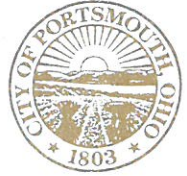




City of Portsmouth

Office of the City Manager

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TO: Portsmouth City Council
FROM: City Manager Derek K. Allen, ICMA-CM *DKA*
DATE: October 4, 2017
RE: City Manager's Report October 9, 2017

ADMINISTRATION

Thank you to the City Council and City Clerk Diana Ratliff for the employee appreciation picnic on September 29, 2017. The employees truly appreciated the expression of gratitude displayed by City Council.

Jason Kester, Executive Director for the Southern Ohio Port Authority (SOPA) returned the city-owned vehicle that the city provided in 2014 to SOPA. It came back with a full tank of gas.

The public hearing for the medical marijuana has been scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sodexo Ball Room at Shawnee State University.

Meetings

Attended a special meeting of the Scioto County Land Reutilization Corporation meeting on September 8, 2017.

Attended the pre-trial hearing regarding the Opioid lawsuit against the drug distributors held in Federal Court in Columbus, Ohio on September 26, 2017.

Participated in the SOPA Board meeting on September 28, 2017.

FIRE

The Portsmouth Fire Department purchased two (2) squads from a community in Colorado. They were squads that were \$170,000 new and the City obtained them for \$66,000 and \$55,000.

FLOOD DEFENSE

The Flood Defense System was not put into operation in the month of July. The Ohio River crested at 16.4 feet on September 29th. The Flood Defense System must be put into operation when the river stage reaches 35 feet.

The repair to the drainage pipe under the levee at the 17th Street pump station is currently being lined by Van Dam Associates.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Streets

Bid results for 2018 Rock Salt delivery:

1. Compass Minerals - \$49.95/ton
2. Morton Salt - \$54.34/ton
3. Cargill - \$57.29

Compass was low in 2017 with a cost of \$53.36/ton.

Bid packages were sent out to four (4) suppliers: Compass, Morton, Cargill, and Midwest Salt.

The Street Division of the Public Service Department has started a quarterly sweep of the city going down every alley and checking all of the lots for debris, garbage and other items for disposal.

The 2017 resurfacing was awarded to Shelley Paving and should begin within the next week or two. Due to the US 52 Westbound resurfacing project being pushed into 2018 the city change ordered onto the resurfacing the segments of Gay Street and Chillicothe Streets at 11th and 12th Streets.

Parks

The old fence at the tennis courts in Mound Park is being removed. This is part of the pickleball/tennis court renovation project.

WASTEWATER

September 25, 2017: 2916 Cypress Street, replaced four feet (4') of six inch (6") sanitary sewer tap.

September 26, 2017: 1858 Coles Boulevard, repaired manhole and replaced sidewalk. Cleaned sewer behind Rapid Fired Pizza.

September 27, 2017: 317 3rd Street, replaced four inch (4") sanitary sewer tap.

September 28, 2017: City garage, repaired storm catch basin.

September 29, 2017: Equipment and vehicle maintenance, Picked up vector truck in Cincinnati following repairs and maintenance.

WATER

9/25/17: Repaired 4" main Pershing and Marne Avenues, West Portsmouth.

9/26/17: Replaced 2" bulk meter 9th Street and Hygean Run, West Portsmouth.
Repaired 1 ½" main Shearers Hollow.

9/27/17: Exploratory dig in search of leak on York Street. (4" main)

9/28/17: Flushed hydrants Mabert Road west to Offenere Streets from 12th Street to Dorman Drive.

The Water Distribution crew began trying to exercise the valve that isolates the Sunrise Reservoir and it appears to be inoperable. The employees were able to turn the valve approximately seventy (70) turns and then approached risk of breaking the valve. Staff has another plan to get the reservoir drained but it is going to take some coordination and observation. The reservoir needs to be drained for inspection since the last inspection occurred over twenty (20) years ago. It also needs to be able to be controlled for the Sunrise Reservoir main project.