



City of Johnstown

Meeting: Common Council, Business Meeting
 Date: Monday, August 18, 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		Absent	
Scott Miller	Council Member Ward 2		Absent	
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		
Cody Logan	Deputy City Clerk	X		
Larry O'Regan	Fire Chief		Excused	
Paul Stegal	Asst. Fire Chief	X		
David F. Gilbo	Chief of Police	X		
Christopher J. Vose	City Engineer	X		
Diedrie M. Roemer	Director, Senior Citizens Program	X		

- **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.

- **APPROVE MINUTES**

1. [Business Meeting – July 21, 2025](#)

Action Taken

Motion:	Council Member Spritzer	Ayes:	3	Absent:	2 (Hayner, Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member Jeffers	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0

- **APPROVE CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS**

Action Taken

Motion:	Council Member Parker	Ayes:	3	Absent:	2 (Hayner, Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member Spritzer	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0

- **[REPORTS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS](#)** - Reports are attached and made part of the meeting minutes.

- Recreation Field sidewalk replacement is are underway with additional work scheduled for later in the week.
- Updates were provided on demolition projects at N. Melcher and S. Perry Streets. Delays are due to utility cutoffs and hazardous material removal scheduling. Further structure investigation may be required for S. Parry Street.
- Townsend Avenue Bridge project proceeding on schedule; superstructure has been removed and new retaining walls are being installed.
- Street paving expected to begin the week of August 25th, with coordination planned to minimize school-related traffic disruptions.
- Streetlight replacement project anticipated in late fall/early winter.
- Energy efficiency upgrades are planned for City buildings.

– Ongoing traffic light issues at Main & Perry and West State Street are being addressed; parts have been ordered. Long-term replacement of antiquated signals is being planned.

• **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL LIAISONS** – Reports and/or Minutes are attached and made part of the meeting minutes.

Sewer Board: Eric Parker provided updates from meeting held on August 13th (minutes not yet available).
 – Working on getting CoGen to full capacity
 – Sewer plant received a \$50,000 engineering grant to study sludge reduction technologies.
 – Biogas digester project by FAGE remains under discussion.
 – Longtime lab technician retired after 37 years; new hires will begin in September.
 – \$5,154 worth of electricity generated was sold back to National Grid.
 – A new sewer rate model is potentially being developed for 2026.
 – 2024 audit completed with no significant issues.

Planning Board: Report read by Scott Jeffers
 Assessor’s Office: Report read by Scott Jeffers

• **RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, LOCAL LAWS**

63. Spectrum Franchise - Advertise for Public Hearing					
<i>Action Taken</i>					
Motion:	Council Member	Jeffers	Ayes:	3	Absent: 2 (Hayner, Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member	Spritzer	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0
64. Court Security Renewal					
<i>Action Taken</i>					
Motion:	Council Member	Parker	Ayes:	3	Absent: 2 (Hayner, Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member	Jeffers	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0
65. Agreement with CMFD/METRO IQ – IT Services					
<i>Action Taken</i>					
Motion:	Council Member	Parker	Ayes:	3	Absent: 2 (Hayner, Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member	Spritzer	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0
66. Purchase of Vehicle					
<i>Action Taken</i>					
Motion:	Council Member	Spritzer	Ayes:	3	Absent: 2 (Hayner, Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member	Jeffers	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0
67. Agreement w/ County; Snow Removal					
<i>Action Taken</i>					
Motion:	Council Member	Jeffers	Ayes:	3	Absent: 2 (Hayner, Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member	Parker	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0
68. Advertise for Public Hearing – Lexington Grant					
<i>Action Taken</i>					
Motion:	Council Member	Jeffers	Ayes:	3	Absent: 2 (Hayner, Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member	Parker	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0

• **WATER GRIEVANCES** – none

• **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Last summer concert in the park; Wednesday, August 20th
2. Elizabeth Cady Stanton Statue Dedication – Friday, August 22nd @ 5pm
3. Labor Day - Monday, September 1st; City offices closed
4. First Day of School is Thursday, September 4th – Chief Gilbo reminded the public to use caution.
5. Twilight Market – Thursday, September 18th @ 6pm
6. Business Meeting – September 15th @ 6:00pm

- EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Reason:	Proposed, Pending or Current Litigation			Time In:	6:27pm
Motion:	Council Member	Jeffers	Ayes:	3	Absent: 2 (Hayner, Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member	Spritzer	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0
<i>Action Taken:</i> None					
Motion:	Council Member	Spritzer	Ayes:	3	Absent: 2 (Hayner, Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member	Parker	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0

- RESOLUTIONS**

69. Administrative Action					
<i>Action Taken</i>					
Motion:	Council Member	Jeffers	Ayes:	3	Absent: 2 (Hayner, Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member	Spritzer	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0
70. Consulting Service – RBT Public Accountants					
<i>Action Taken</i>					
Motion:	Council Member	Parker	Ayes:	3	Absent: 2 (Hayner, Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member	Spritzer	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0

- ADJOURN**

Time: 7:23 pm					
Motion:	Council Member	Jeffers	Ayes:	3	Absent: 2 (Hayner, Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member	Spritzer	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0

Respectfully submitted,



Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk