



City of Johnstown

Meeting: Common Council, Business Meeting
 Date: Monday, August 19, 2024
 Time: 6:00 p.m.
 Location: Council Chambers, City Hall
 Presiding Officer: Amy Praught, Mayor

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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	X		
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		

- **MOMENT OF SILENCE** – Noel Levee, City Historian

- **MAYORAL APPOINTMENT**

32.	Appointment – Fire Chief			
<u>Action Taken</u>				
Motion:	Council Member	Jeffers	Ayes: 5	Absent: 0
Seconded:	Council Member	Hayner	Noes: 0	Abstain: 0
Discussion:	N/A			

- **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.

Speakers: N/A

- **PUBLIC SPEAKER**

Siemens Industry Inc. – Rail Trail lighting
 Looking to install lighting on the rail trail and no cost to the city. Will start with a one-mile section to test. Motion sensors will be installed at 50 ft increments and remain on for about 1 minute. Donations will be sought to complete the remaining 3 miles in Johnstown. Lighting will tie in to existing fencing or on 8 ft. poles. Will install markers to recognize donators. Will start a "lightthetrail.com" website to explain project and solicit for donations.

- **APPROVE MINUTES**

1.	Business Meeting – June 17, 2024			
<u>Action Taken</u>				
Motion:	Council Member	Miller	Ayes: 5	Absent: 0
Seconded:	Council Member	Spritzer	Noes: 0	Abstain: 0
Discussion:	N/A			

2. ~~Business Meeting July 15, 2024~~

Action Taken

Motion: Council Member Ayes: Absent:
Seconded: Council Member Noes: Abstain:
Discussion: No formal action taken. No business conducted on July 15th due to a lack of quorum.

• **APPROVE CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS**

Action Taken

Motion: Council Member Parker Ayes: 5 Absent: 0
Seconded: Council Member Hayner Noes: 0 Abstain: 0
Discussion: N/A

• **REPORTS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS** - Reports are attached hereto and made part of the meeting minutes.

The following questions were asked of departments:

Public Works: Finalizing list of streets. Paving must be completed by November 1st or face fines
Police: Parker asked why the new vehicles are black. Gilbo stated this is what is being produced and easier to get 2 new officers will be starting; will bring to next meeting for introductions
Fire/Code: Spritzer asked difference between ALS v BLS – all paramedics qualify as ALS
Treasurer: Hoping AUDs will be complete next month

• **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL LIAISONS** - Reports are attached hereto and made part of the meeting minutes.

Sewer Board: Eric Parker - Looking to bond for construction regarding the landslide
Work has begun on new electrical building (truck accident); settlement will pay for most.
Waiting on approval of Army Corp of Engineers regarding slope work
Administration building -improvements have been made regarding odor, seeing better moral from personnel
2023 Audit complete – not issues found
Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiations begin next year
Planning Board: Scott Jeffers - Foothills Daycare approved
Library looking to make landscaping changes – will need to come back with a more extensive plan for approval
Assessor’s Office: Scott Miller - 2024 Final Roll is complete and submitted to the NYS
New homeowners need to apply for the STAR Credit exemption directly with NYS
NYS now offers direct deposit of STAR Credit checks.
The Assessor’s Office continues to enter sales and work on the 2025 Roll

• **RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, LOCAL LAWS**

33. Unified Court System; Court Security Contract

Action Taken

Motion: Council Member Hayner Ayes: 5 Absent: 0
Seconded: Council Member Spritzer Noes: 0 Abstain: 0

34. Tax Collection Agreement w/ Fulton County

Action Taken

Motion: Council Member Miller Ayes: 5 Absent: 0
Seconded: Council Member Hayner Noes: 0 Abstain: 0

35. Appointment; Board of Assessment Review

Action Taken

Motion: Council Member Parker Ayes: 5 Absent: 0
Seconded: Council Member Jeffers Noes: 0 Abstain: 0

36. ProHousing Community

Action Taken

Motion: Council Member Spritzer Ayes: 5 Absent: 0
Seconded: Council Member Parker Noes: 0 Abstain: 0

Discussion: Adoption as ProHousing Community is necessary in order for City to apply for any state grants

37. Advertise city-owned properties for bid

Action Taken

Motion:	Council Member	Jeffers	Ayes:	5	Absent:	0
Seconded:	Council Member	Parker	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0

38. Accept Bids; 2024 ADA Sidewalks

Action Taken

Motion:	Council Member	Hayner	Ayes:	5	Absent:	0
Seconded:	Council Member	Miller	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0

39. Accept Bids; 2024 Street Resurfacing

Action Taken

Motion:	Council Member	Miller	Ayes:	5	Absent:	0
Seconded:	Council Member	Hayner	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0

40. Ambulance; Lease

Action Taken

Motion:	Council Member	Parker	Ayes:	5	Absent:	0
Seconded:	Council Member	Spritzer	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0

Discussion:

41. Ambulance; stretcher

Action Taken

Motion:	Council Member	Spritzer	Ayes:	5	Absent:	0
Seconded:	Council Member	Jeffers	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0

42. Tax Collection Software

Action Taken

Motion:	Council Member	Jeffers	Ayes:	5	Absent:	0
Seconded:	Council Member	Hayner	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0

43. Agreement for Fulton County Sewer District No. 5

Action Taken

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

Discussion: Miller asked if any I&I problems have been found. Vose stated that no one has come to city indicating so. Miller asked what the city owns. Vose said we own the sewer lines not the laterals. Gloversville owns their trunk line, Johnstown does not. Miller also inquired as to the dollar amount of the equitable distribution mentioned in the contract as it wasn't clear as to dollar amount or when would be paid. Mayor stated that Vose and Albanese had many discussions with the County and are comfortable with the final contract.

44. Authorize purchase of mowers

Action Taken

Motion:	Council Member	Miller	Ayes:	5	Absent:	0
Seconded:	Council Member	Jeffers	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0

• **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Harmony of Arts – Saturday, August 24th 10am - 9pm
2. Women's Equality Day – Monday, August 26th
3. City offices closed – Labor Day; Monday, September 2nd
4. Harvest Fest – Saturday, October 19th 12 - 4pm
5. Business Meeting – September 16th at 6:00

• **RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, LOCAL LAWS**

45.	Adopt Rules and Regulations of Water Department				
<u>Action Taken</u>					
Motion:	Council Member	Hayner	Ayes:	5	Absent: 0
Seconded:	Council Member	Parker	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0
Discussion:	N/A				
46.	Authorize settlement of outstanding water bills				
<u>Action Taken</u>					
Motion:	Council Member	Miller	Ayes:	5	Absent: 0
Seconded:	Council Member	Jeffers	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0
Discussion:	N/A				

• **EXECUTIVE SESSION (only if necessary)**

Reason:	Pending or current litigation			Time In:	6:44 pm
Motion:	Council Member	Jeffers	Ayes:	5	Absent: 0
Seconded:	Council Member	Spritzer	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0
<u>Action Taken:</u> None					
				Time out:	7:32 pm
Motion:	Council Member	Miller	Ayes:	5	Absent: 0
Seconded:	Council Member	Hayner	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0

• **ADJOURN**

Time:	7:35 pm				
Motion:	Council Member	Hayner	Ayes:	5	Absent: 0
Seconded:	Council Member	Miller	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0

Respectfully submitted,



Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk