Johnstown Common Council

Business Meeting - Council Chambers, City Hall

Monday, October 18, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

**DRAFT MINUTES**

The proceedings of this meeting were taped for the benefit of the City Clerk; the minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings, therefore the minutes are not a word-for-word transcript.

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

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL – Vernon F. Jackson, Mayor

IN ATTENDANCE:

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| [x] Vernon F. Jackson, Mayor | [x] Thomas Herr, City Treasurer |
| [x] Craig Talarico, Council Member-at-Large  | [x] Michael J. Poulin, City Attorney  |
| [x] Bradley Hayner, Council Member Ward 1 | [x] Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk |
| [x] Kathi Iannotti, 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 | [ ] Christopher J. Vose, City Engineer[ ] Diedrie M. Roemer, Director, Senior Citizens Program |

ABSENT

Christopher Vose, Diedrie Roemer

PROCLAMATION / CITATION – N/A

PUBLIC SPEAKERS – N/A

PRESENTATIONS – N/A

Armando Zavala of 10615 Thunderhead in Houston, Texas spoke to the Council about some issues he was presented with when he visited local business owners in the City. Some of the issues he presented were:

* 18-wheeler truck traffic on Main Street that leave black soot on pavement and displayed products outside businesses. He stated that trucks have been known to clip mirrors off of cars that are parked on Main Street and they impose an intimidation factors for citizens crossing the streets.
* Business owners believe that tenants should be able to park behind buildings freeing up spaces for customers.
* He stated that there is limitation for advertising due to preserving the original look for Main Street, requested to have some leeway, and that signs are hidden behind trees that can be trimmed.
* Trash receptacles are needed for tenants to place their trash.
* He was advised that events between Gloversville and Johnstown were planned to happen but didn’t due to lack of organization and that an event coordinator could help with advertising events. He stated Facebook pages are needed of updated information in ways of funding to make the events happen.
* He proposed a road separate from Main Street, enforced by law enforcement, to reduce traffic for trucks. Advertising to give a reasonable amount of freedom to business despite of opinions of “eyesores”. Events should be followed-through with, and information easily found by public. Fundraising for events can be made by volunteers

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Local Law #1, 2021 – Amend Articles 4 & 7 of the City Charter; Residency
2. Ordinance #10, 2021 – Amend Chapter 11; Section IX; Domestic Partnership

Opened at 6:04 p.m.

* No Discussion
* No public comments received

Closed at 6:07 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES

September 20, 2021

Motion to approve – Council Member Talarico

Seconded – Council Member Iannotti

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

October 4, 2021

Motion to approve – Council Member Spritzer

Seconded – Council Member Talarico

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

October 13, 2021

Motion to approve – Council Member Spritzer

Seconded – Council Member Iannotti

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

Motion to approve, upon review – Council Member Iannotti

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

CITY OFFICIALS’ REPORTS

Reports are attached hereto and made part of the meeting minutes.

Eric Parker mentioned that the Engineer has indicated leaf pickup will begin in early November.

LIAISONS’ REPORTS

* Craig Talarico, Gloversville Johnstown Joint Sewer Board
	+ No Report
* Eric Parker, Water Board
	+ Working on their budget; should be done by November 1st
	+ Outside company surveyed the city for leaks, they found 7% had leaks, state recommends 10% or less
	+ Authorized purchase of a new leak locater
* Kathi Iannotti, Planning Board
	+ No Report
* Kathi Iannotti, Assessor’s Office
	+ Entering sales and working on 2022 roll
	+ Enhanced STAR for individuals turning 65 by December 31, 2022 are due by March 1, 2022

LOCAL LAW

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| 1. | Amend Articles 4 & 7 of the City Charter; Residency |
|  | Presented by Councilmember | Hayner | Seconded by Councilmember  | Spritzer |
|  | Discussion: None |
|  | Ayes: 5 |  |  |
|  | Noes: 0 |  |  |
|  | Absent: 0  |  |  |
|  | Abstain: 0 |  |  |

ORDINANCES

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| 10. | Amend Chapter 11; Section IX; Domestic Partnership |
|  | Presented by Councilmember  | Iannotti | Seconded by Councilmember  | Parker |
|  | Discussion: None |
|  | Ayes: 5 |  |  |
|  | Noes: 0 |  |  |
|  | Absent: 0  |  |  |
|  | Abstain: 0 |  |  |

RESOLUTIONS

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| 67. | Appoint – Deputy City Treasurer |
|  | Presented by Councilmember  | Parker | Seconded by Councilmember  | Iannotti |
|  | Discussion: Spritzer confirmed start date of November 8th. Tom Herr, the newly appointed part time Treasurer recommender her appointment. |
|  | Ayes: 5 |  |  |
|  | Noes: 0 |  |  |
|  | Absent: 0  |  |  |
|  | Abstain: 0 |  |  |

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| 68. | Agreement – Intermunicipal Agreement with County of Fulton; Tyler Technologies |
|  | Presented by Councilmember  | Spritzer | Seconded by Councilmember  | Hayner |
|  | Discussion: None |
|  | Ayes: 5 |  |  |
|  | Noes: 0 |  |  |
|  | Absent: 0  |  |  |
|  | Abstain: 0 |  |  |

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| 69. | Agreement – Intermunicipal Agreement with County of Fulton; IT with Tyler Technologies |
|  | Presented by Councilmember at Large | Talarico | Seconded by Councilmember  | Hayner |
|  | Discussion: Parker asked Chief Gilbo if this is something they have worked with before. Gilbo stated this is a new Records Management System. |
|  | Ayes: 5 |  |  |
|  | Noes: 0 |  |  |
|  | Absent: 0  |  |  |
|  | Abstain: 0 |  |  |

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| 70. | Agreement – Auctions International |
|  | Presented by Councilmember  | Hayner | Seconded by Councilmember  | Iannotti |
|  | Discussion: Mayor stated this is the company we use to sell used city vehicles and equipment. |
|  | Ayes: 5 |  |  |
|  | Noes: 0 |  |  |
|  | Absent: 0  |  |  |
|  | Abstain: 0 |  |  |

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| 71. | Change Order – Miller Street Bridge |
|  | Presented by Councilmember | Iannotti | Seconded by Councilmember at Large  | Talarico |
|  | Discussion: Iannotti noted that the Engineer said materials are here. Mayor hopes that bridge will be completed by end of year. |
|  | Ayes: 5 |  |  |
|  | Noes: 0 |  |  |
|  | Absent: 0  |  |  |
|  | Abstain: 0 |  |  |

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| 72. | Surplus Vehicles – Scrap/Dispose |
|  | Presented by Councilmember | Parker | Seconded by Councilmember  | Hayner |
|  | Discussion: Mayor stated the vehicles are no longer of use to city, vehicles are in bad condition and cant be sold. |
|  | Ayes: 5 |  |  |
|  | Noes: 0 |  |  |
|  | Absent: 0  |  |  |
|  | Abstain: 0 |  |  |

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| 73. | City owned property – 111 North Market Street |
|  | Presented by Councilmember | Spritzer | Seconded by Councilmember  | Parker |
|  | Discussion: William Stock is anxious to get started on repairing the building. Does not intend to dig on property. Plans include new roof, fix exterior of property, eventually will blacktop. Intends to have office space within one year. |
|  | Ayes: 5 |  |  |
|  | Noes: 0 |  |  |
|  | Absent: 0  |  |  |
|  | Abstain: 0 |  |  |

DISCUSSION – N/A

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Annual Fall Festival and Kids Costume Parade – Saturday, October 23rd 12:00 – 2:00 pm
2. Trick or Treat – Sunday, October 31st from 6:00 - 8:00 pm
3. Colonial Little Theater Trick or Treat – Sunday, October 31st from 5:00 – 9:00 pm
4. Election Day, Tuesday, November 2nd
5. Election Day Spaghetti Dinner at First Presbyterian Church from 4:00 – 7:00 pm
6. Veterans Day, November 11th – City offices closed
7. Business Meeting – Monday, November 15, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.
8. Mayor announced that there is a new map of the city high points on the Visitor’s Booth in the park on Main Street. Mr. Lakata prepared it, an anonymous donor paid for the map.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member at Large made a motion to enter in to executive session at 6:21 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of proposed, pending and current litigation.

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

No action was taken during executive session.

Council Member Hayner made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:16 p.m.

Seconded – Council Member Iannotti

Discussion - None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

MOTION TO ADJOURN at 7:16 p.m.

Council Member Iannotti

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Respectfully submitted,



Carrie M. Allen

City Clerk