Johnstown Common Council

Business Meeting - Council Chambers, City Hall

Monday, August 16, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The proceedings of this meeting were taped for the benefit of the City Clerk; the minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings, therefore the minutes are not a word-for-word transcript.

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

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL – Vernon F. Jackson, Mayor

IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Vernon F. Jackson, Mayor | Michael C. Gifford, City Treasurer |
| Craig Talarico, Council Member-at-Large | Michael J. Poulin, City Attorney |
| Bradley Hayner, Council Member Ward 1 | Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk |
| Kathi Iannotti, Council Member Ward 2 | Bruce Heberer, Fire Chief |
| Eric Parker, Council Member Ward 3 | David F. Gilbo, Chief of Police |
| Max Spritzer, Council Member Ward 4 | Christopher J. Vose, City Engineer  Diedrie M. Roemer, Director, Senior Citizens Program |

ABSENT

Michael Gifford, Diedrie M. Roemer

PROCLAMATION / CITATION – N/A

PUBLIC SPEAKERS – N/A

PRESENTATIONS – N/A

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Amend Chapter 11; Transfer Station Charge
2. Amend Chapter 4; Dog Licensing
3. Amend Chapter 20; Nellis Ave. Stop Sign

Opened at 6:01 p.m.

* No Discussion
* No public comments received

Closed at 6:06 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES

July 19, 2021

Motion to approve – Council Member at Large Talarico

Seconded – Council Member Spritzer

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

July 28, 2021

Motion to approve – Council Member Hayner

Seconded – Council Member at Large Talarico

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

Motion to approve – Council Member Iannotti

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| General Fund A | * Unpaid | Abstract # | 5247 | - | $ | 87,513.97 |
| General Fund A | * Paid | Abstract # | 08/2021A | - | $ | 844,643.60 |
| Sewer Fund G | * Unpaid | Abstract # | 845 | - | $ | 149,295.96 |
| Sewer Fund G | * Paid | Abstract # | 08/2021G | - | $ | 458.80 |
| Voucher Fund VO | * Paid | Abstract # | 08/2021VO | - | $ | 49,071.60 |

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

CITY OFFICIALS’ REPORTS

Reports are attached hereto and made part of the meeting minutes.

* Parker asked Chief Heberer about the sidewalk being blocked off on W. Main Street. This is due to bricks falling from building, have it blocked off for public safety. Property owner is currently working on the building, should only be for another week.
* Chief Gilbo introduced the new police officer, Dakota Nemecek, lateral transfer from Gloversville. This brings the department up to full strength.
* Spritzer asked Chief Gilbo about the police reform plan and posting statistics. Gilbo stated this has already been done.
* Spritzer commended the DPW for the cleanup after the storm. Asked Vose for a brief update on the progress on Miller St. Bridge. Vose stated that the project has an expected completion date for the end November.

LIAISONS’ REPORTS

* Craig Talarico, Gloversville Johnstown Joint Sewer Board

No Report; meeting was rescheduled

* Bradley Hayner, Water Board

No Report; meeting was rescheduled to 8/16: same night as Council Meeting

* Kathi Iannotti, Planning Board

No Report, did not attend meeting.

Chief Heberer stated that two projects were approved; 4xHeaven & City Line Storage

* Kathi Iannotti, Assessor’s Office

No Report; assessor monthly report attached to meeting minutes

ORDINANCES

6. Amend Chapter 11; Transfer Station Charges

Presented by Councilmember Hayner Seconded by Councilmember Iannotti

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

7. Amend Chapter 4; Dog Licensing

Presented by Councilmember Iannotti Seconded by Councilmember Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

8. Amend Chapter 20; Nellis Ave. Stop Sign

Presented by Councilmember Parker Seconded by Councilmember Iannotti

Discussion: the Mayor asked Vose when the sign will be up. Vose responded early next week at the latest.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

RESOLUTIONS

1. Accept Bid – 2021 Street Resurfacing

Presented by Councilmember Spritzer Seconded by Councilmember Parker

Discussion: Parker stated the list of streets are available in the Engineer’s monthly report. Vose said the list will be adjusted to include additional streets as amount bid is under budget.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

1. Agreement – Systems East; Tax Collection Software

Presented by Councilmember at Large Talarico Seconded by Councilmember Hayner

Discussion: Spritzer asked if this was the same software the city’s been using. Mayor stated it is.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

1. Agreement – Fulton County; Snow & Ice Removal

Presented by Councilmember Hayner Seconded by Councilmember Iannotti

Discussion: Parker asked what this is for. County plows Maple Ave, in exchange for City plowing Glebe Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

1. Contract – Arcadis; professional services for Karg’s Site

Presented by Councilmember Iannotti Seconded by Councilmember Hayner

Discussion: Vose stated this is an annual requirement

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

1. Agreement – NYS Court System; court cleaning

Presented by Councilmember Parker Seconded by Councilmember Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

1. Advertise for Public Hearing – No Parking on West Canal Street

Presented by Councilmember Spritzer Seconded by Councilmember at Large Talarico

Discussion: Chief Gilbo stated street is not wide enough to offer on street parking

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

1. Agreement – St. Mary’s Hospital; Employee Assistance Program

Presented by Councilmember at Large Talarico Seconded by Councilmember Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

1. Agreement – Atlantic Testing Laboratories; infrastructure projects

Presented by Councilmember Hayner Seconded by Councilmember Iannotti

Discussion: Parker asked what the amount would be, as it’s not indicated in the Resolution. Vose stated it’s an hourly rate but doesn’t expect the amount to be over $4000. This could have done by a purchase order but Vose felt since they sent a contract we should do a Resolution for Council approval.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

DISCUSSION

* Iannotti asked Gilbo why the school signs are still up. Gilbo stated that until the sale of the property has closed and its reclassified he is going to leave the signs up. The school still owns the fields next to the building and they are still used. He willing be talking to Superintendent and see if they will still be using fields after the building is sold.
* Mayor read a letter commending on the care they received by the Johnstown Ambulance Service.
* Spritzer asked where patients are now air-lifted from now that the County has bought the old JAVAC building. Heberer stated that we use the Fulton County Airport, due to our close proximity.
* Mayor received information that the Clerk and Deputy were both selected and named to the Municipal Clerk’s Honor Roll for 2021, list of 200 clerks thought out the country.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Elizabeth Cady Stanton Statue unveiling – Thursday, August 26th @ 4:00 p.m.
2. City offices closed Monday, September 6th – Labor Day
3. Business Meeting Monday, September 20, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.
4. Greg Truckenmiller has moved out of the city and is no longer on the Assessment Review Board. Mayor is looking for someone to replace him on the board. Letters of interest should be sent to the attention of the Mayor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – N/A

MOTION TO ADJOURN at 6:27 p.m.

Council Member Iannotti

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Respectfully submitted,



Carrie M. Allen

City Clerk