

**MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION**

**PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday September 9, 2013

6:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio met in regular session on, Monday September 9, 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 <sup>st</sup> Ward
Rich Saddler	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
Steve Sturgill	6 <sup>th</sup> Ward

Also present was Mayor David Malone, City Solicitor, John Haas and City Clerk, Diana Ratliff.

Council dispensed with the reading of the Journal for the regular session of August 12, 2013, on a motion by Councilman Kevin W. Johnson.

There was no Public Hearing.

Councilman Sturgill thanked all that came to the public meet and greet of the City Manager candidates and made introductions of the City Manager candidates: Derek Allen, Patty Bates and Steve Golnar.

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

There was no one present who wished to address Council on any item on the agenda.

**LEGISLATION**

The clerk gave a **third reading**, to an Ordinance authorizing approval of the preliminary legislation submitted by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) proposing to resurface a portion of SR 139, improve the intersection of SR 139/Maple Benner Rd, add 2' wide shoulders from 3.0 to 10.5, and provide Access Management improvements for driveways at SR 139 & High Street in Minford.

**Ord. #40-13**  
**Resurfacing of**  
**SR 139**

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

Councilman Saddler abstained from the vote due to his employment with ODOT.

There were no questions or comments. The role was called. **VOTE: 5 ayes – 0 nays – 1 abstain (R. Saddler), the Ordinance was passed.**

The clerk gave a **third reading**, to an Ordinance authorizing the appropriation of \$6,000 from Capital Improvement Fund No. 301 into Council Trust for Recreation Fund Pool Line Item No. 801.552.5289 for repairs/replacement of items at McKinley Pool.

**Ord. #41-13**  
**Repairs to**  
**McKinley Pool**

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 a fund transfer of \$820.00 from Police Department Donations Line Item No. 214.221.5298 to General Fund Miscellaneous Revenues Line Item No. 101.000.4690 and appropriating the same into Police Department Payroll Line Item No. 101.221.5115 to cover the cost of overtime for 4 officers that worked off-duty security for the boat races.

Councilman Kevin W. Johnson requested that the 3 reading rule be suspended and this legislation be a part of the Consent Agenda.

The roll was called. **VOTE: ayes 3 (K.E. Johnson, K.W. Johnson, J. Kalb – nays 3 (G. Meadows, S. Sturgill, R. Saddler). The motion failed.**

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

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

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

There was no one present who wished to address Council on any item not on the agenda.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND REPORTS:**

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

1. Received from the Auditor via e-mail on August 15, 2013, the following Combined MTD/YTD reports for the period ending July 31, 2013:

Expense Report, Revenue Report & Fund Report.

2. Received from the Portsmouth River Days committee a permit to conduct River Days 2013.
3. Received a request for a transfer of Liquor License to Dirty Sallys, LLC from Mona East, LLC at 2110 Gallia Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor & Patio – Portsmouth, Ohio.
4. She thanked City Council for their patience while she was on medical leave and also thanked Tracy Shearer for sitting in for her while she was on leave.

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

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Malone welcomed the candidates for the City Manager position.

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

**President's Report** – Council President Sturgill had no report.

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

**1st Ward** – Councilman Kevin W. Johnson stated that the Tree Commission meet last week and surveyed Chillicothe Street taking inventory of the empty spaces where trees had previously been planted. The City has provided the commission with a \$5,000 budget for new trees to replace the empty spaces and there were some stumps left in place that will need to be removed.

**2nd Ward** – Councilman Saddler stated that the Parks & Recreation committee will be meeting Thursday September 12, 2013 at 6:00 at the American Legion Post #23. He thanked Mayor Malone and Mr. Beaumont for the cleanup done after the River Days Parade. He also welcomed City Clerk Ratliff back and thanked Tracy Shearer for helping out while the Clerk was on leave.

**3rd Ward** – Councilman Kevin E. Johnson welcomed City Clerk Ratliff back and welcomed the City Manager candidates. He thanked all those involved in planning the River Days festivities.

**4th Ward** – Councilman Kalb had no report.

**5th Ward** – Councilman Meadows stated that the Legal, Legislative and Safety Committee will be meeting on September 19, 2013.

**6th Ward** – Councilman Sturgill stated that he has had several issues on Pershing Street and the people on Pershing Street will be affected by the bypass.

**City Solicitor** – Solicitor Haas informed Council of the closing of the properties on Grandview Avenue. He also welcomed City Clerk Ratliff back.

**City Auditor** – Auditor Williams had no report due to absence.

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

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City Clerk

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President of Council