



City of Johnstown

Meeting: Common Council, Business Meeting
 Date: Monday, April 21, 2025
 Time: 6:00 p.m.
 Location: Council Chambers, City Hall
 Presiding Officer: Amy Praught, Mayor

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Business Meeting Minutes

- CALL MEETING TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL-** (record of officials in attendance)

		PRESENT	ABSENT / EXCUSED	LATE
Amy Praught	Mayor	X		
Scott Jeffers	Council Member-at-Large	X		
Bradley Hayner	Council Member Ward 1	X		
Scott Miller	Council Member Ward 2		Excused	
Eric Parker	Council Member Ward 3	X		
Max Spritzer	Council Member Ward 4	X		
Thomas Herr	City Treasurer	X		
Michael M. Albanese	City Attorney	X		
Carrie M. Allen	City Clerk	X		
Larry O'Regan	Fire Chief	X		
David F. Gilbo	Chief of Police	X		
Christopher J. Vose	City Engineer	X		
Diedrie M. Roemer	Director, Senior Citizens Program	X		

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Persons wishing to address the Council regarding city business are permitted to speak for three (3) minutes. A council member will monitor Facebook during the session and read comments to the Council. There is no exchange of dialogue during this portion of the meeting. Profane language, obscene conduct, or disruptive comments are not acceptable and will not be allowed.

- N/A

4. SPEAKER / PRESENTATION

- Friends of the Forgotten Cat Rescue – No one present to speak

APPROVE MINUTES

- [Business Meeting – March 17, 2025](#)

Action Taken

Motion: Council Member Hayner Ayes: 4 Absent: 1 (Miller)
 Seconded: Council Member Parker Noes: 0 Abstain: 0

- [Special Meeting – March 21, 2025](#)

Action Taken

Motion: Council Member Parker Ayes: 4 Absent: 1 (Miller)
 Seconded: Council Member Jeffers Noes: 0 Abstain: 0

APPROVE CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

Action Taken

Motion: Council Member Parker Ayes: 4 Absent: 1 (Miller)
 Seconded: Council Member Hayner Noes: 0 Abstain: 0

- REPORTS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS** - Reports are attached and made part of the meeting minutes. The following questions were asked of the Departments:

Public Works:	Potholes are more than typical this year due to harsh winter, plants open next week and crews will be out. If residents have any curbs damaged please contact DPW and report Briggs St. Park update – will have a better plan for ice rink, making field house ADA compliant, new lighting for rink and b. court on timer, taking out terrace on Jansen Ave and creating diagonal parking, will remove trees and relocate to another area in park. Looking to have b. court and rink paved this year. Bandshell getting painted, will be removing trees that are too large for area and replacing with smaller; flowering pear Drop off is now open 7 days a week, curbside pickup is complete until fall
Fire/Code:	Garbage should not be placed out more than 12 hours before pickup day and cans removed within 12 hours after
Treasurer:	Should be ready to go out to bond the beginning of May

- **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL LIAISONS** – Reports and/or Minutes were read by the Liaison are attached and made part of the meeting minutes.

<u>Sewer Board:</u>	Eric Parker
Planning Board:	Scott Jeffers
Assessor’s Office:	Scott Jeffers

- **RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, LOCAL LAWS**

33.	Award Bid - Demolition			
<u>Action Taken</u>				
Motion:	Council Member	Hayner	Ayes: 4	Absent: 1 (Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member	Jeffers	Noes: 0	Abstain: 0
Discussion:	Structural engineer determined the bldg. needs to be demolished. June 30 th was listed as deadline in specs for demo			
34.	Award Bid – Parking Lots			
<u>Action Taken</u>				
Motion:	Council Member	Parker	Ayes: 4	Absent: 1 (Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member	Hayner	Noes: 0	Abstain: 0
Discussion:	2 lots on Main St. next to park, Evans garage site on S. Perry, S. Market St., and lot owned behind O’Conner’s on N. Perry St.			
35.	Award Bid – Townsend Ave Bridge Replacement			
<u>Action Taken</u>				
Motion:	Council Member	Spritzer	Ayes: 4	Absent: 1 (Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member	Parker	Noes: 0	Abstain: 0
Discussion:	Funding to be reimbursed by both federal and state			
36.	DOT Shared Services Agreement			
<u>Action Taken</u>				
Motion:	Council Member	Jeffers	Ayes: 4	Absent: 1 (Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member	Hayner	Noes: 0	Abstain: 0
37.	Property offer – 125 Washington St.			
<u>Action Taken</u>				
Motion:	Council Member	Hayner	Ayes: 4	Absent: 1 (Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member	Jeffers	Noes: 0	Abstain: 0
38.	Property offer – 9 Prospect St.			
<u>Action Taken</u>				
Motion:	Council Member	Parker	Ayes: 4	Absent: 1 (Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member	Spritzer	Noes: 0	Abstain: 0
39.	Appointment - Assessor			
<u>Action Taken</u>				
Motion:	Council Member	Spritzer	Ayes: 4	Absent: 1 (Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member	Jeffers	Noes: 0	Abstain: 0

40. W. State Street Bridge Selection - pulled

Action Taken - None

Motion:	Council Member	Ayes:		Absent:	
Seconded:	Council Member	Noes:		Abstain:	

41. Agreement - Solar On Earth

Action Taken

Motion:	Council Member	Hayner	Ayes:	4	Absent:	1 (Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member	Jeffers	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0
Discussion:	No cost to City-City will receive a credit on electricity bills					

• **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Colonial Little Theatre; Ride the Cyclone – April 25-27th and May 2-4th
2. Spring Rail Trail Festival – May 3rd @ Fairgrounds Park
3. City-wide Garage Sale – May 9-11th
4. City-wide Clean-up; May 15-17th – new location 422 N. Perry Street, fenced lot across from Elmwood Ave.
5. Business Meeting – May 19th @ 6:00pm

• **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Reason:	The proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property			Time In:	6:29pm	
Motion:	Council Member	Jeffers	Ayes:	4	Absent:	1 (Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member	Hayner	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0

Action Taken: None

				Time out:	6:38pm	
Motion:	Council Member	Hayner	Ayes:	4	Absent:	1 (Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member	Spritzer	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0

• **RESOLUTION**

42. Agreement – Convey property to IDA

Action Taken

Motion:	Council Member	Parker	Ayes:	4	Absent:	1 (Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member	Jeffers	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0

• **WATER GRIEVANCES**

1. Tabled grievance from March meeting – 103 Glebe St.
 Engineer recommended no adjustments – 3 Yost St., 14 Prospect St., 212 S. Melcher St., 905 S. Perry St.
 Leaks were found on property as per data log; of no fault of city or meters. Reports show that whatever leak there was has been rectified. Payment plan w/ Treasurer’s Office can be offered to her.

Action Taken: A Motion was made to accept recommendations of the City Engineer.

Motion:	Council Member	Hayner	Ayes:	4	Absent:	1 (Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member	Jeffers	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0

• **ADJOURN**

Time: 6:41pm

Motion:	Council Member	Hayner	Ayes:	4	Absent:	1 (Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member	Jeffers	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk