 Johnstown Common Council

Business Meeting - Council Chambers, City Hall

Monday November 21, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Amy Praught, Mayor

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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| [x] Amy Praught, Mayor | [x] Thomas Herr, City Treasurer |
| [x] Scott Jeffers, Council Member-at-Large  | [x] Michael J. Poulin, City Attorney  |
| [x] Bradley Hayner, Council Member Ward 1 | [x] Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk |
| [ ] Scott Miller, Council Member Ward 2 | [x] Bruce Heberer, Fire Chief |
| [x] Eric Parker, Council Member Ward 3 | [x] David F. Gilbo, Chief of Police |
| [x] Max Spritzer, Council Member Ward 4 | [x] Christopher J. Vose, City Engineer[x] Diedrie M. Roemer, Director, Senior Citizens Program |

ABSENT – Scott Miller

PUBLIC SESSION – N/A

PRESENTATIONS – N/A

PUBLIC HEARINGS – 2023 Budget

Opened at 6:02 p.m.

* No public present, No Comments via Social Media

Closed at 6:02 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES

* October 17, 2022

Motion to approve – Council Member Hayner

Seconded – Council Member Spritzer

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (S. Miller)

Abstain: 0

APPROVE CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

* Motion to approve, upon review – Council Member Parker

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (S. Miller)

Abstain: 0

REPORTS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

* Reports are attached hereto and made part of the meeting minutes.
* Parker had questions regarding the bid for the dam. GPI is reviewing the bids and will give C. Vose their recommendations and he will then present to the Council for approval.
* Spritzer asked about leaf pickup. Vose stated will continue through the end of next week. Anything missed will be picked up in the spring. Brush drop off will close after Thanksgiving.
* Spritzer asked if the end of driveways have been completed from paving project. C. Vose stated there may be one or two more to be completed.
* Spritzer asked B .Heberer for update on the pumper. Heberer stated truck was completed on 17th and will head out on the 30th for final inspection. Will take possession in mid-January.
* Parker asked if we thought about changing parking ban to begin November 15th? Gilbo said it was that way in past received several complaints. If there were a storm that impacted parking they could put out an emergency ban.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL LIAISONS

* Eric Parker; Water Dept.
* Paid monthly bills. President Capparello announced his resignation effective immediately.
* Eric Parker; Joint Sewer Board
* Finalized solids holding tank refurbishment project
* Budget adopted; 8% increase
* Amsterdam interested in sharing of services regarding sludge dryer
* Bruce Heberer, Planning Board
* 75 Briggs St. Public Hearing held on November 1st. Project approved, condition that all DEC requirements are met.
* Scott Miller, Assessor – No Report; Absent. Report attached

LOCAL LAW – N/A

ORDINANCE – N/A

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS – N/A

RESOLUTIONS

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| 76. | Adopt 2023 Budget |
|  | Presented by Councilmember  | Hayner | Seconded by Councilmember  | Parker |
|  | Discussion: None |
|  | Ayes: 4 |  |  |
|  | Noes: 0 |  |  |
|  | Absent: 1 (S. Miller) |  |  |
|  | Abstain: 0 |  |  |
| 77. | 2022 Budget Transfer |
|  | Presented by Councilmember | Hayner | Seconded by Councilmember  | Jeffers |
|  | Discussion: None |
|  | Ayes: 4 |
|  | Noes: 0 |
|  | Absent: 1 (S. Miller)  |
|  | Abstain: 0 |

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| 78. | Reject bid for 237 N. Perry Street |
|  | Presented by Councilmember  | Parker | Seconded by Councilmember | Hayner |
|  | Discussion: None |
|  | Ayes: 4 |  |  |
|  | Noes: 0 |  |  |
|  | Absent: 1 (S. Miller)Abstain: 0  |  |  |

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| 79. | Appoint Eric Parker to Joint Sewer Board |
|  | Presented by Councilmember  | Spritzer | Seconded by Councilmember  | Hayner |
|  | Discussion: None |
|  | Ayes: 3 |  |  |
|  | Noes: 0 |  |  |
|  | Absent: 1 (S. Miller)Abstain: 1 (E. Parker) |  |  |

DISCUSSION – N/A

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Winter Parking Ban is in effect from December 1st – April 1st
2. Winter Parking Permits are available from the City Clerk’s Office. No charge.
3. Thanksgiving, November 25th & November 26th – City offices closed
4. Garbage Collection
	* Thanksgiving Day: No garbage pick-up. Ward 1 & Ward 4 will both be collected on Friday
	* Christmas & New Year’s – no change to collection days
5. **Colonial Stroll & Holiday Parade – Friday, December 2nd. Anyone interested in participating in the parade can pick up a form in the Clerk’s Office or on our website.**
6. **Stuff the Truck; EMS Convoy – December 10th @ 9:30 starting at FM to Meco Firehouse**
7. Business Meeting – Monday, December 19th @ 6pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

* Council Member at Large Jeffers made a motion to enter in to executive session at 6:18 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of proposed, pending and current litigation & proposed acquisition of real property.

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (S. Miller)

Abstain: 0

No action was taken during executive session.

* Council Member Hayner made a motion to come out of executive session at 6:55 p.m.

Seconded – Council Member Spritzer

Discussion - None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (S. Miller)

Abstain: 0

MOTION TO ADJOURN at 6:55 p.m.

* Council Member Hayner

Seconded – Council Member Spritzer

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (S. Miller)

Abstain: 0

Respectfully submitted,



Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk