

The Johnstown Common Council held their Business Meeting on April 20, 2015 at 7:00p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT:

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

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

ROLL CALL – all council members present.

PUBLIC SPEAKER – Paul Chamberlain, 122 Hoosac St. owns property at 9 W. Fulton St. He has a complaint about children playing football in the street. He has spoken to them as well as their parents. Nothing is being done. Police drive by but they are still playing in the street. Someone is going to get hurt.

JOHNSON JOG – Ron and Pat Robinson, 133 Hall Ave., are planning the 4th Annual Johnson Jog to be held on May 16, 2015. This is a 5K walk/run event to benefit Johnson Hall. Blast from a 6” cannon will begin the race at 9a.m. Racers will pass many historical landmarks in Johnstown. Mayor Julius was invited to attend.

PUBLIC HEARING – Mayor Julius opened the public hearing to amend Ordinance, Chapter 20-209 to include no parking on the northeast side of John St.

APPROVE MINUTES – Minutes of the April 6, 2015 Committee Meeting were approved with a motion from Council Member Martin and seconded by Council Member Iannotti. Motion carried.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – Council Member Iannotti made a motion to pay the bills for the general audit and place on file in the City Treasurer’s Office. (report attached) Council Member Iannotti made a motion to pay the bills for the housing audit and place on file in the City Treasurer’s Office. Seconded by Council Member-at-Large Swatt. Motion carried. Council Member Queeney abstained from voting on the housing audit.

LIAISON'S REPORTS

POLICE DEPT. – Council Member Lakata reported the department received 664 calls resulting in 38 arrests, 24 parking tickets, 75 traffic tickets, and 38 motor vehicle accidents investigated.

FIRE DEPT. – Council Member Lakata reported the department received 59 calls for service that included 4 structure fires, 2 mutual aids, 4 motor vehicle accidents, 16 hazardous condition calls, 6 medical assists, 3 vehicle fires, 4 carbon monoxide calls and 20 calls for service. The Code Office issued 34 permits with an estimated cost of construction of \$250,522.00 and fees collected of \$1,120. Inspection and complaints totaled 365. Residents are reminded that the NYS burn ban is in effect until May 15th.

DPW – Council Member Iannotti reported the department has been doing routine maintenance and repairing potholes. A drainpipe at the Johnstown Little League field was rerouted. They will have to return in the summer to repair damage to the roadway. A sanitary sewer was corrected at the intersection of Grand and Byard St. Work continues on a stone sewer on Glebe St., between Main St. and Hoosac St. New catch basins were installed at Glebe and Main St. The brush drop off is now open. The street light in front of City Hall has been repaired. Lighting has been replaced in the city garage.

WATER DEPT. – Council Member Iannotti reported NYSDEC inspected the underground storage tanks. The Board discussed replacing the hammer drill attachment on the old John Deere tractor. The crew continues to change out the old meters and replace with new meter readers.

SENIOR CENTER – Council Member Martin reported AARP will hold a Defensive Driving Class on May 20th.

ASSESSOR – Notification of value determinations will be sent the week of April 27th. The 2015 Tentative Roll will be filed with the City Clerk on May 1, 2015.

LIBRARY – Council Member Martin reported the Mini Golf Fundraiser will be held this Saturday, April 25th from 10am-3pm. There are over 60 baskets for the raffle.

SEWER BOARD – Council Member-at-Large Swatt reported the cast system was on line in February. The result was savings in energy as well as financial. The problem was it created a foul odor. It was shut down and temporary covers installed. They are having new covers fabricated which should be a permanent solution. They have created a Hall of Fame to honor long time employees for their service.

Mayor Julius closed the public hearing at 7:20:p.m.

ORDINANCE No. 1, 2015 was presented by Council Member Lakata to amend Chapter 20-209, entitled Streets where parking is limited, to include the following in subsection © Schedule of Streets. John Street – No Parking Anytime on the northeast side of John Street, at the intersection with Akin Street. Seconded by Council Member Iannotti.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

RESOLUTION No. 19, 2015 was presented by Council Member-at-Large Swatt to appoint Lori Western as Commissioner of Deeds. Seconded by Council Member Martin.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

RESOLUTION No. 20, 2015 was presented by Council Member Lakata to authorize the Police Chief to transfer possession of the current License Plate Reader to the Fulton County District Attorney's Office. The Fulton County District Attorney's Office approved the purchase of a new reader for the Johnstown Police Department. Seconded by Council Member Iannotti.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

RESOLUTION No. 21, 2015 was presented by Council Member Martin to cover the following activities under the City's insurance: Memorial Day Parade, Summerfest, Motorcycle Show, Harvest Festival, Veterans' Day Program and Colonial Stroll. Seconded by Council Member Lakata.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

RESOLUTION No. 22, 2015 was presented by Council Member Martin to advertise for a public hearing to amend Chapter 20-209 to include Warren Street – No parking during school hours on both sides of the roadway, from the intersection of Wells Street to a point 240' northwest of aforesaid intersection. Seconded by Council Member-at-Large Swatt.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

RESOLUTION No. 23, 2015 was presented by Council Member-at-Large Swatt to erect Slow Children Playing signs on both sides of W. Main St. in the area of the Johnstown Little League Park. Seconded by Council Member Martin.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

RESOLUTION No. 24, 2015 was presented by Council Member Iannotti to advertise for RFPs for consulting services for the assessment of City owned facilities to reduce energy consumption. Seconded by Council Member-at-Large Swatt.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mini Golf Fundraiser at the Library – April 25, 2015 from 10am-3pm

Charter Review Commission Meeting at City Hall – April 29, 2015 at 6:30pm

Council Member Iannotti made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:28p.m., to discuss litigation and real property issues. Seconded by Council Member Lakata. Motion carried.

Motion to come out of executive session was made by Council Member Lakata at 7:52p.m. Seconded by Council Member-at-Large Swatt. Motion carried.

Council members discussed attending the next Charter Review Commission Meeting as a group. They agreed to review the current Charter and come to the next meeting with their suggestions for revision.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member-at-Large Swatt at 8:05p.m. Seconded by Council Member Lakata. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. VanAlstyne
City Clerk