

**MINUTES – ORGANIZATIONAL**

**PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
Monday, January 02, 2012  
7:00 P.M.

The members of the City Council of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio met for an organizational meeting on Monday, January 2, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

City Solicitor, Michael L. Jones, called the meeting to order. A moment of silent prayer was observed followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilman Basham nominated Councilman Haas to serve as temporary Chairperson. There were no other nominations. John Haas was unanimously named as temporary Chairperson.

Kevin Johnson nominated Tamara Nathan to serve as temporary City Clerk. There were no other nominations. Tamara Nathan was unanimously named as temporary City Clerk.

The Solicitor administered Oaths of Office to Tamara Nathan for the position City Clerk. Councilman Saddler as 2nd Ward Councilman, Steve Sturgill as 6th Ward Councilman and Jim Kalb as 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilman.

Letter was accepted from the Auditor M. Trent Williams, notifying Council that the official faithful performance/surety bonds for all newly elected officials have been secured in his office and his personal Performance Bond is was filed in the City Clerk's office.

Roll Call showed the following member 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
John Haas	5 <sup>th</sup> Ward
Steve Sturgill	6 <sup>th</sup> Ward

Also present were Mayor David Malone; City Solicitor, Michael L. Jones and City Auditor, M. Trent Williams.

Councilman Haas was unanimously elected to the position of President of Council, having been nominated by Councilman Basham and seconded by Councilman Kalb.

The Solicitor administered Oaths of Office to Councilman Haas for the position of President of Council.

Councilman Sturgill requested clarification of the current proceedings and if Council was just nominating and that more than one person could be nominated.

President Haas advised that the Councilman would nominate a person for the position, if there was a second for the nomination there would be a vote, if not there would be another nomination. Once seconded the vote would proceed and elected accordingly based on majority vote.

Councilman Sturgill nominated Councilman Johnson for Vice- President. Motion failed for lack of second.

Councilman Kalb nominated Councilman Basham for Vice-President. Motion failed for lack of second.

Councilman Saddler was unanimously elected to the position of Vice – President of Council, having been nominated by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Basham.

The Solicitor administered Oaths of Office to Councilman Saddler for the position of Vice-President of Council.

Appointment of City Clerk was done out of order for the Oath of Office, however Tamara Nathan was unanimously elected City Clerk, having been nominated by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Sturgill.

President Haas clarified that all member received copies of the Council Rules with their Agendas for the Organizational meetings. All affirmed.

Councilman Johnson motioned to adopt the rules.

There were no questions or comments. The roll was called. **VOTE: ayes 6– nays 0 The Rule of Council were adopted without change.**

**Remarks to City Council by citizens in Council Chambers**

Mrs. Jane Saddler, 1818 Mabert Road – Congratulated everyone.

**REMARKS TO CITIZENS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

1<sup>st</sup> Ward Councilman Johnson has on comments at this time.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Councilman Saddler has on comments at this time.

3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilman Basham has on comments at this time.

4<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilman Kalb stated that he appreciated the opportunity to be back again and serve the citizens of Portsmouth.

5<sup>th</sup> Ward President Hass stated he was looking forward to the New Year and looking forward to working with everyone here, the Mayor, Solicitor and Auditor. He feels that there are some exciting times ahead and looks forward to serving with everyone.

6<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilman Sturgill stated that he is like Mr. Kalb, glad to be back and he thinks that he sat in the same seat in 1984. He stated he served in '84 and '85 during , what he considered at the time, a very tumultuous two year period. Stating it will probably be nothing compared to what he is going to be serving in the next 3 to 4 years. He just wanted Council to know that he is only one vote and looks forward to participating with the team. He thinks the city of Portsmouth has some potentially dire times in front of it, if we (Council) does not get in front of this budget issue that we have. He looks forward to doing his home work, making sure that everything is on the “up and up”. Mr. Sturgill stated he has no interest in micromanaging the city but he does intend to be a voice for not only those people who live the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward but other people that he knows throughout the city who are very interested in what’s going on here. We have a big challenge in front of us and he hopes that everyone is up to it.

On a motion by Council Johnson, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

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City Clerk

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President of Council