Johnstown Common Council

Business Meeting - Council Chambers, City Hall

Monday, October 21, 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 – N/A

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 | Bruce Heberer, 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

Scott Jeffers

Christopher J. Vose

Michael J. Poulin – arrived at 6:31 p.m. for executive session

PUBLIC SPEAKERS – N/A

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – N/A

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance; parking limited

Opened at 6:01 p.m.

* No comments / discussion

Closed at 6:17 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS – N/A

PROCLAMATIONS – N/A

APPROVE MINUTES – September 16, 2019

Motion to approve – Council Member Iannotti

Seconded – Council Member at Large Talarico

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Jeffers)

Abstain: 0

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

Motion to approve – Council Member Iannotti

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| General Fund A | * Unpaid | Abstract # | 4698 | $ | 212,904.40 |
| General Fund A | * Paid | Abstract # | 10/2019A | $ | 1,152,990.11 |
| Sewer Fund G | * Unpaid | Abstract # | 765 | $ | 118,175.56 |
| Sewer Fund G | * Paid | Abstract # | 10/2019G | $ | 457.01 |
| Voucher Fund VO | * Paid | Abstract # | 10/2019VO | $ | 43,298.40 |

Seconded – Council Member Martin

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Jeffers)

Abstain: 0

CITY OFFICIALS’ REPORTS

* Fire/Codes
  + - Fire: Continued in-service training on operations at multi-agency hazmat incidents. Gearing up for a county-wide drill on December 11th.

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|  | 200 | Calls for service |
|  | 2 | Structure fires |
|  | 11 | Motor vehicle accidents |
|  | 0 | Mutual aid |
|  | 35 | Hazardous conditions |
|  | 135 | Emergency Medical Service |
|  | 17 | Service Calls |

Codes: Conducted training on installation and inspections of fire alarm systems.

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|  |  | 59 | Permits issued |
|  | $ | 322,766.00 | Estimated cost of construction |
|  | $ | 2,232.00 | Fees collected |
|  |  | 825 | Inspection and complaint responses |

EMS great interaction with community. Heberer thanked Mayor and Council for taking over this endeavor. It has been positive and income should be where projected, which will pay for ambulance and staffing. To date, approx. 1000 EMS calls, 100 answered by other agencies. Doing well.

Mayor took moment to congratulate Firefighter Van Every for receiving Congressional Award from Congresswoman Stefanik for life saving efforts. 2 GAVAC members were also recognized.

* Police

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|  | 821 | Calls for service |
|  | 104 | Criminal cases were generated |
|  | 63 | Arrests |
|  | 77 | Citations |
|  | 67 | Traffic |
|  | 10 | Parking |
|  | 43 | Traffic accidents investigated |

* + October 20th new officer, Jake Arrunategui, started as is currently in field training.
  + Portion of the PBA members are participating in No Shave November. Charity chosen is the NOAH Program. Officers make donation in order to participate. Community can contact St. John’s Church or Officer Seth Mitchell if they would like to donate to NOAH.
  + Next month he will present formal law changes that take effect January 1st. Several police agencies feel the changes are a major threat to the safety and security of community and to victims. Ex. law changes regarding bail reform, discovery reform.

Mayor thanked departments for help at Harvest Fest.

* DPW
  + Engineer is away at NYCOM Conference; report on file.
* Senior Center
* 2000+ visitors in September
* Ongoing activities include bridge, pool league, mahjong, knitting & crocheting
* Classes - Chair Yoga, Yoga, Tai Chi; will be looking for a new instructor
* Thanked Fire Dept. for training on fire extinguisher use on Oct. 3rd
* Oct. 10 50+ Club Anniversary Luncheon
* Open Mic will no longer be offered at Center
* Wednesday, will meet to discuss the upcoming Pacific Northwest trip
* Thursday, Halloween covered dish
* Oct. 31st soup and sandwich, corn hole tournament
* Nov. 5th Election Day Bake sale
* Nov. 7th Tom Roller will speak on Year of the Glove
* Nov. 14th Don Williams will speak on History of Glove Making
* Internal Control Officer
* Procurement Policy, expanding to include public bidding

* Treasurer
  + Working on budget

Mayor thanked the dept. heads for decent budget requests. Commented that the City is currently looking at no property tax increase for 2020.

LIAISONS’ REPORTS

* Brad Hayner, Water Board – Attended the Special Meeting beginning of the month. Went in to Executive session, dismissed city attorney stating services weren’t needed. Decided to purchase a postage machine; believes total is $4,000. City Hall has postage machine for use by all departments but they don’t feel they should have to come to City Hall. Passed a Resolution to allow the clerk to sign checks up to $1,000. They made mention that City Council wastes money; $30,000 on an ambulance.

Craig Talarico attended the regular meeting as Hayner was unable to attend. Reported that the Dam Phase 2 Project is now in hands of Mike Gifford’s office, Sand filter replacement may be done by today. Motion for CT Male to provide consulting services to connect water service for about 30 homes on Route 67.

* Kathi Iannotti, Assessor’s Office – N/A
* Kathi Iannotti, Planning Board – N/A
* Helen Martin, Joint Sewer Board – N/A

ORDINANCE

* 2 , 2019 presented by Council Member Hayner to amend Section 20; Section 20-209. Remove Two Hour Parking on North William Street and add No Parking between West Main Street & Church Street.

Seconded – Council Member Iannotti

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Jeffers)

Abstain: 0

RESOLUTIONS

* 74 , 2019 presented by Council Member Iannotti to authorize Mayor to execute an Agreement with Absolute Auction & Realty, Inc.

Seconded – Council Member Martin

Discussion: Hayner asked if this was the same company that came and gave a presentation; the Mayor responded that it was.

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Jeffers)

Abstain: 0

* 75 , 2019 presented by Council Member Martin to reappoint Leslie Buggelin-Bosworth to Board of Assessment Review.

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Jeffers)

Abstain: 0

* 76 , 2019 presented by Council Member at Large Talarico to authorize Mayor to execute Agreement with James A. Brennan Humane Society, Inc.

Seconded – Council Member Martin

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Jeffers)

Abstain: 0

* 77 , 2019 presented by Council Member Hayner to authorize Mayor to execute an Interagency Agreement with the Fulton County Sheriff’s Office for a camera software viewing station.

Seconded – Council Member Iannotti

Discussion: Iannotti asked where this would be put. Gilbo stated it is right at dispatch. If something is going on in Johnstown they have the ability to see what’s going on instead of just relying on what someone is saying. Still has to pass the Board of Supervisors. Talarico asked where the cameras are located. Gilbo stated all the Main Street cameras.

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Jeffers)

Abstain: 0

* 78 , 2019 presented by Council Member Iannotti to authorize budget amendments for 2019.

Seconded – Council Member at Large Talarico

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Jeffers)

Abstain: 0

* 79 , 2019 presented by Council Member Martin to waive the fee for marriage licenses for full time, active duty military.

Seconded – Council Member at Large Talarico

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Jeffers)

Abstain: 0

DISCUSSION – N/A

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Trick or Treat – Thursday, October 31st 6 – 8 p.m.
* Election Day – Tuesday, November 5th  . Early voting is available, call Board of Elections for dates and times.
* City Hall closed for Veterans Day – Monday, November 11th . Veterans Program will be held in the Park at 11 a.m.
* Business Meeting Monday, November 18th @ 6:00 p.m.
* Holiday Parade – Friday, December 6th

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6:29 p.m. Council Member at Large Talarico made a motion to enter executive session to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation.

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Jeffers)

Abstain: 0

Mayor excused dept. heads and members of the public.

7:15 p.m. Council Member Iannotti made a motion to exit executive session.

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Jeffers)

Abstain: 0

MOTION TO ADJOURN – 7:16 p.m.

Council Member – Iannotti

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Jeffers)

Abstain: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie M. Allen

City Clerk