

**MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION**

**PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
 Monday September 23, 2019  
 6:00 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio met in regular session on Monday September 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

Acting Mayor Johnson 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:

Sean Dunne	1 <sup>st</sup> Ward
Charlotte Gordon	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 (Absent)
Thomas K. Lowe	6 <sup>th</sup> Ward

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

Councilman Meadow’s absence was excused on a motioned by Councilman Albrecht. The motion carried viva voce: **VOTE: 5 ayes –0 nays.**

Council dispensed with the reading of the Journal for the Regular Session of September 9, 2019 on a motion by Councilman Albrecht. The motion carried viva voce: **VOTE: 5 ayes –0 nays.**

Councilman Albrecht motioned to add to the agenda as item 7(h) an Ordinance amending the Salary Ordinance as amended by Ordinance No. 39 of 2019 based on a wage study/proposal submitted to the office of the City Manager two years ago to reflect wage increases for the positions of City Solicitor, Assistant Solicitor, Legal Secretary and Investigator, to be effective before the current term of the City Solicitor expires given that the City Solicitor position is not permitted to receive a raise approved during a term and to repeal Ordinance No. 39 of 2019. **The motion carried viva voce: VOTE: 5 ayes –0 nays.**

Councilman Albrecht motioned to add to the agenda as item 7(i) a Resolution authorizing the City of Portsmouth to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission state capital improvement and / or local transportation improvement program(s) and to execute contracts as required. **The motion carried viva voce: VOTE: 5 ayes –0 nays.**

Councilman Albrecht motioned to add to the agenda as item 7(j) a Resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a Floodwall Improvement Project in the area from McGovney's Dock to Labold Field behind Spartan Stadium and the Wastewater Plant at no cost to the City. **The motion carried viva voce: VOTE: 5 ayes –0 nays.**

**Items to the Agenda**

Councilman Albrecht motioned to add to the agenda as item 7(k) a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a cooperative agreement to submit an application to the Ohio Public Works Commission for the 2020 Scioto County Joint Project for Waterline Replacement in Washington Township. **The motion carried viva voce: VOTE: 5 ayes –0 nays.**

Councilman Albrecht motioned to add to the agenda as item 7(l) a Resolution to express full support to induction consideration of Glenn Presnell into the NFL Hall of Fame. **The motion carried viva voce: VOTE: 5 ayes –0 nays.**

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

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

**LEGISLATION**

The clerk gave a **third reading**, to an Ordinance authorizing the vacation of the alley located at 616 and 618 9<sup>th</sup> Street as requested by Harris Floor covering, and more fully described in the attached legal description, with the City of Portsmouth reserving all easements to this property.

**Ord. #58-2019  
 Vacation of  
 Alley at 616  
 & 618 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Street to  
 Harris Floor  
 Covering**

Councilman Albrecht moved that the Ordinance be passed.

There were no further questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes– 0 nays, the Ordinance was passed.**

The clerk gave a **second reading**, to an Ordinance amending Section 941.20–Weeds, Grass, Vines, Brush and Shrubbery; Maintenance of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Albrecht moved that this constitute a second reading.

Councilman Lowe asked if this had been clarified to the way they want it written, Manager Sutherland said it should be it.

There were no further questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 0 nays, a second reading was declared.**

The clerk gave a **second reading**, to an Ordinance authorizing the transfer and appropriation of \$140,000.00 from General Fund No. 101 to Municipal Grant Court Fund No. 201 to enable Portsmouth Municipal Court Probation Department to maintain the current level of operation.

Councilman Albrecht moved that this constitute a second reading.

There were no further questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 0 nays, a second reading was declared.**

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to an Ordinance authorizing the appropriation of \$20,000.00 from Capital Improvement Fund No. 301 to be paid from Land Improvement Cemetery/ Grounds Line Item No. 301.333.5502 for fencing and building improvements to the Police Department Firing Range.

Councilman Albrecht moved that this constitute a first reading.

There were no further questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 0 nays, a first reading was declared.**

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to an Ordinance authorizing the acceptance and appropriation of \$15,000.00 the Portsmouth Fire Department received from a BWC Grant Award into the Fire Department 2019 CIP Safety Equipment Line Item No. 301.223.5307.

Councilman Albrecht moved that this constitute a first reading.

Councilman Lowe asked Chief Raison if this was a deposit and Chief Raison’s reply was “yes”. Mr. Lowe said he didn’t understand that if we’re receiving funds why Council shouldn’t go ahead and pass it as an emergency. Acting Mayor Johnson asked if there was a need for it to be immediate or if it was fine to go through the readings. Chief Raison said they’ve already had the funds; it just needed to be appropriated.

There were no further questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 0 nays, a first reading was declared.**

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to an Ordinance authorizing the appropriation of \$4,875 from CIP Fund No. 301 to Fire Department Safety Equipment Line Item No. 301.223.5307 for the purchase of a dryer.

Councilman Albrecht moved that this constitute a first reading.

Councilman Lowe asked what kind of dryer it was and Chief Raison replied that it was specific to dry their gear.

**There were no further questions or comments. The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 0 nays, a first reading was declared.**

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to an Ordinance authorizing the appropriation of \$29,000.00 from CIP Fund No. 301 to Health Department Hardware Software Line Item No. 301.440.5536 for the purchase of iWorQ centralized problem reporting system software upgrade. 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.

Councilman Albrecht motioned to suspend the three reading as requested.

**The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes– 0 nays, the rule was suspended.**

Councilman Albrecht moved that the Ordinance be passed.

Acting Mayor Johnson stated that Mr. Gedeon had presented this to Council at the last meeting and the software would link everything together.

There were no further questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 0 nays, the Ordinance was passed.**

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to an Ordinance to amend the Salary Ordinance as amended by Ordinance No. 39 of 2019 based on a wage study/proposal submitted to the office of the City Manager two years ago to reflect wage increases for the positions of City Solicitor, Assistant Solicitor, Legal Secretary and Investigator, to be effective before the current term of the City Solicitor expires given that the City Solicitor position is not permitted to receive a raise approved during a term and to repeal Ordinance No. 39 of 2019.

Councilman Albrecht moved that this constitute a first reading.

Solicitor Haas stated that he knew a wage study had been circulating for a couple of years and he averaged the salaries from other cities for his position and for his assistants, but didn't go as high as what the average would have been because that would have been a significant increase. He noted that on his assistants, 40% of their salary was paid by the County and the City would be paying 60% of the increase on those positions. The salary increases for the legal secretary and the investigator were maybe a 10% increase.

Auditor Williams stated that he had sent an email earlier today and gave each Councilperson a letter bringing attention to the only reason there was a difference in the Auditor and Solicitors salary in the past two years was because of the Solicitors salary issue with the Ohio Ethics Commission which prohibited him from receiving an increase during 2018 and 2019. He said that for the past 40 years the salary for the Solicitor and Auditor have been identical at least back to 1980 and he asked Council for the same increase as the Solicitor to provide continuity of those two salaries, it also would prevent having to do an in-term increase for him because he's not prohibited from receiving increases during his term. He asked for the ordinance to be amended. Councilman Lowe asked if there was an exact amount for the increase. Solicitor Haas stated that he couldn't tell Council because he had never done the math as to what the salary would be if he had received the raises. Auditor Williams stated that the Solicitor's salary would have been the same as his (\$60,492) had it not been for his ethics commission opinion.

Solicitor Haas reiterated what it said in the preamble and the only reason he was doing it now was because of the upcoming election, and if Council approved, he would like to have it done before the election so that he doesn't run afoul of any ethics rules that affect the Solicitor's office. Councilman Lowe asked Solicitor Haas if he felt he warranted the raise and Solicitor Haas replied "yes". He said it was interesting to see some of the variances in wages, there was a Solicitor from Defiance that was paid \$100,000 and Hilliard Solicitor made \$130,000 per year. He said one of the things he'd be willing to work with Council on resolving this was doing the same thing with his insurance that he's done for the past two years and it would offset some of the expense to the city. Acting Mayor Johnson said that it was sometimes hard to discuss finances and he was the one that requested the wage study be brought to Council. He's been a proponent of looking at the wages and determining where the city was in regard to other cities wages. However, the increases that have been proposed to Council with just the Solicitor alone going from \$61,000 to \$85,000 which was a \$24,000 increase in a year's time. He knew that when Council started looking at all wages, there would be a lot of employees that would also be looking for a wage increase and he feared that Council would be setting a precedence of everyone wanting a \$24,000 per year raise. Based on the wage study, he would like an overall cost to the city, because probably every employee would be coming to the table for a raise that was in line with the wage study and he asked the other Council members if they were prepared to spend everything they have in the general fund budget on raises. He doesn't think that's why the taxpayers voted for the tax increase a few years ago. He said he agreed that wages need to be increased, and maybe they needed to look at a different amount, but he doesn't believe Council Chambers was the place to start negotiating whether it's \$5,000 or \$15,000. He suggested that the City Manager sit down with the Department Heads and look at numbers and then bring that to Council. He told both the Solicitor and Auditor that he believed they do a great job, but also thinks that's a lot of money. Solicitor Haas stated that he understood his position on it because it seemed like a big raise and explained that the thing Council will find out from other Department Heads was that they've been vastly underpaid for a long time, but it is the average in comparative cities. He recalled that the former City Manager hired someone to go out and do this wage study and they took city's with the same kind of statistic as our city and he averaged it; he didn't ask for the highest and it wasn't easy being the first guy to come in and ask for a wage increase, but he understood their concern. He said the problem in one respect was that a lot of these positions were always the last ones to get a raise and was usually after the unions went through and sometimes the Department Heads didn't even get a raise when the unions did. The Department Heads and Non-Union employees were all behind and this was an attempt to adjust up to what the

average would be in comparison to similar cities across the State. He submitted the ordinance increase because as an elected official, it was his job and his office, and he's responsible for the people that work for him. He added that Auditor Williams generally negotiates the union contracts for his office employees. Auditor William asked Council that when considering the City Solicitor's salary that the Auditor's salary be considered along with it as it had been for the past 40 years.

Councilman Dunne asked Manager Sutherland for a ballpark figure for what the end result of the salary comparisons would be with regard to some of the things that Acting Mayor Johnson had said. If hypothetically we have \$200,000 a year extra in the city, do we have a discussion as to how that would be divided among the offices within the building. He requested to know the set amount of money that the city's able to afford and through that the City would have a better idea of raises being requested from each office. He understood the comparison, but he also pointed out too that City Clerks elsewhere were making more and Solicitor Haas said it was a problem city wide. Mr. Dunne asked to have a general discussion as it seemed there was support by City Council to correct the salaries, but Council needed a figure to go by and what the percentage or comparison was for each job. Councilman Lowe said he believed in an honest day's work for an honest day pay and he was concerned that they taxpayers would voice out against this and suggested increasing it a little bit at a time possibly over a two-year period. Solicitor Haas stated that he hadn't researched whether if a raise was put in place before the next term if that would count as a raise in-term but it would be something he could research. Mr. Lowe stated that would go a long way in helping them to decide on these raises, because as a taxpayer he would not be in favor of raises all at once, but if it were staggered that would be more favorable. Auditor Williams stated that on page 3 of the information he gave to Council, it showed wage increases since 1990 and there were 10 years straight that there were no increase and then another 7 year with no wage increases for the Auditor and Solicitor which was a total of 17 years between 1997 and 2017. Mr. Johnson said he believed that it was time to start working on the problem, but was concerned what the whole picture would look like financially once all the departments had been considered and wasn't sure the city could afford it. Solicitor Haas commented that he would have loved to wait for Sam to do the budget and work the numbers out for everyone because he hadn't figured out what a Service Department person should be making compared to other cities and doesn't know the overall cost but was confident that the City Manager could come up with these numbers when he's doing the budget in the next month or two, however, he couldn't wait to ask because of the upcoming election and being prohibited to receiving raises during a term. Councilwoman Gordon agreed with Councilman Dunne that there needed to be an assessment of everyone whose salary needed to be brought up and she thought it was important to raise the salary so that they were competitive to keep good people. Mr. Johnson ask Manager Sutherland if he could review this and Manager Sutherland replied that maybe he and the Solicitor and Auditor could sit down and review and if Council wants a bottom line number, they could get that for them and then look at the balance of the general fund and give Council a snapshot of the situation so that Mr. Haas' request could be handled. Auditor William's requested again that Council amend the ordinance to include his salary to be equal to the amount that the Solicitor was requesting.

Councilwoman Gordon motion to amend the ordinance to include the City Auditor salary.

**The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 0 nays, the ordinance was amended.**

**There were no further questions or comments. The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 0 nays, a first reading was declared.**

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to a Resolution authorizing the City of Portsmouth to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission state capital improvement and / or local transportation improvement program(s) and to execute contracts as required.

Councilman Albrecht moved that the resolution be adopted.

**There were no further questions or comments. The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 0 nays, the Resolution was adopted.**

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to a Resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a Floodwall Improvement Project in the area from McGovney's Dock to Labold Field behind Spartan Stadium and the Wastewater Plant at no cost to the City.

Councilman Albrecht moved that the resolution be adopted.

**There were no further questions or comments. The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 0 nays, the Resolution was adopted.**

**Res. #11-2019  
Application to  
the Ohio  
Public Works  
Commission**

**Res. #12-2019  
Cooperative  
Agreement  
with the U.S.  
Army Corps of  
Engineers**

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a cooperative agreement to submit an application to the Ohio Public Works Commission for the 2020 Scioto County Joint Project for Waterline Replacement in Washington Township.

Councilman Albrecht moved that the resolution be adopted.

**There were no further questions or comments. The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 0 nays, the Resolution was adopted.**

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to a Resolution to express full support to induction consideration of Dutch Clark and Glenn Presnell into the NFL Hall of Fame.

Councilman Albrecht moved that the resolution be adopted.

Councilman Dunne stated that this was the 100<sup>th</sup> season of the NFL and the NFL Hall of Fame was considering inducting more players from the early years of the NFL. There was a group of individuals that had been trying to push for Glenn Presnell's consideration. Randy Nichols, Jeremy Burnside and a man who volunteers at the NFL Hall of Fame and was a big fan and historian of Portsmouth Spartans. It was tricky to get Presnell and others into the Hall of Fame because there wasn't statistic back then like there are now and it was tough to advocate for a player when they don't have the same type of statistic. The Spartans were a very important part to our city's history.

**There were no further questions or comments. The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 0 nays, the Resolution was adopted.**

**Res. #13-2019  
Cooperative  
Agreement for  
the 2020 Scioto  
County Joint  
Project for  
Waterline  
Replacement  
in Washington  
Township**

**Res. #14-2019  
Support for  
consideration  
of Glenn  
Presnell into  
the NFL Hall  
of Fame**

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

**Ryan Schiesser - 357 Snook Road – Franklin Furnace, Ohio** – He spoke on behalf of the Veteran's Department at Shawnee State University and the document that he distributed to Council referenced the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Veteran's Recognition Week. It was a special event and they have a lot of great things happening throughout the City of Portsmouth and Shawnee State and wanted to make sure Council was made aware of it. The Eyes of Freedom Memorial which will be on campus at the Morris University Center on Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon through Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup>. This event is open to the public from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. They will receive a Police and Biker escort comprised of Portsmouth Police, the State Highway Patrol, Chillicothe, Piketon and Waverly Police Officers, the Legion Bike Riders, Bikers for Christ and the Shawnee State Police Department. They have yet to hear from Scioto County Sheriff's office, the Portsmouth Fire Department and the National Guard unit in Portsmouth. The ceremony will be Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. it is also open to the public; lunch will be provided to all veterans. They were hoping to get a good turnout throughout the city as possible. The memorial consists of oil paintings and statues of the Lima Company of which several members of the Marine Corps lost their lives. Other dignitaries will also be attending.

**Ron Williams - 2124 Sunrise Avenue Portsmouth, Ohio** – He considers art part of the city and was also interested in street art which would be murals or graffiti related art. There were places throughout the world such as Germany or the Czech Republic where they have public art stations where people could go and create, which had help reduce illegal activity in their cities. There were also some art locations in the United States like New York, Detroit and Los Angeles. He saw an article in the Portsmouth Daily Times where someone had spray painted a Police Officers patrol car and he felt having a place in this area where people could go and express themselves freely, would reduce the illegal types of activities within the city. The local stations could attract people from all over not just local, and could be an event for charities and they maybe could create something for the new Skate Park, or partner with Shawnee State University, or the local art museum and possibly 2<sup>nd</sup> Street because it was heavily influence by different types of art. It would be a great addition for people like him (street artists). He stated that there would be rules such as, no profanity, no offensive imagery, no gang related activity and they must clean up after themselves.

**Miles Ferguson – 441 Tipton Lane Stout, Ohio** – He spoke on behalf of the Buckeye Elite Group and thanked City Council for their past support and that last year was a big success. He added for those that were unaware, they host a Basketball High School Tournament for the city where they bring in local teams as well as teams from out of State and Country. It was a national level tournament which is the top 10 level in the entire country. He stated that this was a way to give back to the community, and that there was no profitable money that comes in, they use the funds to run the event each year. The funding they receive goes towards teams that come in, their travel expenses, the setup of tournament and officials. He again thanked Council for their past support and ask for their support again this year as it required a lot of funding to have the tournament. It does bring a lot of positive to the community, not only with our local teams and the people watching the games, but the hotels fill up and restaurants are utilized. They would also like to have Council come to the tournament to witness the success of these games.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND REPORTS:**

**City Clerk's Report** – City Clerk Ratliff had no report.

**City Manager's Report** – Manager Sutherland had no report.

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

1. He was honored to speak and read a Proclamation for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Scioto Christian Ministry.
2. He received a sensitive residential complaint last week that he forwarded to Chief Ware, Andy Gedeon and Manager Sutherland, if you didn't receive the email, let him know.
3. He said that Councilman Lowe, Manager Sutherland along with Pastor Garringer of Sciotoville Nazarene Church met about six weeks ago to discuss an alley behind Potters House which is a wonderful ministry that serves all of Scioto County. He said they use this alley for their carts to get their food inside, however their alley was full of potholes and was very rough. They give away tons of food to the community and the carts were turning over because of the potholes and rough road. He thanked Manager Sutherland for coordinating the paving of this alley, it looks great.
4. He addressed Mr. Williams that had spoken during the statements and remarks segment of the meeting and told him that he really liked what he brought to Council. He said that his grandchildren play soccer and when they're down at Cornerstone Church, he watches the trains go by and the graffiti was wonderful and the folks that do that were very talented.

The Acting Mayor's report was received, filed and made part of the record, on a motion by Councilman Albrecht. The motion carried viva voce: **VOTE: 5 ayes– 0 nays.**

**Solicitor Haas' Report** – Solicitor Haas reported the following:

1. He said there had been a couple of updates regarding the opioid litigation and he would be happy to go into Executive Session and lay out some of the things going on with that or if Council prefers, they could call him.

The Solicitor's report was received, filed and made part of the record, on a motion by Councilman Albrecht. The motion carried viva voce: **VOTE: 5 ayes– 0 nays.**

**Auditor Williams Report** – Mr. Williams had no report, but submitted his financials via email last week for the month of August. If Council has any questions, please give him a call.

The Auditor's report was received, filed and made part of the record, on a motion by Councilman Albrecht. The motion carried viva voce: **VOTE: 5 ayes– 0 nays.**

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FROM CITY COUNCIL**

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

1. He received an estimate for creating a social space under the bridge and was working with Shawnee State students who will be applying for grants soon.
2. He said that fact-finding had begun on applying to be an All-American City. A lot of the work that had been done in the city over the past few years, he genuinely believed that there was a strong case to be made that we should apply. He said this was very preliminary and he will keep everyone updated.
3. He had spoken with Mr. Williams about the street art and it could be seen in a lot of different spaces and was done towards different means. He said in Richmond, Va they used it as part of an overall renovation of certain spaces within the city. He added that in Covington, Ky they had living murals that have modern art and pouches that were connected to the wall for plants and was a mixture of art and landscaping. He said that it would go well with the Skate Park.
4. He welcomed Manager Sutherland back from vacation, and said that usually when Sam goes on vacation, mountains crumble and waterpipes burst. He didn't think any huge issues happened last week.
5. He believed that the Basketball Camp was great and had a lot of fond memories of basketball camps in New Jersey when he was a kid.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Ward** – Councilwoman Charlotte Gordon reported the following:

1. She said that the Chamber of Commerce had a wonderful Business After Hours at Red Gate Farm and it was quite fun.
2. She said the museum had opened a new exhibition with artists from other parts of the country and they also had a concert last weekend that were all well attended.

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

1. He asked Manager Sutherland about the ongoing issues with Tracy Park. Manager Sutherland stated that there were issues in the Park that need to be dealt with and soon. He said they were working on it, but there may be some questions on ordinances that need revisited. Mr. Johnson asked him to get back with Council on the issue.
2. He welcomed former Third Ward Councilwoman Carol Caudill.

**4<sup>th</sup> Ward** – Councilman Albrecht reported the following:

1. He received several complaints from people in the area of Grandview and Grant Streets. On the corner of these streets there was an old building and wasn't sure of who owned it, but there was a van parked in there, trailers parked in there, junk everywhere, there were also slabs of trees stacked in there. People were afraid that some kids would get in there and get hurt. He said beside the building there was a big trailer with a huge sink on it that's parked on the sidewalk so that kids have to go out into the street to catch the bus on the corner.
2. He also had some complaints from parents about cars going out and around school buses when they're stopped. He said that one of the reports was about a couple of kids almost being hit. These people have requested that the Police come when the kids were getting on the bus and getting off the bus to control the traffic. He said that he was pretty sure that this was not the only intersection that this is happening.
3. He asked again about the cat problem that he had brought up at the beginning of summer and something was supposed to be done about it but hasn't heard any more about it.
4. He asked about having someone come in to review the residential zoning. He's not heard any more about it. These problems cannot be ignored, because they won't go away.

**5<sup>th</sup> Ward** – Councilman Meadows had no report due to absence.

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

1. He said on Munn's Run, there was a hole somewhere where water was draining through it and taking the dirt. Manager Sutherland said that they were supposed to backfill it again.
2. He received calls from Oakland Boulevard and by the pump station on Kenwood, there was a bump that has continually gotten worse. Manager Sutherland stated that they were aware of it and believed that there was a culvert that needed replaced.
3. He said that on Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> at Christ United Methodist Church in Sciotoville, they were having their annual apple butter event. It is \$5.00 a pint or \$8.00 a quart.
4. He said on Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at SOMC Friends Center located at 1202 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Habitat for Humanity was having their Harvest of Hope Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction. He attended last year, and would like to see everyone show up to show their support for this good cause.
5. He thanked all of the volunteers who showed up for the Habitat for Humanity House, the Veterans housing in Sciotoville. They got the trusses up and the sheathing for the roof and it was almost enclosed. He thanked Carpenter's Local 437 and all of the volunteers that have helped with that property.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:12 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Albrecht.

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City Clerk

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Acting Mayor