

MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION

PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING
 Monday April 13, 2015
6:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio met in regular session on Monday April 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

Acting 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
Rich Saddler	2 nd Ward
Kevin E. Johnson	3 rd Ward
Jim Kalb	4 th Ward
Gene Meadows	5 th Ward
Jeff Kleha	6 th Ward

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

Council dispensed with the reading of the Journal for the regular session of March 23, 2015 on a motion by Councilman Kevin E. Johnson.

There was no Public Hearing.

Councilman Kevin W. Johnson moved to add 4 Ordinances to the Agenda as 7(m-p) and asked that they be added as Consent items.

- (M)- an Ordinance rejecting the recently negotiated 1039C (AFSCME) contract.
- (N)- an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 51 passed December 8, 2014 to correct the Ohio Revised Code Section to 4504.17 from Section 4505.17
- (O)- an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 52 passed December 8, 2014 to correct the Ohio Revised Code Section to 4504.171 from Section 4505.171.
- (P)- an Ordinance authorizing the submittal of a FY 2015 Community Housing Improvement Program application and accepting grant and obligations, if funded.

Items added to the Agenda

The motion carried viva voce. **VOTE: ayes 6 – nays 0, the items was added.**

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 City Manager to advertise for bids for the Water Plant Raw Water Intake Pump VFD Conversion.

Ord. #12-15 VFD Conversion Water Plant Raw Water Intake Pump

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson moved that this 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 **third reading**, to an Ordinance Authorizing the appropriation of \$80,000 from Water Works Revenue B to Water Works Contractual Line Item No. 604.772.5521 for the Water Plant Raw Water Intake Pump VFD Conversion.

Ord. #13-15 Appropriation for Water Plant Raw Water Intake Pump VFD Conversion

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson moved that this 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 **third reading**, to an Ordinance amending Chapter 173 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio – Records Commission - Records Retention and Disposition Policy.

Ord. #14-15 Records Retention and Disposition Policy

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson moved that this Ordinance be passed.

Acting Mayor Kalb asked if this was the entire policy. He had reviewed some other sample policies and questioned whether the Historical Society had to be contacted prior to disposing of records. Manager Allen stated

that it was procedure but added that the records that would be disposed of would be recent and would serve as no historical value, but standard procedure is to check with them to see if there was something that they would like to keep. Auditor Williams stated that we do have forms that we list items that will be disposed of and retention schedules but those forms do not have to be included in the policy.

There were no questions or comments. The role was called. **VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays, the Ordinance was passed.**

The clerk gave a **second reading**, to an Ordinance granting a franchise to Ohio Power Company, its successors and assigns, for the right to acquire, construct, maintain, and operate in the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, bridges, and public places of the City of Portsmouth, State of Ohio, and its successors, lines for the transmission and distribution of electric energy to the City of Portsmouth, and the inhabitants thereof for light, heat, power, and other purposes, and for the transmission and distribution of the same within, through or across said City of Portsmouth, State of Ohio. Now, therefore,

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

Councilman Saddler questioned the wording “public places” and wondered whether that included parks because there had been discussion in previous meetings about power lines going over Tracy Park. Manager Allen stated that it’s anywhere that there’s an easement or public right of way. If they wanted to run lines over Tracy Park they would have to obtain permission. Solicitor Haas stated that it was for existing lines only.

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 authorizing the appropriation of \$115,000 from Capital Improvement Fund No. 301 for the purchase of snow removal equipment.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson moved 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 authorizing the appropriation of \$1,650 from Recreational Miscellaneous Fund No. 801.101.5299 for payment for swing set seats for each of the city parks.

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

Councilman Saddler stated that he never got a clear answer as to why the amount was listed as \$1,650 and not the correct amount of \$1,633. Auditor Williams stated that if it would give peace of mind, he would recommend Council make a motion to amend to \$1,633. Councilman Saddler motioned to have the Ordinance amended to the actual amount of \$1,633 in lieu of the \$1,650.

There were no questions or comments. The role was called: **VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays, the Ordinance was amended.**

Ordinance Amended 4-13-15

Acting Mayor Kalb asked if anyone would like to motion to waive the final reading so as to get them ordered and put into place. No motion was requested.

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 authorizing the acceptance of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services funding, under the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and the establishment of a dedicated account for this grant. The funding assistance is specifically for equipment purchases by the Police Department. Consent Agenda

**Ord. #15-15
JAG grant for
PPD equipment**

Councilman Kevin W. Johnson moved that the three reading rule be suspended as it was a consent agenda item.

The role was called. **VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays, the rule was suspended.**

Councilman Kevin W. Johnson motioned that this 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 authorizing the fund transfer of \$5,350.40 from Law Enforcement Trust Fund No. 225 to Task Force Fund No. Fund 217 in order to participate in a grant awarded the City of Portsmouth Police Department from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice

**Ord. #16-15
Fund transfer from Law Enforcement Trust to Task Force Fund**

Services (OCJS), the appropriation of the funding when received; and further, authorizing the fund transfer of \$4,012.80 from Task Force Fund No. 217 to Law Enforcement Trust Fund No. 225 upon completion of the grant program. Consent Agenda

Councilman Kevin W. Johnson moved that the three reading rule be suspended as it was a consent agenda item.

The role was called. **VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays, the rule was suspended.**

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that this 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 authorizing the acceptance of grant funds from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services under the JAG program for Drug Task Force use, the establishment of a dedicated account for the grant and the appropriation of such funding as received. Consent Agenda

**Ord. #17-15
Acceptance
of Grant
Funds from
JAG for
Drug Task
Force**

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson moved that the three reading rule be suspended as it was a consent agenda item.

The role was called. **VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays, the rule was suspended.**

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that this 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 authorizing the fund transfer of \$19,950.00 from Law Enforcement Trust Fund No. 225 to Task Force Fund No. 217 in order to participate in a grant awarded the City of Portsmouth Police Department from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS), specifically for confidential funds and the purchase of equipment and the appropriation of the funding as received; and further, authorizing the fund transfer of \$19,950.00 from Task Force Fund No. 217 to Law Enforcement Trust Fund No. 225 upon receiving reimbursement at the completion of the program. Consent Agenda

**Ord. #18-15
Fund
transfer
from 225 to
217 for
purchase of
equipment**

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson moved that the three reading rule be suspended as it was a consent agenda item.

The role was called. **VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays, the rule was suspended.**

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that this 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 authorizing the acceptance of grant funds from the Bureau of Justice Assistance under the JAG program, the establishment of a dedicated account for the grant, the appropriation of such funding as received and the transfer of funds to the Scioto County Sheriff's Department. Consent Agenda

**Ord. #19-15
Acceptance
of grant
from Bureau
of Justice
Assistance**

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson moved that the three reading rule be suspended as it was a consent agenda item.

The role was called. **VOTE: 5 ayes – 1 nays (G. Meadows), the rule was suspended.**

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that this 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 authorizing the appropriation of \$35,000 from the unencumbered funds in CIP Fund No. 301 to pay for electrical and masonry repairs needed to the ball diamond lights at Branch Rickey Park. Consent Agenda

**Ord. #20-15
Branch
Rickey
Repairs**

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson moved that the three reading rule be suspended as it was a consent agenda item.

The role was called. **VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays, the rule was suspended.**

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson asked when the contract expires, Manager Allen replied that he believed it was June of this year. He also asked if Council approved the contract when it comes up for renewal and the reply was “yes” it comes before Council for approval.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that this 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 rejecting the recently negotiated contract between the Portsmouth City Auditor and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Ohio Council 8, AFL-CIO, Local 1039C for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017. Consent Agenda

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson moved that the three reading rule be suspended as it was a consent agenda item.

The role was called. **VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays, the rule was suspended.**

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that this 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 to amend Ordinance No. 51 passed December 8, 2014 to correct the Ohio Revised Code Section to 4504.17 from Section 4505.17 which ordinance is to levy a municipal motor vehicle license fee pursuant to Section 4504.17 Ohio Revised Code and repealing Ordinance No. 51 of 2014, as attached per Exhibit A. Now, therefore, Consent Agenda

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson moved that the three reading rule be suspended as it was a consent agenda item.

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

Councilman Kleha asked if this was just a correction and Solicitor Haas replied that it was a typo and rather than take a chance on submitting it to the State and having them reject it, we decided to correct it ahead of time, but it does not change the meaning of the legislation. He added that the next Ordinance is the same situation.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that this 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 to amend Ordinance No. 52 passed December 8, 2014 to correct the Ohio Revised Code Section to 4504.171 from Section 4505.171 which ordinance is to levy a municipal motor vehicle license fee pursuant to Section 4504.171 Ohio Revised Code and repealing Ordinance No. 52 of 2014, as attached per Exhibit A. Now, therefore, Consent Agenda

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson moved that the three reading rule be suspended as it was a consent agenda item.

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

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

There were no questions or comments. The role was called. **VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays, the Ordinance was passed.**

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The role was called. **VOTE: 5 ayes – 1 nays (G. Meadows), the rule was suspended.**

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

There were no questions or comments. The role was called. **VOTE: 5 ayes – 1 nays (G. Meadows), the Ordinance was passed.**

Ord. #21-15
 Rejection of
 the
 AFSCME
 1039C
 contract

Ord. #22-15
 Permissive
 Tax increase
 ORC
 4504.17
 repealing
 Ord 51 of
 2014

Ord. #23-15
 Permissive
 Tax increase
 ORC
 4504.171
 repealing
 Ord 52 of
 2014

Ord. #24-15
 CHIP grant

STATEMENTS OR REMARKS FROM CITIZENS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Larry Essman – 2417 Grandview Avenue – Portsmouth, OH - He stated that he sent the City Manager a panicky email about the flooding on Grandview Avenue after torrential rains had hit. He said the water coming down 25th Street was amazing and he thanked whoever was responsible for sending a Supervisor from Distel Construction to assess what was happening. The curbing was completely full and was flowing back into the yards, they came back the next day and built an earthen dam to try to catch the water that was coming off of 25th Street, however there was another torrential rain and it washed the dam away. He was just glad that someone came out to witness the run off and hoped that this will all be taken into consideration in the Engineering plans. He thanked whoever was responsible for sending out someone to check the situation.

Curt Shanks – 1201 4th Street- Portsmouth, OH – He expressed his displeasure at the thought of the City allowing the possibility of laying speed cushions on 4th Street. Shawnee State campaigned and got 3rd Street closed and moved all that traffic onto 4th Street. Living on 4th Street he witnesses that most of the people coming up and down that street are either City Cops or college students and he had never seen one college student get hit by a car even when 3rd Street was open. He requested the City paint curbs yellow because the students are parking their cars along the streets in what should be a no parking zone.

James Wilson – 1407 16th Street – Portsmouth, OH – He stated that he was a traffic scout when he was about 12 years old and at that age the kids would go to the corners and the traffic scout would help kids across the street. The University is a place of education, we should be teaching these 18-20 year olds children how to cross the street, we don't need to change the laws to accommodate them, they need to learn what the laws are and obey them. We gave them 3rd Street so that they could grow and they've yet to do anything with the street. He added that it is our community and we don't need to be giving it away.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND REPORTS:

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

1. She received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control a request for license transfer from “Sunshine Superman Project, LLC” dba Columbia Music Arena at 832 Gallia Street – Portsmouth, OH to “Scotts Columbia Music Arena, LLC dba Columbia Music Arena” at the same address. This was approved.
2. She received from the Auditor's office the 2014 Appropriations from Insurance Claims and Reimbursements under \$5,000.
3. She received from the Auditor's office the 2014 Fiscal Year Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources beginning January 1, 2014. Also for Fiscal Year 2015 beginning January 1, 2015.
4. She received from Solicitor Haas the agreement for the Assistant City Prosecutor's Salaries and Benefits which was signed by City Council and will be returned to the Scioto County Commissioners office.
5. The Shade Tree Commission will be co-hosting an Arbor Day event with the Scioto County Soil and Water Conservation District. This year the event is being held at Highland Head Start (across from Mound Park). Two fruit trees will be planted on the site and each child will be given a small potted flower to take home and care for along with many other educational items. The public is invited and encouraged to come out to this event.
6. She received from the Auditor the information that City Council requested regarding the Distressed Merchandise Sales Ordinance and the information he compiled from Chillicothe's City Government whose Distressed Merchandise Sales Ordinance was repealed. Auditor Williams has requested that the City of Portsmouth repeal its Distressed Merchandise Sales Ordinance.
7. She received public notice #15-04-018 from the EPA for the Portsmouth Water Treatment Plant and have forwarded copies onto the City Manager and Director of the Filtration Plant.
8. She received from the Auditor via e-mail, the following Combined MTD/YTD reports for the period ending March 31, 2015: Expense, Revenue and Fund.

**Liquor
License
Transfer
Columbia
Music Arena**

The City Clerk's report was received, filed and made part of the record, on a motion by Councilman Kevin E. Johnson.

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

1. His written report can be found on the City's website.
2. The City sent two names to be certified from Civil Service for entry level firefighter and if that is successful that will fully staff the fire department for the first time since 2009.
3. The City continued to work on the 4 open positions for entry level Police Officers.
4. The City will switch Public Utility billing from quarterly to monthly billing beginning May 1, 2015.
5. The City continues to work to get an Engineering contract finalized and sent in to ODOT for the left turn lane at Scioto Trail and Kinney's Lane.
6. The City's Impound facility is set to open May 1, 2015.

7. The City placed a speed monitoring device on Sunrise Avenue by the School due to citizen complaints. Also the Chief of Police spoke with the students that drive to school and reminded them to obey the traffic laws.
8. He did receive the email from Mr. Essman. Sewer Director Rick Duncan and the contractor met on site that evening to make certain there were no problems.
9. He advised again of the flood stages.
10. There continues to be meetings to finalize the levy certification.
11. He reviewed the repairs that need to be completed on pump station No. 2 which is the pump behind Bob & Floyd's tire shop.
12. He stated that he received a letter and was proud of the fact that our employees were recognized for helping out the Lawrence water corporation as the letter speaks highly of our employees.
13. Council did receive notification of the NPES permit for the Water Plant and there are no changes.
14. He was aware of items that were brought forward by citizens at the Traffic Committee. He understood that a citizen would bring a request forward and it would get heard by the Traffic Committee, however he was not at the last meeting and has had discussions with staff both prior to and following the meeting. He then read in the paper that the decision to put speed bumps in the street was presented to his office and for the record "nothing had been presented to his office". He had no intentions of putting speed bumps in a public street. Speed bumps are a hazard to the Police and Fire rescue vehicles that travel at high speeds. This will not be something that would be considered right now and he's not sure how it got to the point that the community was concerned.

Acting Mayor Kalb asked if the City would take possession of the cars that are currently impounded by the company that is currently handling impounded vehicles. Manager Allen stated that it will be from May 1st forward.

The City Manager's report was received, filed and made part of the record, on a motion by Councilman Kevin E. Johnson.

Acting Mayor's Report – Acting Mayor Kalb reported the following:

1. He requested that at the next Conference Meeting the following items be brought forward:
 - a. Discuss the process to be used for the City Manager's evaluations.
 - b. Discuss the adoption of the new City Seal, whether adopt it as is or recommend changes.
 - c. Discuss adopting a code of conduct policy. He has a copy if anyone needs a copy.
2. He reminded Council that it was a State requirement for all elected officials to complete a 3 hour course on the Sunshine Laws "open records policy". He added that it can be completed online and he was in the process of finishing his online.

City Clerk Ratliff requested that if anyone completes the course, to send a copy of the certificate to her so that she can put it in each Councilman's file.

The Acting Mayor's report was received, filed and made part of the record, on a motion by Councilman Kevin E. Johnson.

City Solicitor – Solicitor Haas reported the following:

1. He thanked Director Rick Duncan for the tour of the Wastewater plant, he found it very informative and it was very impressive. He added that the employees were doing a great job and they take care of their equipment and take pride in their work.

Councilman Kevin W. Johnson stated that he was glad that Solicitor Haas got to take the tour. He said one thing that concerned him when he took office in 2010, with the exception of Auditor Williams no other office had ever offered tours, nor had he seen where most of our employees work. He said he votes on items throughout the city and had no way to visualize what he's voting on. Manager Allen stated that he'd figure out a way to schedule tours for Council, but would like the Department Heads to do it first and that would give an idea of how long it takes to go through a facility.

The City Solicitor's report was received, filed and made part of the record, on a motion by Councilman Kevin E. Johnson.

Auditor Williams – Auditor Williams reported the following.

1. A couple of weeks ago he put out a press release extending the tax deadline and reminding people that live in the city of our Mandatory Filing and he commended Frank Lewis and Nikki Blankenship on the news article that they did regarding the filing and he appreciated them getting it out to our citizens.

Councilman Kevin W. Johnson stated that the first time in years he owed City taxes and was happy to report that his 4 cent check had been cashed. (laughter) Acting Mayor Kalb asked if there was a process in place in which we address those who didn't file, Auditor Williams replied that there are a couple of things they use, one of which is that a person has to go to the Water office to sign up for water and if you're a new water user, the water office directs that person to the Tax office to make sure that you have a

tax account if necessary or who might be living with that person. The City used to have an employee that would go out and look for delinquent accounts, look for businesses within the city that might not have accounts or construction jobs but that job had not been filled in 4 years due to budgetary concerns. This was intended to bring awareness to people so that they know that they have to file.

City Clerk Ratliff stated that she had been asked on several different occasions that if you live and work in the city, you must file, but if you don't live in the city but work in the city you do not have to file, is that correct. Auditor Williams replied yes you should be filing if you live in the city, but if you live outside the City but work in the city they are required to pay the taxes but not required to file a tax form.

The City Auditor's report was received, filed and made part of the record, on a motion by Councilman Kevin E. Johnson.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FROM CITY COUNCIL

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

1. He was pleased that the City Manager reported on the speed bumps, a previous City Solicitor had commented that speed bumps were not something that we were allowed to do and the topic had not come up since even though the Traffic Calming report done under former Mayor Murray done by Howerton Engineering recommended certain area that could certainly use it due to speeding in and around SOMC and Coles Boulevard which we were constantly getting complaints.
2. He would like Council to address the pending legislation regarding trucks in the downtown and the lack of fines and he was still receiving complaints about trucks continuing to use Chillicothe Street when they shouldn't be.
3. He attended the Bicentennial Wine tasting this past weekend and he finally got to hear Steve Free singing his new song "Portsmouth Ohio" which was commissioned by the Bicentennial committee. He did a great job and it really reflects Portsmouth and is a great song.
4. Kiwanis Pancake Day is being held on Wednesday April 15th and he hoped to see a lot of people out there.

2nd Ward – Councilman Saddler had no report.

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

1. He thanked Katy Mathuews who served on the Traffic Committee, but is relocating out of town and will be leaving that position. He appointed Carol Caudill to that position.
2. He referred to the 10 items that were listed as Consent Agenda items on the agenda. He doesn't believe that Consent Agenda was designed to have just about our whole agenda on there and he understood why we had to do that but believed that a few of these could have gone the 3 reading route. We as Council need to consider these items more closely.
3. The Shade Tree Commission met on the 1st of April and the topic of a Christmas Tree was discussed and they wanted their feeling to be known that if any way possible, they would like to utilize an artificial tree as opposed to cutting down a real tree. Service Director Beaumont was in the meeting and said that the artificial tree should be able to be repaired and be ready to use this year as opposed to cutting down a real tree.
4. He thanked the City Manager for meeting with him and enlightening him on some issues.

**Appointment
to Traffic
Committee**

Manager Allen suggested scheduling a meeting to go look at the tree to make sure that it's in the condition that is being expected as opposed to waiting until November. Even though the base had been repaired it still may not be what everyone would like to see.

4th Ward – Councilman Kalb reported the following:

1. He said he was at the Traffic Committee meeting and he agreed that he doesn't see the need for the speed cushion.

5th Ward – Councilman Meadows reported the following:

1. In response to some of the comments about the Coles Boulevard traffic, the Portsmouth Police Department had been setting a patrol out to deter speeding in that area.

6th Ward – Councilman Kleha reported the following:

1. He had forwarded his concerns to the proper departments.
2. He attended a meeting in Sciotoville.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Kevin W. Johnson.

City Clerk

Acting Mayor