

The Johnstown Common Council held a Committee Meeting on September 6, 2016 at 5:30p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT:

Cynthia S. Lakata	: Mayor
Bradley Hayner	: Council Member
Kathi Iannotti	: “ “
Helen Martin	: “ “
Vernon Jackson	: “ “
Mark Gifford	: Police Chief
Cathy A. VanAlstyne	: City Clerk

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

ROLL CALL – all council members present

APPROVE MINUTES – The minutes of the August 15, 2016 Business Meeting were approved with a motion from Council Member Iannotti and seconded by Council Member Jackson. Motion carried.  
Council Member Martin abstained.

RESOLUTION No. 74, 2016 was presented by Council Member Martin to authorize and execute documents necessary to submit an application to obtain a grant to safeguard local tactical teams. Seconded by Council Member Jackson.  
Discussion: Council Member Jackson asked Chief Gifford if we have received money from this program in the past. Chief Gifford said yes and that we apply every other year. On the off year the City of Gloversville does. It is a joint regional emergency response team and we are into this for \$200,000 and this one is for \$300,000. We will have three years to spend the money. Training and equipment is very expensive. This is Federal money.

Ayes: 4  
Noes: 0

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Lakata has forwarded information she received on Land Banks to the council members. They are looking it over and will be coming to a conclusion in the near future.

Mayor Lakata said the County has hired a company called River Street Planning. They are working on creating a ten year vision for the County. Mayor Lakata had a request from Jim Mraz to participate in these discussions as the mayor. She declined because she is only here for a few months. If someone is going to participate it should be her successor who would be here to see through some of the work. She doesn't feel it is her place to start something that she wouldn't be able to see through. The County had asked for information on our plans for downtown and future housing, retail, etc. Potential sites for new housing and buildings that could be renovated. She responded by mentioning the Comprehensive Plan that was adopted in 2008 and that we did have property on Hoosac St. and Linden Ave. that we would consider potential sites for new housing. The County has already been meeting and now are working on a draft vision. Mayor Lakata said this may be a good time to review our Comprehensive Plan. When it was adopted in 2008 it was with the intention that it would be reviewed periodically.

Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Martin and seconded by Council Member Hayner. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. VanAlstyne, City Clerk