Johnstown Common Council

Business Meeting - Council Chambers, City Hall

Monday, August 20, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

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

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL – Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Vernon F. Jackson, Mayor | Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk |
| Craig Talarico, Council Member-at-Large | Michael J. Poulin, City Attorney |
| Bradley Hayner, Council Member | Bruce Heberer, Fire Chief |
| Kathi Iannotti, Council Member | David F. Gilbo, Chief of Police |
| Timothy Cellary, Council Member | Christopher J. Vose, City Engineer |
|  | Diedrie M. Roemer, Director, Senior Citizens Program |
|  | Erica Wing, Library Director |
|  | Michael C. Gifford, City Treasurer |

ABSENT:

Helen Martin, Council Member

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

None

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

None

PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

APPROVE MINUTES – July 16, 2018

Motion to approve – Council Member Iannotti

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1; Martin

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

Motion to approve – Council Member Iannotti

* General Fund A – unpaid; Abstract #4412 – $78,627.83
* General Fund A – paid; Abstract #08/2018A – $1,068.897.79
* Sewer Fund G – unpaid; Abstract #712 – $4,668.00
* Sewer Fund G – paid; Abstract #08/2018G – $282,453.68
* Voucher Fund VO – paid; Abstract #08/2018VO – $46,163.40
* Capital 2013 Fund H13 – unpaid; #5 – $30,700.00

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1; Martin

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

* Fire/Codes
  + - Fire: Conducted in-service training on Apparatus Placement & Industrial Operations. Responded to 66 calls for service; 2 structure fires, 2 vehicle fires, 2 mutual aid calls to Gloversville, 10 motor vehicle accidents, 16 hazardous conditions, 12 medical assistance and 22 service calls.
    - Codes: Conducted training on NYS Building Code updates. 82 permits issued, estimated cost of construction/renovation $693,216.00, fees collected $2,771.50. Conducted 920 inspections and complaint responses.
    - Reminded public to get a permit before you begin work.
* Police
  + - Training; 1 supervisor & police secretary attended Accreditation Manger training course, 2 officers attended Glock Armorer training & 2 officers attended Response to Active Shooter training. Entire department has been through active shooter training course, with the exception of 1-2 officers who will be leaving over the course of the next year.
    - 667 calls for service; 118 criminal cases were generated, 50 arrests, 34 citations; 30 traffic & 4 parking, 30 traffic accidents investigated.
    - Reminded everyone that school starts September 5th – Watch for children and stop for school buses.
* DPW
  + - Street resurfacing will begin in September.
    - Miller Street Bridge – abutment drawings are back; will be installed soon.
    - DEC is still cleaning soil at HiWay Oil site.
* Senior Center
  + - 2019 trip planning meeting – at least 60 people attended
    - Lifeline screenings were held on August 14th – 58 people attended
    - Workforce Solutions – mature worker mini job fair for individuals age 50+ on August 29th from 10-12
    - Politicians will be coming to center to speak with seniors
    - Membership drive will begin in September, membership fees will be $15 regardless of residency
    - Primary election will be September 13, 2018
  + Library
* Draft application for the state should be back in September for the board of trustees to sign off to submit formally to begin the re-charter process.
* Treasurer
  + - Bond closing was completed and has been generated to counsel. There are a lot of documents, but feels the most beneficial would be to read the Standards and Poor’s Bond rating.

LIAISON REPORTS

* Kathi Iannotti, Planning Board meeting
  + - Miracle Ear is planning a 3,318 sq. ft. addition to their existing building. Public Hearing will be held September 4th
* Tim Cellary, Water Board August 13th meeting
  + - Christman Roof Project bid was awarded to Mid-State Industries for $316,000.00
    - Effective August 3rd the Water Dept. is now in control of FC Water District, water line #1

RESOLUTIONS

* 71, 2018 presented by Council Member Hayner to enter in to an agreement with the NYS Unified Court System for court security services.

Seconded – Council Member Iannotti

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1; Martin

* 72, 2018 presented by Council Member Iannotti to accept an offer for city owned property at 9-21 Hoosac Street (SBL #174.8-7-44.5)

Seconded – Council Member Cellary

Ayes: 3

Noes: 0

Abstain: 1; Hayner

Absent: 1; Martin

* 73, 2018 presented by Council Member-at-Large Talarico to accept LED Street Lighting RFQ proposal from Siemens Industry, Inc.

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1; Martin

* 74, 2018 presented by Council Member Cellary for City Engineer to advertise certain surplus city vehicles on auctionsinternational.com

Seconded – Council Member Iannotti

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1; Martin

DISCUSSION

* Mayor commended the following:
* Erica Wing and the Library staff for the kids programs this summer.
* Citizens Band, Doug Dougherty and Bill Ackerbauer for a great job this summer, band concerts were a crowd pleaser.
* Vintage Café for the Motorcycle Show.
* Council Member-at-Large Talarico commented on the following:
* Overall occupied properties in Johnstown look good.
* Garbage bags have become an issue in certain areas. Wanted to encourage residents to be mindful of their garbage, especially when animals get in them; need to clean up.
* He is going to talk with FC Solid Waste on perhaps offering residents a place to dispose of recyclables, especially during windy days.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Farmers Market is open in the Park on Main Street. Tuesdays from 3-6 p.m, until Tuesday, October 23rd
2. City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 3rd – Labor Day

MOTION TO ADJOURN – 6:23 p.m.

Council Member Iannotti

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1; Martin

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie M. Allen

City Clerk