

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

Monday November 14, 2016

6:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio met in regular session on Monday November 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

Mayor Jim Kalb 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:

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| Kevin W. Johnson | 1 <sup>st</sup> Ward |
| Jo Ann Aeh       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward |
| Kevin E. Johnson | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward |
| Jim Kalb         | 4 <sup>th</sup> Ward |
| Gene Meadows     | 5 <sup>th</sup> Ward |
| Thomas K. Lowe   | 6 <sup>th</sup> Ward |

Also present was City Manager Derek K. Allen, Auditor M. Trent Williams and City Clerk Diana Ratliff. Assistant Prosecutor Chris Gerard filling in for Solicitor Haas entered at 6:15 p.m.

Council dispensed with the reading of the Journal for the regular session of October 24, 2016 on a motion by Councilman Kevin E. Johnson. The motion carried viva voce: **VOTE: ayes 6 – nays 0.**

There was no public hearing.

**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 **second reading**, to an Ordinance amending Section 745.33 – Fees of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that this constitute a second reading.

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

The clerk gave a **second reading**, to an Ordinance amending Section 753.03 – Application and Fee of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that this constitute a second reading.

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

The clerk gave a **second reading**, to an Ordinance amending Section 753.031 – Riverfront Trailer Park Fees of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that this constitute a second reading.

There were no 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 amending Section 745.25 - Replacement of Lost or Stolen Licenses of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that this constitute a second reading.

There were no 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 repealing Chapter 757 - Cable Television of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

**Ord. #144-16  
Repealing  
Chapter 757  
Cable  
Television**

Councilwoman Aeh moved to suspend the rule requiring an Ordinance be read on three separate dates.

**The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 1 nays (K. E. Johnson), the rules were suspended.**

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson 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 **first reading**, to an Ordinance amending Section 765.01 - Fees of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilwoman Aeh moved to suspend the rule requiring an Ordinance be read on three separate dates.

**The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 1 nays (K. E. Johnson), the rules were suspended.**

**Ord. #145-16  
Amending  
Section 765.01  
Fees**

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson 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 **first reading**, to an Ordinance amending Section 133.01 - Investment of City Moneys in Securities of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

**Ord. #146-16  
Amending  
Section 133.01  
Invest of City  
Moneys in  
Securities**

Councilwoman Aeh moved to suspend the rule requiring an Ordinance be read on three separate dates.

**The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 1 nays (K. E. Johnson), the rules were suspended.**

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson 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 **first reading**, to an Ordinance amending Section 151.07 – Public Hearing of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilwoman Aeh moved to suspend the rule requiring an Ordinance be read on three separate dates.

**The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 1 nays (K. E. Johnson), the rules were suspended.**

**Ord. #147-16  
Amending  
Section 151.07  
Public Hearing**

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson 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 **first reading**, to an Ordinance amending Section 151.09 – Carrying out of Urban Renewal Projects of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilwoman Aeh moved to suspend the rule requiring an Ordinance be read on three separate dates.

**The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 1 nays (K. E. Johnson), the rules were suspended.**

**Ord. #148-16  
Amending  
Section 151.09  
Carrying out of  
Urban Renewal  
Projects**

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson 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 **first reading**, to an Ordinance amending Section 151.11 – Modification of Urban Renewal Plan of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilwoman Aeh moved to suspend the rule requiring an Ordinance be read on three separate dates.

**The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 1 nays (K. E. Johnson), the rules were suspended.**

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson 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 **first reading**, to an Ordinance amending Section 151.12 – Federal and State Assistance of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilwoman Aeh moved to suspend the rule requiring an Ordinance be read on three separate dates.

**The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 1 nays (K. E. Johnson), the rules were suspended.**

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that the Ordinance be passed.

Mayor Kalb advised the audience of the procedures regarding the code cleanups and changing from Mayor to City Manager.

There were no 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 169.18 – Hours of Work; Overtime of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilwoman Aeh moved to suspend the rule requiring an Ordinance be read on three separate dates.

**The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 1 nays (K. E. Johnson), the rules were suspended.**

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson 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 **first reading**, to an Ordinance amending Section 921.03 - Obstructing Sewers and Drains of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilwoman Aeh moved to suspend the rule requiring an Ordinance be read on three separate dates.

**The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 1 nays (K. E. Johnson), the rules were suspended.**

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson 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 **first reading**, to an Ordinance amending Section 921.04 – Disposition of Waste Waters of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilwoman Aeh moved to suspend the rule requiring an Ordinance be read on three separate dates.

**The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 1 nays (K. E. Johnson), the rules were suspended.**

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson 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 **first reading**, to an Ordinance amending Section 923.02 – Tapping Fee of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Ord. #149-16  
Amending  
Section 151.11  
Modification  
of Urban  
Renewal Plan

Ord. #150-16  
Amending  
Section 151.12  
Federal and  
State  
Assistance

Ord. #151-16  
Amending  
Section 169.18  
Hours of Work,  
Overtime

Ord. #152-16  
Amending  
Section 921.03  
Obstructing  
Sewers and  
Drains

Ord. #153-16  
Amending  
Section 921.04  
Disposition of  
Waste Waters

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that this constitute a first reading.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson commented for members of the audience that the Charter affords Council the right to waive the reading rule and immediately move on with legislation. He reiterated Councilwoman Aeh's comments that these were cleanup items and he supported the cleanup, however, he does not support waiving the readings for transparency reasons. He gave the example that at the last conference agenda all the items were listed on the agenda and if the media wasn't here for that conference, then the first time the media was hearing about it would be the first reading on Council's agenda and the public would have no opportunity to hear the other readings which was why he declined to vote on waiving the readings.

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

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to an Ordinance amending Section 923.03 – Drainage of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilwoman Aeh moved to suspend the rule requiring an Ordinance be read on three separate dates.

**The role was called. VOTE: 4 ayes – 2 nays (K. E. Johnson, T. Lowe), the rules were suspended.**

**Ord. #154-16  
Amending  
Section 923.03  
Drainage**

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson 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 **first reading**, to an Ordinance repealing Section 705.12 – Operation of Poolrooms of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilwoman Aeh moved to suspend the rule requiring an Ordinance be read on three separate dates.

**The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 1 nays (K. E. Johnson), the rules were suspended.**

**Ord. #155-16  
Amending  
Section 705.12  
Operation of  
Poolrooms**

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson 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 **first reading**, to an Ordinance amending Section 753.10 – Approval of License Applications of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilwoman Aeh moved to suspend the rule requiring an Ordinance be read on three separate dates.

**The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 1 nays (K. E. Johnson), the rules were suspended.**

**Ord. #156-16  
Amending  
Section 753.10  
Approval of  
License  
Application**

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson 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 **first reading**, to an Ordinance amending Section 753.11 – License Revocation and Suspension of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilwoman Aeh moved to suspend the rule requiring an Ordinance be read on three separate dates.

**The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 1 nays (K. E. Johnson), the rules were suspended.**

**Ord. #157-16  
Amending  
Section 753.11  
License  
Revocation  
and  
Suspension**

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson 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.**

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

**Rick Moore – 2126 Grandview Avenue – Portsmouth, OH** – The residents of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward signed a petition and were concerned regarding a house that was bought at 1948 Kinney’s Lane for the sole purpose of housing people with substance addiction. The petition signed by residents of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward question whether this was the proper place for this type of residence in a neighborhood for of families. The residents were also concerned that the situation could cause illicit activity in the neighborhood and ultimately cause property values to decline in the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward. He reviewed Article 1133.02 and stated that he wasn’t an attorney but he doesn’t believe that this should be a place for that type of home. He concluded that if the economy of Portsmouth was relying on this kind of activity, then the neighborhoods in the Portsmouth area would only decline in the future. There were a lot of vacant lots and dilapidated homes and if the economy of Portsmouth needed this type of activity they could possibly use the Martings Building or Adelpia Building to house individuals and that would possibly add revenue to the city.

City Manager Allen stated that Councilman Meadows had brought forward this address as well as another house. He said the Solicitor was trying to get into contact with the homeowner and he believed that it wasn’t allowed to be there. Councilman Meadows said that the Solicitor sent him an email and he needed to have a conversation with the Solicitor about the email. Councilwoman Aeh added that years ago when someone wanted a house like this, it had to go before Council and Council could accept or reject it, but about 15-20 years the State changed it and they consider these homes as “families” and the Council and the City were no long able to say “yes” or “no” because the State had determined that these people were a family. Mr. Meadow asked Mrs. Aeh what point of reference he could use to find that information and Mrs. Aeh said that there may be something in the Clerk’s office and she said that they also had the MRDD type homes and Mr. Meadows stated that MRDD would fall under mental health and those were different issues and governed by federal law; these are not mental health issues, these are drug addicts.

**Miles Ferguson -1241 Tipton Lane – Stout, OH** – He represented the Buckeye Elite group and thanked Council and the City for their support of the basketball event that was brought in last year for the youth. He said it takes the City’s support for these types of events to happen. He said that not only was it financial support but some city officials were in attendance last year and the event was a huge success; he added that it was the first year for the three day event and that approximately 2,000 people attended which meant they stayed at local hotels and ate at our local restaurants. He said money came in through ticket sales as well as concessions. He added that this year’s event would be the Buckeye Elite National Showcase at Portsmouth High School and that there was a lot of activity from college coaches and scouts, and that Coach Tom Crean from Indiana and a coach from Oregon flew in to watch some of the players during the last tournament. He said that this year’s event would be bigger and they were trying to establish something here in Portsmouth like you would see in the big cities as it was not common to see a tournament of this size in a smaller city. The event generates a lot of money, the cost was \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students for the day; this was a great activity for the community. He concluded by saying that Portsmouth reached ESPN status last year for the dunk contest which had the number one play on sports center. The event will be December 8<sup>th</sup> through December 10<sup>th</sup> and he would like City Council’s support again this year.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND REPORTS:**

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

1. She received the Oath of Office for Joseph Reinhardt – firefighter
2. Attended the swearing in ceremony on November 3, 2016 and received the Oaths of Office for firefighters:  
James Conkey, Alex Hamilton and Brian Hicks.
3. She received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control the following request:
  - a) A request for a transfer of D2, D2x, D3, D3a, permits from SJS, Inc. of 1901 Eighth Street Portsmouth, Ohio to Mike & Carol Zornes Fishbowl, LLC at the same address. There were no objections.
  - b) A new request for a C2 permit for 703 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Portsmouth, Ohio for Sahjanand, LLC dba Portsmouth Quick Stop. There were no objections.
  - c) A request for a transfer of C1 & C2 permits from Badal II Corp, LLC dba Quick Stop South End only & drive up window at 1202 Gay Street Portsmouth to Dhara Kamlesh, LLC dba Quick Stop at the same address.
4. She prepared three Proclamations: East Tartans High School Football Team, KDMC Diabetes Awareness Month and Jeanette Langford Day.
5. She received the legal opinion from Solicitor Haas regarding Main Street Portsmouth’s request to use trains on the city streets and the opinion was forwarded to City Council for review.
6. Reminder of the Jaycees Annual Christmas Parade on Thursday.

The City Clerk’s report was received, filed and made part of the record, on a motion by Councilman Kevin E. Johnson. The motion carried viva voce: **VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

**City Manager’s Report** – City Manager Allen reported the following:

1. His written report can be found on the city’s website.
2. He said that he thought the Basketball event had been budgeted in 2016 but he would double check.
3. He thanked the voters for supporting the flood defense renewal and for passing the Charter amendments that allowed the city to have a budget in place by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the fiscal year.
4. He attended the Land Bank conference in Cleveland October 25<sup>th</sup> – October 27<sup>th</sup>, and said it was an interesting conference and even more so since the World Series was going on about 3 blocks from the hotel.
5. He received a call from the County Engineers office stating that the county would be implementing the NextGen 9-1-1 which required mapping of every parcel and there would be no additional cost to the City of Portsmouth, they took it out of the money we donated for the G.I.S. system. He will make sure the new County Engineer was aware that there would be no cost to the City.
6. The city received notification that F.E.M.A and the Army Corp have approved the certification of the flood defense system and would be updating the flood maps to show that all of the properties behind the flood wall were protected. They erected three flood gates in October as part of the process of erecting the gates once every five years; three would be done each year.
7. The rock salt bid was received and we’ve prepared to purchase it for the winter.
8. He said they removed a number of trees near the campground on the other side of the flood levee which was part of the report that they received from the Army Corp that listed areas of concern or areas that required maintenance and one of the items that was repeatedly identified was that there was not supposed to be any trees growing in the levee, so they were removed.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson said that was great news on the G.I.S. investment with the 9-1-1 update. He said the City’s contribution to the program was \$50,000 for two years and the update was included in that investment and he thought was wonderful news.

Councilman Lowe asked Manager Allen where gate 14 was located and Manager Allen explained that it was between the current water plant going east and Conley’s dock, it was a small gate.

The City Manager’s report was received, filed and made part of the record, on a motion by Councilman Kevin E. Johnson. The motion carried viva voce: **VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

**Mayor’s Report** – Mayor Kalb reported the following:

1. He thanked Vice President Johnson for attending an event on his behalf and reading a Proclamation.
2. He congratulated and thanked Councilman Kevin W. Johnson on his bid for County Commissioner and even though it wasn’t a successful bid, he ran a good campaign and he appreciated his efforts for trying to do something that would’ve benefitted the city because the city was sometimes overlooked when it comes to the county’s eyes and he believed that he could’ve corrected that situation.

The Mayor’s report was received, filed and made part of the record, on a motion by Councilman Kevin E. Johnson. The motion carried viva voce: **VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

**City Solicitor** – Assistant Prosecutor Gerard had no report.

**Auditor Williams** – Auditor Williams reported the following:

1. He reviewed his written report that he had given to Council as follows:  
 October’s General Fund was \$1,174,975 which was \$518,519 more than last year in the same month and the accumulated amount compared to last year was \$2,204,468 and of that amount \$236,939 was from the new tax revenue. Total collection included in both General and Capital was \$1,340,641 which was \$568,292 more than last year and a total collection of \$2,289,052 above last year. Major Fund Balances – General Fund \$1,400,202, Streets \$292,166, Water - \$159,835, Sewer -\$1,458,788, Sanitation \$465,736 and Insurance \$1,894,428.
2. He explained that the new tax collection is up over last year. He said it started in January 2016 and total income collection is up by \$2,289,052 and the new tax has collected of that \$2,137,545 and if there wasn’t a new tax this year we would only be up \$151,507.
3. He mentioned that the Clerk Ratliff did not mention the monthly financial reports and he would like the record to reflect that those were emailed on November 4, 2016.

The City Auditor’s report was received, filed and made part of the record, on a motion by Councilman Kevin E. Johnson. The motion carried viva voce: **VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FROM CITY COUNCIL**

**1<sup>st</sup> Ward** – Councilman Kevin W. Johnson reported the following:

1. He emailed Manager Allen his concerns about the crossing at 4<sup>th</sup> and Gay Street going west. He went to cross over the street and there was a vehicle coming from North 23 going the wrong way and he was just about smashed. He's not sure why this was happening or why vehicles were traveling the wrong way but questioned the signage. Manager Allen said that "wrong way" signs needed to be ordered.
2. He said that about a month ago a child was hit in front of Portsmouth Elementary, he said it was the child's fault, but the problem was that traffic was going far faster than 20 mph along that area and the crosswalks were not marked as they were behind the school on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. He said there were three schools along Gallia Street where the crosswalks were not easily seen and on 4<sup>th</sup> Street there was student housing and you cannot see the crosswalks. In other cities those were marked very well with signage indicating the State laws of yielding to the pedestrian. He mentioned that there was a petition from parents at Portsmouth Elementary.

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

1. She received a lot of complaints about garbage pickups and she acknowledged the new trucks in the budget. She said for the past month it had been 2-3 days late with the pickup.
2. She said in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward there was a dumpster that had been sitting in front of a house for two months and there was nothing that indicated that it was a Portsmouth dumpster. She said it was in the 1700 block of Charles Street.
3. She said the alley in the 1600 block between Charles and Jackson Street has potholes nearly a foot deep near Mary Ann Street and they were hard to avoid. She said the alley was overgrown with weeds, bushes, trash and debris piled in the alley. When the garbage was picked up, the cans were not being put back in their proper place which created another encumbrance for those that travel that alley. She said that the city had dug up a line and the hole was never repaired and the material that was removed was piled on the edge of the alley which allowed mud and rock to run off and cover the alley after a rain. She said that there was also one behind her house but it doesn't sound as bad as the one in that block.
4. She would like a report this week if possible on the status of the encroachments from the City Schools. Manager Allen stated that he couldn't find any records. Mrs. Aeh said that even if they had plans approved, they did not go through the process of having the city vacate any sidewalks to them and the church also. All of these had the same architect and there had to be an ordinance to vacate those sidewalks in order for them to build on them and there was no ordinance to vacate the sidewalks.

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

1. He complimented the City Workers that repaired the major 30 inch water main on Offnere Street. The city acted quickly, the street was now back open and the water was flowing.
2. He said that an individual that had a business on Scioto Trail had complained to him about street lights being out. Manager Allen stated that those were the City's lights and we do fix them when reported. Mr. Johnson said that there were three or four that were out and one was by Randy Matiz auto and one by Super Quik and two other ones.
3. He said the Jaycees Christmas parade will be this coming Thursday night at 6:00 p.m. with the line up at 5:00 p.m. Moves west on Gallia Street and Santa Claus will be in front of Toy Town on Market Street.
4. He thanked Mayor Kalb for allowing him to do the Proclamation for Jeanette Langford Day. He said there was about 350 people in attendance and it was a wonderful event.

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

1. He wished Joseph Pratt the Director of Main Street Portsmouth a speedy recovery, he was in an accident.
2. He ask the Manager about the Performance audit. Manager Allen said that he spoke with the gentleman and he was told that he would be setting up a meeting with Council and that he was not to be a part of that meeting and he had never heard back from him. His name was Jim Ringer and the Chief of Police will forward his information.

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

1. He had contacted Manager Allen shortly after he began as Manager about sidewalks from Shawnee Road to Micklewaite. He said he was contacted by a Mr. Martin Scott which initiated the first request, then the other day he received an email from Mr. Scott that said his wife had fallen on the sidewalk and gotten hurt. He needs someone to go and look at them, contact the homeowners and have those fixed because they are the homeowners responsibility. Manager Allen ask if we are going to be enforcing this citywide and Mr. Meadows said "yes" including the one in front of his office.
2. He would like to get with Manager Allen and talk about the Truck Route signs.

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

1. He added onto Councilman Meadows report and stated that he knew Mr. Scott, he went to school with him and he saw a picture of her face where she had fallen on the sidewalk. She had a couple of contusions on there and he wished her a speedy recovery.

2. He thanked Mayor Kalb and Clerk Ratliff for the East Tartan proclamation, he really appreciated it.
3. He told Councilman Kevin W. Johnson that he done a good job running a clean campaign.
4. He commended the East Tartans for going 10-0 in a regular season.
5. He thanked Chris Smith for taken care of a roach and trash issue on Dever Street.
6. He thanked the citizens for passing the tax levies that were on the ballot as well as 1<sup>st</sup> Stop in Sciotoville the alcohol issue passed.
7. The wall on U.S. 52 was looking good where they're building a retaining wall.
8. He wished Main Street Portsmouth Joesph Pratt a speedy recovery.
9. He has had some City Council attendees ask why there was no security for Council meetings, it would be nice to have a Police Officer in attendance.
10. He thanked the City Manager for the replacement of street lights in Sciotoville.
11. He had a friend pass away (Kenny Smith) and when the person called 9-1-1 the call was routed through Greenup, KY and that delayed the response time to getting him medical attention and it could have meant the difference in life or death.
12. He said that he received a call from resident on Valley Street area and they were complaining about Munn's run and he ask if there was a plan to clear the brush out of the creek. Manager Allen stated that "yes" they've ask the National Guard to do this as a project and they were looking into it.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Kevin W. Johnson.

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City Clerk

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Mayor