Johnstown Common Council

Business Meeting - Council Chambers, City Hall

Monday, August 19, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Vernon F. Jackson, Mayor

SWEARING IN / OATH OF OFFICE

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL – Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Vernon F. Jackson, Mayor | Michael C. Gifford, City Treasurer |
| Craig Talarico, Council Member-at-Large | Michael J. Poulin, City Attorney |
| Bradley Hayner, Council Member | Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk |
| Kathi Iannotti, Council Member | Paul Stegel, Asst. Fire Chief |
| Helen Martin, Council Member | David F. Gilbo, Chief of Police |
| Scott Jeffers, Council Member | Christopher J. Vose, City Engineer  Diedrie M. Roemer, Director, Senior Citizens Program  Darryl Purinton, Internal Control Officer |

ABSENT

Helen Martin

Bruce Heberer

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. Linda Kollar, 144 Johnson Avenue

* Needs water on Linden Avenue. Has gone to Water Board Mtg. and haven’t gone well. Water Advisory Committee needs to be looked in to by the city again. She stated that they, Water Board, didn’t’ have anything good to say about officials in the city. She said city needs to have someone at all the water board meetings and the residents need to be aware of incompetent people on the water board. She will be writing a letter to editor.

1. Bob Gould, 510 S. William Street

* Compliment from Ron Peters regarding cooperation with the city and Ruth Cook, superintendent of schools, stated Craig Talarico very helpful.
* City is getting scrubby looking. He has found 37 properties that are in need of attention. He reported them to the Codes office and they have done a good job on properties they did get to. There are still 15 properties outstanding. He has tried to understand problems and keeps getting referred to someone else in the city.

PRESENTATIONS – NA

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – NA

PROCLAMATION – NA

APPROVE MINUTES – July 15, 2019

Motion to approve – Council Member Iannotti

Seconded – Council Member Jeffers

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes:

Absent: 1 (Martin)

Abstain:

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

Motion to approve – Council Member Iannotti

* General Fund A – unpaid; Abstract # 4661 – $117,471.65
* General Fund A – paid; Abstract # 08/2019A – $1,139,359.64
* Sewer Fund G – unpaid; Abstract # 759 – $121,711.17
* Sewer Fund G – paid; Abstract # 08/2019G – $447.85
* Voucher Fund VO – paid; Abstract # 08/2019VO – $43,739.60

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes:

Absent: 1 (Martin)

Abstain:

CITY OFFICIALS’ REPORTS

* Fire/Codes
  + - Fire: Conducted in-service training on Operations at multi-agency Haz-Mat incidents.

Responded to 196 calls for service; 6 structure fires, 8 motor vehicle accidents, 4 mutual aid to Gloversville, 33 hazardous conditions, 125 emergency medical service and 20 service calls.

* + - Codes: Conducted training on roof assembly requirements and inspections.

58 permits issued, estimated cost of construction/renovation $852,879.00, fees collected $2,331.50 Conducted 945 inspections and complaint responses.

* Police
  + - 742 calls for service; 107 criminal cases were generated, 55 arrests, 46 citations; 39 traffic & 7 parking, 33 traffic accidents investigated.
    - Jonathan Silva has been added to the department
    - An officer has submitted letter of resignation effective August 28, 2019. Will be interviewing candidates for the position within the next few weeks.
* DPW
* Bid openings for street resurfacing. Received 4 responses with recommendation on for resolution. Copy of streets to be paved has been given to the council.
* Completed mandated certified excavator training, OSHA training, asbestos training is up to date, confined space training will be held this Friday.
* Bought a new triaxle dump truck for $16,000 at auction. Tandem trucks are in rough shape, this will be the newest by 3 yrs. He stated they’ve already asked for a lot in the Bond so there are trying to look at other avenues to try and update equipment.
* Addressed Mr. Gould’s concerns. His office handles mow complaints, he doesn’t have the man power to police this issue. If public sees an issue he asked them to notify his office, a letter has to be sent to the property owner first giving them 48 hours to mow before his dept. can do anything. They can only mow frontage of properties.
* Senior Center
* July, took trip to Cooperstown.
* 50+ Club BBQ at Whitey’s $500 donated to Sheriff Dept.
* Saratoga Track on Thursday
* Going to see Oklahoma in Chatham on Saturday, 24th
* 50+ Club luncheon on August 29th - Mike Hauser speaking on local sports
* Sept. 12th Open House to learn about center
* Sept. 14th. Defensive Driving Course
* Internal Control Officer
* The following drafts have been issued to the Mayor for his review and comment:
  + Fund Balance Policy
  + Homeland Security Grant Administration Policy & Procedures
  + Sexual Harassment Policy & Procedures
  + Corporate Credit Card Policy & Procedures
* Continuing work on Capital Asset Management Policy
* Issued 6 risk alerts to the Mayor for his consideration and action
* Status of Policies & Procedures, Risk Alerts and other matters is included in monthly report.
* Treasurer
* Draft schedule for Bond issue close to be being completed. Looking at about 1.9 million

LIAISONS’ REPORTS

* Kathi Iannotti, Assessor’s Office – No Report
* Kathi Iannotti, Planning Board
* Ruby & Quiri approved for warehouse addition
* NoSo Storage approved for storage units on Townsend Avenue
* Helen Martin, Joint Sewer Board – No Report
* Water Board – No Report

RESOLUTIONS

* 58, 2019 presented by Council Member Hayner to award 2019 CHIPS Paving to Luizzi Bros Contracting.

Seconded – Council Member Iannotti

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes:

Absent: 1 (Martin)

Abstain:

* 59, 2019 presented by Council Member Iannotti to approve proposal of West & Company for audit of Annual Financial Report Update; years ending December 31, 2018, 2019, & 2020

Seconded – Council Member Talarico

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes:

Absent: 1 (Martin)

Abstain:

* 60, 2019 presented by Council Member Talarico to approve Munistat Services, Inc. for financial advisory services.

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes:

Absent: 1 (Martin)

Abstain:

* 61, 2019 presented by Council Member Jeffers to advertise for Public Hearing for 5 year Housing Plan  
  Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 3

Noes:

Absent: 1 (Martin)

Abstain: 1 (Iannotti)

* 62, 2019 presented by Council Member Talarico to rescind resolution #43, 2019 regarding reappointment of city assessor.

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes:

Absent: 1 (Martin)

Abstain:

* 63, 2019 presented by Council Member Hayner to reappoint Tina Dimitriadis as city assessor through September 30, 2025.

Seconded – Council Member Iannotti

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes:

Absent: 1 (Martin)

Abstain:

* 64, 2019 presented by Council Member Iannotti to Authorize agreement with Fulton County for snow/ice removal for 2019-2020 winter season.

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes:

Absent: 1 (Martin)

Abstain:

DISCUSSION

* Craig Talarico had 3 items to discuss:

1. Thanked DPW for fixing S. Market potholes
2. Construction company doing work on the arterial expansion are doing an exceptional job.
3. There is a scam going around - Spousal survivors are receiving official looking letters asking for them to pay deceased debts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Farmer’s Market in the Main Street Park; Tuesdays from 3-6 p.m.
* Business Meeting Monday, September 16th @ 6:00 p.m.
* Rates for ambulance service has been given to council, the Mayor will follow-up with email as to what needs to be done.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – 6:30 p.m.

Council Member – Iannotti

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes:

Absent: 1 (Martin)

Abstain:

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie M. Allen

City Clerk