

MINUTES – SPECIAL SESSION

PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday June 17, 2013

6:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio met in special session on, Monday June 17, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

President of Council, Steve Sturgill 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
Steve Sturgill	6 th Ward

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

Clerk's Report

1. In accordance with Section 4 of the City's Charter, Mayor David Malone requested in writing that a special meeting of Council be called for Monday, June 17, 2013 for the purpose of authorizing the submittal of a Fiscal Year 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application and accepting grant and obligations, if funded, and declaring an emergency. Notice of meeting was delivered to all Members of Council, the Mayor, City Solicitor and City Auditor. Receipt of the notice was received from all those being served.

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

STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECT OF SPECIAL MEETING

The clerk gave a **first reading** on an Ordinance authorizing the submittal of a FY 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application and accepting grant and obligations, if funded, and declaring an emergency. **Consent Agenda**

Councilman Kevin W. Johnson moved to suspend the 3 reading rule as part of the Consent Agenda.

The roll was called. **VOTE: ayes 6 – nays 0 The rule was suspended.**

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

Councilman Kevin W. Johnson asks the Mayor if this grant will help with the Oakland Boulevard slippage or could he give Council some idea of how these funds will be used.

**Ord #29-13
CDBG grant
application**

Mayor Malone stated that Mrs. Ratliff (City Clerk) had included additional information that had nothing to do with this grant. The Mayor asked Community Development Director Tracy Shearer to come forward and give an outline on how the funds are to be distributed.

Community Development Director Tracy Shearer stated that \$17,500 will be used for a new roof for the 14th Street Learning Center Bingo Hall located on 17th Street and the additional amount minus the administration is approximately \$43,000 for demolitions.

Councilman Kalb stated for the record, that this is the norm rather than the exception as we're usually always late in getting information from the State and this is something that happens every year.

Mayor Malone concurred with Mr. Kalb and stated that he did speak with John Cleek and ask him about the delay in getting the Ordinance/Legislation and he mentioned that it was something in the State level and they were trying to work through the process of how the monies will be divvied up. Mr. Cleek assured the Mayor that they would try to be more on top of it next year and the following years as far as timing.

Councilman Sturgill added for informational purposes that he was told that the information went out on April 5, 2013.

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

The meeting adjourn ed at approximately 6:07p.m. on a motion by Councilman Johnson.

City Clerk

President of Council