

The Johnstown Common Council held their Business Meeting on April 18, 2016 at 7:00p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT:

Michael B. Julius	: Mayor
Christopher Swatt	: Council Member-at-Large
Bradley Hayner	: Council Member
Kathi Iannotti	: “ “
Helen Martin	: “ “
Michael Poulin	: City Attorney
Bruce Heberer	: Fire Chief
Mark Gifford	: Police Chief
Michelle Jones	: Senior Center Director
Erica Wing	: Library Director
Michael Gifford	: City Treasurer
Cathy A. VanAlstyne	: City Clerk

ABSENT:

Vernon Jackson	: Council Member
Christopher Vose	: City Engineer

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

ROLL CALL – one council member absent

PRESENTATION – JOHNSON JOG – Ron Robinson was present along with his wife Pat and Friends of Johnson Hall President Wanda Burch. Mr. Robinson is asking for the city’s help this year with the Johnson Jog which is a 5K run/walk fundraising event. The event will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9am. They are using the same route as in the past. The police department is being asked to man the two major intersections and volunteers will man the remaining. DPW will supply barricades for Hall Ave.

INTRODUCTION – Council Member Martin introduced Wallace Arnold to the Council and Dept. Heads. Mr. Arnold is the new plant manager of the Gloversville-Johnstown Waste Water Treatment Facility.

MINUTES – The minutes of the March 21, 2016 Business Meeting were approved with a motion from Council Member Martin and seconded by Council Member-at-Large Swatt.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – Council Member Iannotti reported under General Fund unpaid total \$108,890.70. Under General Fund paid total \$641,594.45. Capital Fund unpaid \$80,921.51; Sewer Fund paid \$637.89; Sewer Fund unpaid \$2,354.90; Voucher Fund BL paid \$42,927.60. Council Member Iannotti made a motion to pay the bills and place on file in the City Treasurer’s Office.

## CITY OFFICIAL'S REPORTS

FIRE DEPT. – Chief Heberer reported in March they received 49 calls for service that included 5 structure fires, 6 motor vehicle accidents, 10 hazardous call, 8 medical assistance calls and 28 calls for service. The Code Office issued 53 permits with an estimated cost of construction of \$348,569.00 and \$1,826.00 in permit fees. The Code Office conducted 435 inspections. A reminder that the burn ban is in effect until May 16<sup>th</sup>.

POLICE DEPT. – Chief Gifford reported in March the departed received 638 calls resulting in 30 arrests, 16 parking tickets, 33 traffic tickets and 25 traffic accidents investigated. In this year's budget, they requested to purchase a new police car. They don't make the Chevy any longer so they are going with the State contract bid for a Dodge Charger. The City Treasurer has made adjustments to the budget. The increase is \$1,200.

SENIOR CENTER – Director Michelle Jones reported Parkers Flowers will be at the center on Thursday to talk about plants and gardening. AARP tax consultants are done for the year. They had three consultants this year and did 175 tax returns. Smart Driving classes will begin soon and run until November. Older Americans Month is being celebrated with Senior Week May 9-13 at the center. All classes held that week will be free.

LIBRARY – Director Erika Wing reported the annual mini golf fundraiser held last Saturday was a success. Sixty-seven baskets were raffled. Writing Workshops start this Wednesday for three consecutive weeks. A financial aid workshop will be held this Thursday for high school students considering college. May 5<sup>th</sup> they will have a repeat of the social security workshop.

CITY TREASURER – Mike Gifford reported on the first quarter sales tax. It was approximately \$900,000 for the first quarter which would mean \$3,600,000 for the year. The budget is slightly more than that so he is not concerned about making the budget. His concern is revenue is flat and expenditures keep going up. This budget will be a very difficult one and he asks the council to keep in mind that revenue is flat and expenditures are rising.

SEWER BOARD – Council Member Martin reported that she and two other Sewer Board Members attended the State awards ceremony in Syracuse last week and the Gloversville-Johnstown Wastewater Treatment Facility received the Regional Award for their CAST system and also received the State Award. This was quite an honor for the facility.

ASSESSOR – Council Member-at-Large Swatt reported the Tentative Roll will be filed in the City Clerk's Office on May 1<sup>st</sup>. It will be available for inspection Monday-Friday from 8am-4pm. Grievance Day is May 24<sup>th</sup> from 4-8pm.

RESOLUTION No. 35, 2016 was presented by Council Member Martin to approve a sewer connection requested from Christopher and Megan Rizzo, owners of Chris Rizzo Trucking located at 1511 St.Hwy. 29A in the Town of Johnstown. Seconded by Council Member Iannotti.

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 Jackson

RESOLUTION No. 36, 2016 was presented by Council Member-at-Large Swatt to accept the offer from Kurt Ackerknecht for 35 Yost St. Seconded by Council Member Martin.

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 Jackson

RESOLUTION No. 37, 2016 was presented by Council Member Hayner to accept an offer from Michael LaVoie for 104 Hoosac St. Seconded by Council Member-at-Large Swatt.

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 Jackson

RESOLUTION No. 38, 2016 was presented by Council Member Iannotti to reject bids received for certain properties. Seconded by Council Member-at-Large Swatt.

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 Jackson

RESOLUTION No. 39, 2016 was presented by Council Member-at-Large Swatt to offer for private sale vacant land on Chestnut St. Property was put out to bid and no bids received. Seconded by Council Member Martin.

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 Jackson

RESOLUTION No. 40, 2016 was presented by Council Member Hayner to authorize an agreement with Systems East, Inc. for software and support services. Seconded by Council Member Iannotti.

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 Jackson

RESOLUTION No. 41, 2016 was presented by Council Member Martin to update the schedule of permit fees issued by the Code Office. Seconded by Council Member Iannotti.

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 Jackson

RESOLUTION No. 42, 2016 was presented by Council Member Iannotti to rescind Resolution No. 31, 2016. Seconded by Council Member-at-Large Swatt.

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 Jackson

RESOLUTION No. 43, 2016 was presented by Council Member Iannotti to authorize and direct the City Treasurer to collect the tax levy per the 2016 Tax Warrant. Seconded by Council Member Martin.

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 Jackson

RESOLUTION No. 44, 2016 was presented by Council Member-at-Large Swatt to offer certain properties that were put out to bid but no bids received, for private sale. Seconded by Council Member Martin.

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 Jackson

RESOLUTION No. 45, 2016 was presented by Council Member Martin authorizing the submission of a grant application for a \$405,000 Community Block Grant on behalf of Johnstown Renewables LLC.

Seconded by Council Member-at-Large Swatt.

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 Jackson

RESOLUTION No. 46, 2016 was presented by Council Member Hayner to approve an additional 40,000 of water per day to the proposed FMCC Global Village Project. Seconded by Council Member Iannotti

Ayes: 3

Noes: 0

Abstains: 1 Swatt

Absent: 1 Jackson

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

City wide garage sale will be May 20, 21 & 22.

Memorial Day Parade is Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council Member Iannotti made a motion at 7:40p.m., to enter into executive session for the discussion of pending litigation. Seconded by Council Member Martin. Motion carried.

Council Member-at-Large Iannotti made a motion at 7:45p.m., to come out of executive session, seconded by Council Member Martin. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION – The Council discussed the assessments of ProBuild and Senzio's property and are accepting the recommendations of the City Assessor.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member-at-Large Swatt at 7:57pm, and seconded by Council Member Hayner. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. VanAlstyne  
City Clerk