

The Johnstown Common Council held their Committee Meeting on March 2, 2015 at 7:00p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT:

Michael B. Julius	: Mayor
Christopher Swatt	: Council Member-at-Large
Cynthia Lakata	: Council Member
Kathi Iannotti	: “ “
Helen Martin	: “ “
Brett Preston	: City Attorney
Michael Heberer	: Asst. Fire Chief
Christopher Vose	: City Engineer
Michelle Jones	: Senior Center Director
Erica Wing	: Library Director
Cathy A. VanAlstyne	: City Clerk

ABSENT:

Frank Parker	: City Assessor
Michael Gifford	: City Treasurer
Edwin Queeney III	: Council Member

Mayor Julius called the meeting to order and led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL – four council members present, one absent

APPROVE MINUTES – Council Member-at-Large Swatt made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2015 Business Meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Martin. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION – NEA’S Read Across America – read by Mayor Julius

PROCLAMATION – Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month – Mayor Julius read the proclamation. Wally Hart, Division Director of Community & Business Development, along with several clients of Lexington Center were present for the reading.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT – Helen James was appointed to the Charter Review Commission to replace Gary Locatelli who resigned.

CITY OFFICIAL’S REPORTS

LIBRARY – Director Erica Wing reported the State has completed an audit of the library and has release their report. Libraries are randomly selected for auditing. The report is available to the public.

SENIOR CENTER – Director Michelle Jones reported the 50+ Club will hold a St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon on March 17th, with bag pipes as entertainment.

AARP has assigned an additional tax preparer at the center on Wednesdays from 9am-2pm. Appointments are necessary.

POLICE DEPT. – Chief Mark Gifford reported they are conducting indoor in-service training in hazmat, blood born pathogens, domestic violence, magnetometer training and DWI enforcement.

DPW – City Engineer Christopher Vose reported snow removal continues day and night. The snowflake decorations have been removed from the light poles along Main St. DEC and the Dept. of Health held a public hearing concerning the Karg site prior to the Council meeting tonight from 5-7pm. Information is available in his office as well as the public library. Council Member-at-Large Swatt asked if there was a priority for cutting back the snow banks. Mr. Vose said that Main St., Perry St., State St. and areas around schools are a priority. Side streets will be done soon. NYS DOT takes care of the Arterial.

FIRE DEPT. – Asst. Chief Michael Heberer reported maintenance continues in the building. Code Office has been busy with permits. The Planning Board has three projects before them this month.

DISCUSSION

Council Member-at-Large Swatt brought up the discussion about Proliant pulling out of the Johnstown Industrial Park. He feels the landlord should be proactive and the City, as owner of the park, should be proactive. We need to be involved in the businesses that are looking to come into the industrial park. The Code Office discovered that there was an illegal sub-division of the lots by STAG, the landlord. Mayor Julius said that the City should be brought in much earlier in the process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charter Review Commission will meet on March 4th and March 26 at 6:30p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

Council Member Martin announced the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women's Consortium Symposium will be held at BOCES on March 21st from 8:30-3:30. Registration forms are available at the public library or from members.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Iannotti and seconded by Council Member Martin.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy A. VanAlstyne, City Clerk