

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

Thursday November 30, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio met in special session on Thursday November 30, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

Mayor 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:

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

Also present were City Manager Derek K. Allen, Solicitor John Haas and City Clerk, Diana Ratliff.

Councilmen Kevin E. Johnson and Meadows absence was excused on a motion by Councilwoman Aeh. The motion carried viva voce: **VOTE: ayes 4 – nays 0.**

**Clerk's Report**

In accordance with Section 4 of the City's Charter, City Manager Allen requested in writing a special meeting of Council for Thursday November 30, 2017 for the following purposes:

- a. An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a five year Lease Purchase Agreement with Pierce Manufacturing to purchase a 2017 demonstrator rescue pumper truck on a five year lease purchase agreement payable beginning 2019.

Notices were given to each Council Member, the City Manager, Solicitor and Auditor and acknowledgements were received from all.

The City Clerk's report was received, filed and made part of the record, on a motion by Councilwoman Aeh. The motion carried viva voce: **VOTE: 4 ayes – 0 nays.**

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

Chief Bill Raison – He stated that after Monday's meeting he spoke with Manufacturer's Representative John Finley who was the owner of Finley Fire Equipment and explained what had transpired and his concern about someone buying the truck out from underneath the city. Mr. Finley said that it was a distinct possibility because there were eight different departments looking at the truck and trying to work deals on it and for a many reasons: 1. There would be a price increase in February of 2018 and Pierce would be bumping the price on all their new orders. 2. It is a demo truck and has a substantial discount off the original price. This truck had never been in service but used only as a demo truck.

**LEGISLATION**

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a five year Lease Purchase Agreement with Pierce Manufacturing to purchase a 2017 demonstrator rescue pumper truck on a five year lease purchase agreement payable beginning 2019.

Councilman Kevin W. Johnson motioned to waive the three reading rule due to the time restraints.

**The role was called. VOTE: 4 ayes – 0 nays, the rules were suspended.**

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

There were no further questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 4 ayes – 0 nays, the Ordinance was passed.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:07 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Kevin W. Johnson.

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 City Clerk

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 Mayor

**Ord. #67-17  
Authorizing the  
lease/purchase  
of a rescue  
pumper truck**