

**MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION**

**PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday September 12, 2016

6:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio met in regular session on Monday September 12, 2016 at 6:05 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 <sup>st</sup> Ward
Jo Ann Aeh	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward
Kevin E. Johnson	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward
Jim Kalb	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 Derek K. Allen, City Solicitor John Haas, Auditor M. Trent Williams and City Clerk Diana Ratliff.

Council dispensed with the reading of the Journal for the regular session of August 22, 2016 on a motion by Councilman Kevin E. Johnson. The motion carried viva voce: **VOTE: ayes 6 – nays 0.**

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned to add to the table, a Resolution honoring Mr. Alan Crawford and his service to our city and he would like that to be moved prior to 7-a. The motion carried viva voce: **VOTE: ayes 6 – nays 0.**

Item added to  
Agenda

There was no public hearing.

**STATEMENTS OR REMARKS FROM CITIZENS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

**Jason Kester – 342 2<sup>nd</sup> Street – Portsmouth, OH** – He represented the Southern Ohio Port Authority and he spoke on items 7c and 7d on the agenda. He was working with City Manager Allen and they've had several meetings with local business owners and developers. He stated that the Montrose Group was represented by a knowledgeable Attorney and Lobbyist and they believe that the Redevelopment District would be a big help to the city and that the right people were being chosen. He also spoke about environmental phase II and the property behind the current fenced in area at the Water Filtration. He said getting that area cleaned up would allow for future expansion of the filtration plant and would be the next step in the legal proceeding in getting that property turned back over to the city.

**LEGISLATION**

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to a Resolution in memory of Alan Crawford honoring him for outstanding service to the City of Portsmouth during his 25 years of employment.

Res. #14-16  
In memory  
of Alan  
Crawford

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that the Resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Kalb asked the representative of the family to come forward. Mr. Ralph Hayslip former employee of the city accepted the Resolution on behalf of the Crawford family. Mayor Kalb read the Resolution in full and presented it to Mr. Hayslip. Mr. Hayslip stated that Mrs. Crawford was unable to make it this evening and that Al would have really appreciated the acknowledgement. He spent the last few days with Al before he passed away and described him as a great person with a big heart and always worried about getting back to work. He said that Al enjoyed the years that he was with the city even though he was looking forward to retirement.

Manager Allen said that he always thought that he'd have time to tell employees how much he appreciated them and even when they retired he tried to get around to thank them and never expected to get a phone call that someone passed away. Al was a great guy and a very good and reliable worker and everyone had great things to say about him. He regretted not having expressed his appreciation to Al while he was still here.

The clerk gave a **third reading**, to an Ordinance authorizing the appropriation of \$90,789.81 from the unappropriated Community Development Department 243 Fund monies to BRLF-Loans Fund Line Item No. 243-689-5821.

Ord. #81-16  
Appropriated  
funds from  
Community  
Development  
to BRLF

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that the 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 \$40,000 from the unappropriated General Fund monies to Management Consultants Fund Line Item No. 101.119.5234.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that the 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 City Manager to enter into an agreement with The Montrose Group to assist the City of Portsmouth in the creation of a Downtown Redevelopment District (DRD) in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to be paid from Management Consultants Fund Line Item No. 101.119.5234.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that the 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 City Manager to enter into an agreement with Brownfield Restoration Group, LLC to conduct a VAP Phase II Assessment and No Further Action Document in an amount not to exceed \$98,579.50 to be paid from New WTP Fund Line Item No. 606.771.5515.

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

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson asked the City Manager if this was for an assessment and Manager Allen replied that this was to document the contamination levels, so that there's a document in the future. At some point we would own the property and it would put a base line that the contamination was there prior to the city acquiring the property and we would not be responsible if someone were to sue the city. He said the intent was when the new plant was built, they would build on top of the property and encapsulate the contamination. Councilman Kevin E. Johnson ask if there had been a study done in the past on this property and Mr. Kester replied that Mayor Kalb had done an environmental assessment which was only good for 6 months.

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 transfer of water revenue from Fund No. 603 to Fund No. 604 and from Fund No. 603 to Fund No. 606 and appropriate \$100,000 from Fund 606 to New WTP Fund Line Item No. 606.771.5515.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that the 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 **second reading**, to an Ordinance amending Section 125.03(d) - Procedures to Determine the Lowest and Best Bid for Construction of Public Improvements of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned 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 amending Section 705.02 - Application and Issuance of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

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

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

**Ord. #82—16  
Appropriated  
funds to the  
Management  
Consultant  
Fund**

**Ord. #83-16  
Agreement with  
Montrose  
Group for  
creation of  
Downtown  
Redevelopment  
District**

**Ord. #84-16  
Agreement with  
Brownfield  
Restoration  
Group for the  
Environmental  
Phase II**

**Ord. #85-16  
Transfer of  
water  
revenue to  
new WTP  
Fund**

**reading was declared.**

The clerk gave a **second reading**, to an Ordinance amending Section 705.05 - Transferability of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned 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 amending Section 705.09 - Renewal to Persons Discharged from Armed Services of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned 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 amending Section 705.10 - Revocation of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned 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 amending Section 705.11- Billiards and Pool of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned 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 repealing Section 705.13- Roller Skating of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned 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 repealing Section 705.14- Bowling Alleys of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

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

Councilman Kevin W. Johnson commented that he had signed up for the Senior Games to bowl and on many days he felt he'd made a big mistake (laughter).

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 repealing Section 705.15- Shooting Galleries of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned 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 repealing Section 705.16- Dance Halls of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned 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 repealing Section 705.17- Night Clubs of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned 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 repealing Section 705.18- Itinerant Street Musicians of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned 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 amending Section 705.19 - Pushcarts for Collecting Junk of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned 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 repealing Section 705.20 - Household Movers; Fee; Records and Reports of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned 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 **first reading**, to an Ordinance amending Section 705.22 – Second-Hand Automobile Dealers of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that this constitute a first reading.

There were no questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays, a first reading was declared.**

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to an Ordinance amending Section 705.25 – Peddlers of Goods Carried by Hand of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that this constitute a first reading.

There were no questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays, a first reading was declared.**

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to an Ordinance repealing Section 705.26 - Peddlers of Goods Carried in Vehicles of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that this constitute a first reading.

There were no questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays, a first reading was declared.**

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to an Ordinance repealing Section 705.27- Peddler's Licenses; Reduced Fees in Certain Cases of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that this constitute a first reading.

There were no questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays, a first reading was declared.**

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to an Ordinance repealing Section 705.28- Restrictions on Hucksters and Peddlers of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that this constitute a first reading.

There were no questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays, a first reading was declared.**

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to an Ordinance amending Section 705.29 – Street Vendors of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that this constitute a first reading.

There were no questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays, a first reading was declared.**

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to an Ordinance amending Section 705.31 – Itinerant Vendors; License; Fee of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that this constitute a first reading.

There were no questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays, a first reading was declared.**

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to an Ordinance amending Section 705.33 – Open Markets of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that this constitute a first reading.

There were no questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays, a first reading was declared.**

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to an Ordinance amending Section 709.02 – Posting Prohibited in Certain Cases of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that this constitute a first reading.

Mayor Kalb commented that since this was being left on the books there should be a way that we could put a stop to it and enforce it.

There were no questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays, a first reading was declared.**

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to an Ordinance repealing Section 709.14 –Scattering Billboard Offal of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that this constitute a first reading.

Manager Allen stated that he had tried to make sense of this section and perhaps that it was a term used back in the 50's that was not understood today. Billboard covers used to be put up with glue and he wondered if it meant, when removing the old scrappings.

There were no questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays, a first reading was declared.**

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to an Ordinance amending Section 709.15 – Marking, Posting on City Property of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that this constitute a first reading.

Mayor Kalb asked how this differed from Section 709.02, Councilman Meadows replied that a pole may not necessarily belong to the city, it could belong to the power company.

There were no questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays, a first reading was declared.**

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to an Ordinance repealing Chapter 711 – Ambulances and Transport Vehicles of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that this constitute a first reading.

There were no questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays, a first reading was declared.**

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to an Ordinance repealing Chapter 733 – Fortunetelling of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that this constitute a first reading.

Councilman Meadows stated that after the discussion at the last meeting indicating that there weren't any of these in town, he heard an advertisement on the radio for a palm reader and fortune teller on Scioto Trail.

There were no questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays, a first reading was declared.**

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to an Ordinance amending Section 735.03 – Hours; Sunday Sales Prohibited of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that this constitute a first reading.

There were no questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays, a first reading was declared.**

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to an Ordinance amending Section 735.07 – License Required; Fee of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that this constitute a first reading.

There were no questions or comments. **The role was called. VOTE: 6 ayes – 0 nays, a first reading was declared.**

The clerk gave a **first reading**, to a Resolution in support of House Bill 508 which would provide much needed assistance to the City of Portsmouth, Ohio and to 30 (thirty) other communities in the State of Ohio who are on the Auditor of State's fiscal distress lists. .

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned that this Resolution be adopted.

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

#### **STATEMENTS OR REMARKS FROM CITIZENS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**Jason Kester (SOPA) – 342 2<sup>nd</sup> Street – Portsmouth, OH** – He gave a brief update on the grant program to clean up old gas stations. They will be attending a meeting to talk about the issue. The Daily Times had done an article on it and the big concern with the program was that before we're eligible for that program, the property must be foreclosed upon and before you foreclose on a property the Environmental Phase I needed to be done. There have been three (3) gas stations identified as unsightly and blighted but that have some potential for redevelopment. They are as follows: Dillow's Gas Station (Scioto Trail), Rich Oil Gas Station

(8<sup>th</sup> & Campbell) and a Gas Station in Sciotoville next to Tartan Stadium. The Environmental study had been completed on the gas station on 8<sup>th</sup> Street and he hoped to have all of them ready to go by the next grant period.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND REPORTS:**

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

1. She received on August 18, 2016 the franchise fee from Time Warner Cable in the amount of \$55,476.24 and deposited in the Auditor's office the same day.
2. She received via email on September 1, 2016 from the Auditor's office, the following summary statements of the Combined MTD/YTD reports for the period ending August 31, 2016: Expense, Revenue and Fund.
3. She extended her condolences to the family of Al Crawford long time City Employee and the family of County Commissioner Doug Coleman.

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: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

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

1. He didn't have a written report, but he will have one at the next meeting.
2. He stated that flowers were sent to the funeral home for both Al Crawford and Commissioner Doug Coleman.
3. He acknowledged that the electronic packet was not received by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward or the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward and he found out later that the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward email was received by former Mayor and 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilman Steve Sturgill. He apologized to the Councilmembers that did not receive it as it was sent on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

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: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

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

1. He commented on the insert in the water bill regarding the upcoming water rate increase. He asked if we were overlooked or denied some kind of funding because our rates weren't high enough. Manager Allen stated that we applied for a \$2,000,000 grant with the Army Corp. and was denied because they wanted to use it for rural and small communities. Mayor Kalb said that he thought that was important enough to comment on because our rates weren't high enough to qualify for a grant. Manager Allen said that we had applied for an OWDA design loan and it showed that we could not pay the loan back. The State Auditor's also reminded him that the recovery plan showed an increase in water rates which had not taken place because he didn't want to do water and sewer rates at the same time. He said that in August out of \$14,000 customers, there were 2,700 that didn't pay their bill.
2. He received a letter from the Scioto Christian Ministry regarding the operating hours for McKinley pool. In the letter it asked to contact the Ministry if there was anything that they could do to help facilitate the endeavor. Manager Allen said we needed more lifeguards. We budgeted for five (5) lifeguards and a pool manager which would have allowed for the pool to be opened 7 days a week, but we only received 3 applications. We hired all three (3) applicants but in ordered for them to have days off, the pool had to be closed 2 days a week. We pay minimum wage for these positions and if the rate were raised to try to attract people to be lifeguards, we would be paying summer help more than we pay three of our employees (2 in Sanitation and 1 in the Cemetery). Councilwoman Aeh said that at one point Community Action paid and provided the lifeguards and Manager Allen said that they don't do that any longer. Mayor Kalb asked Manager Allen to communicate with Scioto Christian Ministry to let them know the situation and possibly some of their members would be willing to take the training necessary to be a lifeguard.
3. He said since he was of age he got a Golden Bears card from Shawnee State University and he signed up for the Senior Olympics. He added that he needed to continue to practice because he didn't think he would have any problem swimming 50 yards, but only made it half way. (laughter)

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: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

**City Solicitor** – Solicitor Haas had no report.

**Auditor Williams** – Auditor Williams reported the following:

1. He reviewed his written report that he had given to Council as follows:  
 August's General Fund was \$808,174 which was \$102,998 more than last year in the same month and the accumulated amount compared to last year was \$1,748,357 and of that amount \$180,572 was from the new tax revenue. Total collection included in both General and Capital

was \$918,930 which was \$88,939 above last year and a total collection of \$1,819,845 above last year. Major Fund Balances – General Fund \$1,570,335, Streets \$336,592, Water -\$170,907, Sewer -\$1,325,026, Sanitation \$736,369 and Insurance \$253,749.

2. He extended his condolences to Al Crawford, Doug Coleman and Dr. Ray Carson who was one of the founding people of River Days and was chairman of the River Days committee for many years.

Councilman Kevin W. Johnson said that we're approaching the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter and asked how the "open checkbook" was coming. Auditor Williams stated that they had a meeting recently and he still was planning to do it. Mayor Kalb commented about the deficit in the Water Fund and asked if that would be corrected with the transfers that were passed and Manager Allen replied "yes" and would be corrected by the end of the year. Mayor Kalb stated that he could actually see the finances looking up and getting better.

The City Auditor'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: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FROM CITY COUNCIL**

**1<sup>st</sup> Ward** – Councilman Kevin W. Johnson reported the following:

1. He thanked everyone for their kind messages when he was recently in the hospital.
2. He attended the audit review on September 6<sup>th</sup>.
3. He congratulated Tim Angel on another great River Days and was told that the parade extended 7 miles long.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Ward** – Councilwoman Aeh had reported the following:

1. During her August 8<sup>th</sup> report she requested a report on the encroachments and requested it again and would like to know something by the end of the week. She received another report of another couple who had to stroll their baby out into the street around a fire hydrant and another complaint from a lady on a scooter that couldn't pass one of the fire hydrants. She believed that the city is in violation with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
2. She requested a report on the Performance Audit and if it had been completed she would like a copy and if not she would like to know when it would be done.
3. She appointed Amy Hartlage-Partlow to the Cultural Affairs Panel as the previous appointment had moved out of town.
4. She thanked Andy Gedeon for addressing the huge roach problem on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Street west of Brown Street. She said there were two buildings that had been condemned and the Health Department had worked really great and Andy had done a wonderful job.
5. She said besides sending condolences to Al Crawford, Doug Coleman and the Ray Carson family, she also sends her condolences to Gerald Jenkins and the Cynthia Jenkins family. She was a friend of hers for 65 years who passed away last week.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Ward** – Councilman Kevin E. Johnson reported the following:

1. He thanked Mr. Gedeon for checking on an illegal dumping issue in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward and by the time he got there to check on it, they had cleaned it up.
2. He thanked the City Manager for addressing the sinkhole issue on Offnere Street.
3. He said there was an issue with some garbage containers which weren't in his ward but it had been corrected.
4. He attended the Tree Commission meeting and spoke on the Pulse FM 98.3 on behalf of the Shade Tree Commission.
5. He told the City Manager that he always looked forward to his bi-weekly reports and realized that he was only going to be submitting one per month. Manager Allen said that he would try to get back to it after the budget and negotiations of the Labor contracts.

**4<sup>th</sup> Ward** – Councilman Kalb reported the following:

1. He reminded the City Manager of the Grandview widening project and hopefully he would like to see it on the Capital Improvement Budget for next year.

**5<sup>th</sup> Ward** – Councilman Meadows reported the following:

1. He said that Mayor Kalb brought him a complaint about brush in an alley between 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Street behind Sonora's Restaurant.
2. He said that we passed an Ordinance earlier this year about the Truck Routes and that it was important to have signs posted directing these trucks to stay off certain routes because without the postings you can't enforce the law. He said it's annoying to the neighborhoods and damaging our streets which weren't made for these 80,000 vehicles, plus the safety issue for people out in the streets when something that large comes through.
3. He said at the last meeting he mentioned that he would not be getting city emails on his personal email account, however his City Manager electronic packet came to his personal email. Manager Allen said that he set up a group that said City Council but it obviously was an old account that was set up. Councilman Meadows said that he had blocked that address from his personal email account so that it would be returned in the future and the City Manager would be aware there was a problem.



**6<sup>th</sup> Ward** – Councilman Lowe reported the following:

1. He asked Solicitor Haas if there was liability issue for individuals cutting grass on city owned property, Solicitor Haas said he believed that there were some immunities involved with respect to parks and volunteers and his initial thought would be that there was no issue.
2. He said he had been flooded with complaints of a speeding problem on Valley Street and people were requesting a speed limit sign and more patrol.
3. He said that someone come through the highway fence off of Bahner Road, it flattened the fence.
4. When was the archway into the city approved and who maintains it. Manager Allen said it was either 2012 or 2013 and the Rotary Club put that up.
5. He congratulated the East Tartans on starting their season out 3-0.

Councilwoman Aeh stated for the record that she had not volunteered for any senior activity and not even tidily winks, Manager Allen said that they had an opening for a Marathon. (laughter)

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:07 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Kevin E. Johnson.

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City Clerk

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Mayor