lodge.
9. He attended the Dreamland Festival at Patties & Pints and presented plaques of appreciation with Sam Sutherland to the Fire and Police Departments for their help with the Flood Wall Defense.
10. He attended a meeting with Sam Sutherland regarding the opening of McKinley Pool.
11. He received correspondence back from the Ohio Department of Transportation who were updating the sign at Duck Run School with the name on the sign to reflect “RUBY BLANFORD” in lieu of “the woman teacher”. He was told the sign would be updated.
12. He organized a meeting at Patties & Pints for Tuesday June 26th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the development of new festivals and events in Portsmouth at Spartan Stadium and other parts of our city.
13. He asked for a meeting with Solicitor Haas about several code enforcements.

2nd Ward – Councilwoman Aeh reported the following:

1. She attended the initial Portsmouth Today meeting and found it very informative and learned what all the different organizations were and what they contribute to the city.
2. She requested the names of the Councilmen that would be attending the luncheon for the Mayor of Zittau on Friday.
3. She sent prayers to the families of the young suicide victims as there were two young men that committed suicide. She also had a neighbor who committed suicide on Saturday night.

3rd Ward – Councilman Kevin E. Johnson reported the following:

1. He thanked the media for covering the meetings.
2. He thanked the citizens that took the time to come and speak at the meeting.

4th Ward – Councilman Albrecht reported the following:

1. He accompanied Vina Colley to the property on Charles Street that was owned by McGovney’s which was the reason they saw the old cement trucks. He doesn’t know what could be done because it is unsafe but maybe the Health Department could request that it be fenced off so that little kids could not get in there to play and possibly get hurt.
2. He had complaints of high grass and weeds and those have been handled, but if he doesn’t get his grass cut, someone will turn him in (laughter).
3. He thanked the Water Department employees for their dedication and Sam Sutherland who he knew got very little sleep.

5th Ward – Councilman Meadows reported the following:

1. He thanked not only the Water Department employees but all of the City employees, Fire Department, Police Department and everyone who was out there working as well as the administrative staff who ended up working. He said that when it came to situations like that, it wasn’t just a water employees issue, it’s all city employees’ issue. He wanted people to understand that these employees work hard every day and they’re prepared and ready to handle the situations and granted it doesn’t always go as we the public would like but fortunately he had a low flow shower head and was able to take a shower, but he too was one of the ones with low pressure, but we (the city) will get through it and will be alright.

6th Ward – Councilman Lowe reported the following:

1. He asked Acting Manager Sutherland about the dumpster for Allard Park.
2. He asked about the issue with the Foster care house. There was no status update.
3. He said there was a parking issue at 805 Bonser Avenue, the gentleman insists on parking on the wrong side of the road which in turn creates a hazardous effect for the people coming off the hill.
4. He advised that there was a speeding issue in the 1600 Block of Bonser Avenue. He and the City Manager were there and there have been two wrecks in recent weeks. He stated that citizens were still requesting the “Hidden Drive” sign and possibly speed limit signs.
5. He said there was a house at 1529 Bonser Avenue, that was run down and delinquent on taxes, but the property needed cleaned up.
6. He thanked all of the city workers who do a fabulous job for the city, especially with the water issue. He asked that the people be patient as it will get fixed and it will be better than what it was before.

Councilman Meadows moved to go into Executive Session to discuss some issues over the water outage and invited the City Manager to make sure that Council was aware of everything going on and to discuss some other issues that don’t need to be discussed on the floor. Solicitor Haas stated that his opinion Council could not go into Executive Session about the water issue and that Council was limited on the reasons to go into Executive Session. Acting Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Meadows if there was something he wanted to discuss in open session and Mr. Meadows replied that we could move on.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Lowe.

City Clerk

Acting Mayor