

**MANAGER’S CONFERENCE MINUTES**  
**Portsmouth City Council Meeting on**  
**December 10, 2018**

Members present:

Sean Dunne	1 <sup>st</sup> Ward
Jo Ann Aeh	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
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.

Councilwoman Aeh requested to add an item to the agenda regarding the codified ordinances. She said that there were over 16 codified ordinances that had never been changed from Mayor to City Manager. She motioned for an ordinance to be prepared to make all of the changes.

Acting Mayor Johnson requested that the proposed City Manager’s contract be put on the next Council Agenda. Solicitor Haas stated that it would be fine, he’d take care of it.

1. **Codified Ordinance Revisions** **CM-18-56**  
Manager Sutherland received recommendations from the City Clerk for the updates to the Codified Ordinances to conform to the Ohio Constitution.

Councilwoman Aeh stated that this was done on a regular basis and motioned to accept Alternative #1.

**There were no questions or comments: VOTE: 6 Ayes – 0 Nays**

2. **AFSCME Employees Insurance Payment** **CM-18-57**  
Manager Sutherland stated that it was his understanding that every employee of the city was to receive the stipend for the health insurance. However AFSCME Local 1039 and 1039-C were omitted for 2019. He believed that AFSCME met first in contract negotiations and for some reason the language was omitted.

Acting Mayor Johnson asked if they had received the stipend in 2017 and 2018 and Manager Sutherland replied “yes” but for some reason 2019 was not included. Mr. Johnson asked how many employees were involved and Manager Sutherland replied (6) for 1039-C and (100) for Local 1039. Mr. Johnson asked if they got something in place of the stipend and Manager Sutherland replied “no”.

Councilwoman Aeh motioned to accept Alternative #1.

**There were no questions or comments: VOTE: 6 Ayes – 0 Nays**

3. **Traffic Signal Repair** **CM-18-58**  
Manager Sutherland stated that at the NW corner of Gallia and Gay Street the traffic signal had been damaged due to an automobile accident. The signal was anchored but was in need of a permanent repair. West End Electric submitted a quote to completely renovate the intersection for a cost of \$79,000. The City received an insurance payment of \$17,250 from the accident, but would need \$61,750 appropriated for the entire project. It was also requested that this be done as an emergency.

Councilwoman Aeh motioned to accept Alternative #1.

**There were no questions or comments: VOTE: 6 Ayes – 0 Nays**

**4. Boat Club Leases**

**CM-18-59**

Manager Sutherland stated that this was anticipation of the Boat Club leases that will be expiring in January and would allow legislation to be in place as the leases are renewed.

Councilman Lowe stated that he wasn't against the boat clubs but felt that the contracts needed to be reviewed. Councilman Albrecht asked what amount we're currently charging and Mr. Sutherland replied \$100 per year and each club maintains their area. Councilwoman Aeh advised that they do all the improvements. Mr. Lowe asked how much money they were taking in and if it was going into their pockets. He doesn't feel that it's right for people to make money off of a \$100 lease and put the money they make off of rentals in their pockets. He suggested that someone else may want to put a boat club in and if it went to the same person over and over, that could be conceived as the "good ole boys club" and he wouldn't support it. Acting Mayor Johnson stated that if the boat clubs were anything like ball leagues, all the money went back into the league and Mrs. Aeh vouched for Shawnee Boat Club. Mrs. Aeh said that her husband was one of the founders of the Shawnee Boat Club and every bit of money that they brought in was put back into the club. Mr. Johnson stated that he believed the majority of their money came from gas sales. Mr. Lowe stated that he had a lot of people complain to him about the Sciotoville Boat Club. Mrs. Aeh remarked that it would not be fair to let someone else come in and bid \$150 and then they take over the area that the Boat Club had worked very hard to improve. Mr. Lowe stated that it wasn't fair to someone else that never got the opportunity and Mrs. Aeh said that if they wanted to take another piece of property along the river to develop into another boat club, they could, but they shouldn't be allowed to take over a current boat club. Councilman Meadows asked Solicitor Haas if the fuel pumps and docks all belong to the club and his reply was "yes". (Mrs Aeh was speaking but her microphone appears to have been knocked off of the clip, could not hear) Mr. Lowe said that if this was not announced to the public, no one would ever know about it unless the paper writes about it. Mr. Johnson said he seen both sides of Mrs. Aeh and Mr. Lowes statements. Mr. Meadows said that if city was paying someone to operate them that would be one thing but the city was just leasing the property to the club and all of the items belong to that club. The city was just letting them use the riverbank. There was quite a bit more discussion.

Mr. Meadows called for the question, the discussion ended. **VOTE: 6 Ayes – 0 Nays**

Councilwoman Aeh motioned to accept Alternative #1.

**There were no questions or comments: VOTE: 5 Ayes – 1 Nays**

**5. Request to change all codified ordinances from Mayor to City Manager Added to CM 12-10-18**

Councilwoman Aeh said there were about 16 codified ordinances that still listed the Mayor instead of the City Manager and she would like an ordinance created to complete the codified ordinances.

Councilwoman Aeh motioned to accept Alternative #1.

**There were no questions or comments: VOTE: 6 Ayes – 0 Nays**

**6. Proposed City Manager contract**

**Added to CM 12-10-18**

Acting Mayor Johnson stated that each Councilperson should have a copy of the proposed City Manager's contract. He asked that each Councilperson review the contract. Solicitor Haas had reviewed the contract and sent an email to Acting Mayor Johnson with some revisions.

Councilwoman Aeh motioned to accept Alternative #1.

**There were no questions or comments: VOTE: 6 Ayes – 0 Nays**

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Meadows.

Submitted by: *Diana Ratliff* – City Clerk