

MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION

PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING
 Monday December 11, 2017
 6:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio met in regular session on Monday December 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

Acting Mayor Kevin E. Johnson called the meeting to order. Solicitor Haas said that there’s not enough people to have a quorum and that we should just do a roll call. Councilwoman Aeh disagreed, Solicitor Haas stated that he was leaving since his legal opinion doesn’t mean anything and the rest of the meeting was probably illegal. Councilwoman Aeh address Solicitor Haas and stated that according to the Charter, Council can excuse the absent members, and Solicitor Haas advised that it couldn’t be done without a vote of four people. Mrs. Aeh read from Section 9 of the Charter “The affirmative vote of a majority of the members elected to the Council shall be necessary to adopt any ordinance, resolution, order or vote; except that in the absence of a quorum a vote to adjourn, or regarding the attendance of absent members, may be adopted by a majority of the members present.

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

Also present was City Manager Derek K. Allen, Solicitor John Haas, City Auditor M. Trent Williams and City Clerk Diana Ratliff.

The absent Councilmembers were excused on a motion by Councilman Meadows. The motion carried viva voce: **VOTE: ayes 3 – nays 0.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:03 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Meadows due to a lack of a quorum.

 City Clerk

 Acting Mayor