

MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION

PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday March 27, 2017
6:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio met in regular session on Monday March 27, 2017 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:

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

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

Councilman Meadow's absence was excused on a motion by Councilman Kevin E. Johnson. The motion carried viva voce: **VOTE: ayes 5 – nays 0.**

Council dispensed with the reading of the Journal for the regular session of March 13, 2017 on a motion by Councilman Kevin E. Johnson. The motion carried viva voce: **VOTE: ayes 5 – 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 **third reading**, to an Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of grant funds from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services under the Justice Assistance Grant program for Police Department equipment purchases, establishing a dedicated account for the grant and authorizing appropriations of grant and matching funds.

**Ord. #19-17
Authorization
for Police
Department
equipment**

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

There were no questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 0 nays, the Ordinance was passed.**

The clerk gave a **third reading**, to an Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of grant funds from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services under the Justice Assistance Grant program to provide confidential funds to the Drug Task Force, establishing a dedicated account for the grant and authorizing appropriations of grant and matching funds.

**Ord. #20-17
Authorization
to provide for
confidential
funds for
Drug Task
Force**

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

There were no questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 0 nays, the Ordinance was passed.**

The clerk gave a **third reading**, to an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to donate Police Department vehicle no. 709 a 2007 Ford Crown Victoria to the Scioto County Career Technical Center (SCCTC) "as is" with no warranties, either expressed or implied.

**Ord. #21-17
Donation of
Police Cruiser to
Scioto County
Career
Technical**

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

There were no questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 0 nays, the Ordinance was passed.**

The clerk gave a **third reading**, to an Ordinance amending Section 1503.01 - Fees; Issuing Permits for Inspections and Other Services of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Thomas Lowe motioned to amend the Ordinance by removing the decrease on residential inspections and it remaining \$50.00.

The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 0 nays, the Ordinance was amended.

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

There were no questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 0 nays, the Ordinance was passed.**

The clerk gave a **third reading**, to an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Poggemeyer Design Group agreement for the design of the Portsmouth Multi-Use Path in the amount of \$20,761.90 and to appropriate the same from Capital Improvement Fund No. 301.

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

There were no questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 5 ayes – 0 nays, the Ordinance was passed.**

**Ord. #22-17
Amending
Section 1503.01
Fees; Issuing
Permits for
inspections**

**Ord. #23-17
Amendment to
Poggemeyer
Design Group
Agreement on
Multi-Use Path**

STATEMENTS OR REMARKS FROM CITIZENS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no one present that wished to address Council on items not on the agenda.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND REPORTS:

City Clerk's Report – City Clerk Ratliff reported the following:

1. She swore in and received the Oath of Office for the following Charter Review Committee members: Steve Rodeheffer – Ann Sydnor – Eddie Edwards – Richard Schisler – Larry Essman – Bill Shope.
2. She attended the Celebrity Chef dinner hosted by the Counseling Center to send kids to camp. There was a nice turnout and enough money was raised to send the enrolled kids to camp.
3. She attended the first demolition of the Land Bank program at 1655 8th Street, and stated that the City had a good turnout and thanked everyone who attended.
4. She secured her vacation plans for 2017 and had submitted the dates to Council.
5. She received an email from Andy Gedeon stating that he had received a \$750 bid (appraised value) from Portsmouth Metropolitan Housing Authority for the vacant lot located at 2004 Jackson Street. If accepted, they will use the parcel for green space for their properties in the area. This was sent to the Land Reutilization Committee.
6. She received notification from Portsmouth Municipal Court that they were withdrawing their request for an increase for the court security.

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: 5 ayes – 0 nays.**

City Manager's Report – City Manager Allen reported the following:

1. The Manager's written report can be found on the City's website.

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: 5 ayes – 0 nays.**

Mayor's Report – Mayor Kalb reported the following:

1. He extended well wishes the City Manager's family as his daughter is in the hospital.
2. There's an appointment coming up for the Design and Review Board. He had spoken with someone regarding the appointment but hadn't heard back from him. He'll bring that name to the next meeting.

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: 5 ayes – 0 nays.**

City Solicitor – Solicitor Haas reported the following:

1. He attended the meeting for the Charter Review Committee and they've gotten set up and were off and running.

The Solicitor'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: 5 ayes – 0 nays.**

Auditor Williams – Auditor Williams had no report.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FROM CITY COUNCIL

1st Ward – Councilman Kevin W. Johnson reported the following:

1. He said there was a very serious hole at 3rd and Court Streets by the Cleaning Supply Store and it there was a quick turn-around in having it repaired. He thanked Manager Allen and the Staff for addressing it so quickly.

2nd Ward – Councilwoman Aeh had no report.

3rd Ward – Councilman Kevin E. Johnson reported the following:

1. He extended best wishes to the City Manager’s daughter and said that his thoughts and prayers were with them.
2. He had a few residential issues which had been handled and added that Mr. Gedeon was great to work with on a few of those issues.
3. He filed his annual ethics report as required by all who serve on Council.

4th Ward – Councilman Kalb reported the following:

1. He stated that he would have reported a large hole that showed up on Young Street but by the time he did, it was already fixed.

5th Ward – Councilman Meadows had no report due to absence.

6th Ward – Councilman Lowe reported the following:

1. He had a few things but will wait on the City Manager to return so that they could be addressed.
2. There were some flooding issues in Sciotoville, in which part was mentioned in the Manager’s written report.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Kevin W. Johnson.

City Clerk

Mayor