Johnstown Common Council

Business Meeting - Council Chambers, City Hall

Monday, April 15, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Vernon F. Jackson, Mayor

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 | Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk |
| Bradley Hayner, Council Member | Bruce Heberer, Fire Chief |
| Kathi Iannotti, 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, City Internal Control Officer |

ABSENT  
Helen Martin, Council Member

Michael J. Poulin, City Attorney

RECOGNITION

* Christopher Duesler, Department of Public Works – 30 years of service
* Johnstown High School A.P.P.L.E. Students – Sean Russo’s Advanced Placement Politics Leadership and Economics (A.P.P.L.E.) course competed and earned an award in the “We the People” competition at Martin Luther King Jr. High School in Manhattan.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

* Assemblyman Robert Smullen thanked the city for allowing him to have an office in city hall and for welcoming him in the City. He was present tonight to listen in on the meeting, to know better as to what is going on in the city of Johnstown.
* Ron Robinson, spoke about the 5K Triple Crown: Run for the Roses May 4th, Johnson Jog May 18th & Lexington Fun June 8th. Proceeds benefit community. He thanked the police, department of public works and city hall for support.

PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance; No Parking Michael Circle & Robin Circle

Mayor Jackson opened the Public Hearing at 6:08 p.m.

- No comments or questions

Mayor Jackson closed the Public Hearing at 6:25 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES – February 19, 2019

Motion to approve – Council Member Iannotti

Seconded – Council Member at Large Talarico

Discussion: None

Ayes: 3

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Martin)

Abstain: 1 (Hayner)

APPROVE MINUTES – March 18, 2019

Motion to approve – Council Member Iannotti

Seconded – Council Member at Large Talarico

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Martin)

Abstain: 0

APPROVE MINUTES – April 8, 2019

Motion to approve – Council Member Iannotti

Seconded – Council Member at Large Talarico

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Martin)

Abstain: 0

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

Motion to approve – Council Member Iannotti

* General Fund A – unpaid; Abstract #4572 – $95,023.34
* General Fund A – paid; Abstract #04/2019A – $779,962.75
* Sewer Fund G – unpaid; Abstract #744 – $103,995.35
* Sewer Fund G – paid; Abstract #04/2019G – $782.42
* Voucher Fund VO – paid; Abstract #04/2019VO – $44,385.20

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Martin)

Abstain: 0

CITY OFFICIALS’ REPORTS

* Fire/Codes
  + - Fire: attended in service training on CPR and First Aid. Responded to 149 calls for service; 3 structure fires, 10 motor vehicle accidents, 11 hazardous conditions, 100 medical assistance and 25 service calls.
    - Codes: training on drainage and waterproofing. 34 permits issued, estimated cost of construction/renovation $297,365.00, fees collected $1,715.00. Conducted 689 inspections and complaint responses.
    - NYS Burn Ban is in effect until May 15th
    - Has attempted to contact O’Reilly’s Auto as to the construction status but has been unsuccessful speaking to anyone.
* Police
  + - 745 calls for service; 93 criminal cases were generated, 63 arrests, 165 citations; 128 traffic & 37 parking, 23 traffic accidents investigated.
    - Officer attended Tactical Team Leadership Course
    - Officer attended School Resource Officer Training
    - 2 supervisors attended leadership in law enforcement
    - SWAT Officer graduates Friday
    - Surveys are still be conducted by FMCC; trying to reach goal of 300 residential
    - Chief Gilbo would like to stress that the department will be looking at motorcycle speed within the city, it’s become an increasing issue and the department will be heavily enforcing
* DPW
* Brush drop-off is now open to city residents; not commercial use – site is monitored
* Curb-side pick-up officially begins April 15th – May 10th
* Street Sweeper is out
* Arcadis completed quarterly inspection of closed landfill
* Looking in to updating training for DPW & Water Dept. employees
* Potholes are beginning to be addressed
* Senior Center
* 3000+ visitors in March
* Spring Bazaar was held on April 13th; was very well attended
* Open Mic Night Thursday April 18th
* Covered Dish April 25th w/ local author Heidi Sprouse
* Meteorologist Craig Adams from Channel 6 May 2nd
* Garage Sale May 3rd
* Senior Golf League starts May 8th at Holland Meadows
* Veterans Photographs May 9th
* Meteorologist Steve Caporizzo from Channel 10 & James A. Brennan Human Society to talk about Pet Connection May 16th
* Treasurer
* Mayor introduced and welcomed the City’s new Internal Control Officer, Darryl Purinton
* City tax collection, balances due without penalty April 30th
* Working on year-end figures for Financial Report for auditing firm & also Security and Exchange Commission
* Have begun looking in to some of the city’s internal control systems

LIAISONS’ REPORTS

* Water Board, Brad Hayner
* Thomas Simek has resigned, new board member was appointed: Brandon Lyon
* Ti- Sales spoke about the new Neptune brand meters that the board is considering purchasing to replace the current meters in city
* Kathi Iannotti, Assessor’s Office
* Tentative roll is complete. The county will process and print and will be on file in City Clerk’s office on May 1st
* Grievance Day is May 28th from 4-8 p.m.
* Kathi Iannotti, Planning Board
* Nothing to report.
* Helen Martin, Joint Sewer Board
* Absent; no report.

ORDINANCE

* 1, 2019 presented by Council Member Hayner to amend Chapter 20, Section 20-209, entitled Streets where parking is limited, to include the following in subsection (c) Schedule of Streets:

Robin Circle – “No Parking Any Time” on inside area of circle.

Michael Circle - “No Parking Any Time” on inside and outside area of circle.

Seconded – Council Member Iannotti

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Martin)

Abstain: 0

RESOLUTIONS

* 35, 2019 presented by Council Member Iannotti to advertise for a Public Hearing for Local Law #1, 2019 to amend City Charter.

Seconded – Council Member Jeffers

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Martin)

Abstain: 0

* 36, 2019 presented by Council Member Jeffers to authorize and direct Treasurer to collect the tax levy, per the 2019 Tax Warrant Tax Warrant.

Seconded – Council Member at Large Talarico

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Martin)

Abstain: 0

* 37, 2019 presented by Council Member at Large Talarico to adopt a Corrective Action Plan.

Seconded – Council Member Jeffers

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Martin)

Abstain: 0

* 38, 2019 presented by Council Member Hayner to accept an offer for 102 Wells Street.

Seconded – Council Member Iannotti

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Martin)

Abstain: 0

* 39, 2019 presented by Council Member Iannotti to designate banks for deposit w/ maximum limits

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Martin)

Abstain: 0

* 40, 2019 presented by Council Member Jeffers to authorize that NoSo Storage LLC be named owner of 11 Townsend Avenue.

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Martin)

Abstain: 0

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* City offices will close at noon on Friday, April 19th in observance of Good Friday
* Easter egg hunt; Main Street Park on Saturday, April 20th @ 10 a.m.
* Earth Day / Clean Energy Fair; Main Street Park on Saturday, April 27th 12-2 p.m.
* City wide Garage Sale, May 3rd – 5th
* City Wide Clean Up; Prindle Avenue.

- Thursday, May 9th 11a.m. – 7 p.m.

- Friday, May 10th 11a.m. – 7 p.m.

- Saturday, May 11th 7a.m. – 1 p.m.

* Business Meeting Monday, May 20th @ 6:00 p.m.
* Memorial Day Parade is set for Friday, May 24th @ 6:00 p.m.
* Recognize #22 Bike Shop in city. Won top award for best in show bicycle at a national competition

ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:35 p.m.

Council Member at Large Talarico

Seconded – Council Member Iannotti

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Martin)

Abstain: 0

Present:

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| Vernon F. Jackson, Mayor | Michael C. Gifford, City Treasurer |
| Craig Talarico, Council Member-at-Large | Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk |
| Bradley Hayner, Council Member | Darryl Purinton, Internal Control Officer |
| Kathi Iannotti, Council Member |  |
| Scott Jeffers, Council Member |  |

Discussion:

Darryl Purinton spoke on Investment Policy for the city.

COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:50 p.m.

Council Member Iannotti

Seconded – Council Member Jeffers

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Martin)

Abstain: 0

RESOLUTION

* 41, 2019 presented by Council Member Iannotti to adopt Investment Policy.

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Martin)

Abstain: 0

MOTION TO ADJOURN – 6:54 p.m.

Council Member Iannotti

Seconded – Council Member at Large Talarico

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Martin)

Abstain: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie M. Allen

City Clerk