



# City of Johnstown

Meeting: Common Council, Business Meeting  
 Date: Monday, December 16, 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		Excused	

- **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: Jacob of 6 Hamilton St.

- **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

- [Zoning Amendments](#)

Speakers: None

Opened: 6:05 pm

Discussion: None

Closed: 6:06pm

- **APPROVE MINUTES**

1. Business Meeting – November 18, 2024

Action Taken

Motion:	Council Member Hayner	Ayes:	4	Absent:	0
Seconded:	Council Member Spritzer	Noes:	0	Abstain:	1 (Miller)
Discussion:	None				

- **APPROVE CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS**

Action Taken

Motion:	Council Member Parker	Ayes:	5	Absent:	0
Seconded:	Council Member Jeffers	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0
Discussion:	None				

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

The following questions were asked of departments:

Public Works:  
 Police:  
 Fire/Code:  
 Treasurer:

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

Sewer Board: Eric Parker -  
 Planning Board: Scott Jeffers -  
 Assessor's Office: Scott Miller -

• **RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, LOCAL LAWS**

Ordinance #7. Amend Zoning

Action Taken

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

89. Add Linden Ave to property

Action Taken

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

90. Assessment Support Services

Action Taken

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

91. Budget Transfer

Action Taken

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

92. West State Street Bridge; Selection Committee

Action Taken

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

93. Surplus Equipment – Accept Bids

Action Taken

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

94. Surplus Equipment – No bids received

Action Taken

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

95. Surplus Equipment – Reject bid

Action Taken

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

Discussion:

96. Advertise for Public Hearing – No Parking

Action Taken

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

• **WATER GRIEVANCES** (only if necessary)

The City received the following grievances:

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| • 5 Baker            | • 105 Byard        | • 517 N. Perry     |
| • 5 Grove            | • 126 Cutter       | • 545 N. Perry     |
| • 5 Oak              | • 151 Co. Hwy. 107 | • 1278 St. Hwy. 67 |
| • 10 Horseshoe Drive | • 155 LaGrange     | • 3356 St. Hwy. 29 |
| • 12 N. Market       | • 326 Johnson      | • 3565 St. Hwy. 29 |
| • 13 Maplewood       | • 403 W. Main      | • 6 Spring         |
| • 18 Collingwood     | • 512 N. Market    | • 12 Matthew       |

A meeting was had to discuss the grievances and it was determined that the addresses above with the exception of 6 Spring and 12 Matthew found no issues on sites and leaks are internal or usage is higher.

- 6 Spring Street and 12 Matthew were determined to take corrective action due to either incorrect starting meter read or meter was leaking and contractor was last to touch – will take 3 last average use and rebill

• **DISCUSSION**

• **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. December 24<sup>th</sup>; Christmas Eve – City offices close at noon
2. December 25<sup>th</sup>; Christmas Day – City offices closed
3. January 1<sup>st</sup>; New Year’s Day - City offices closed
4. Garbage collection – double pickup on January 2<sup>nd</sup>
5. January 20<sup>th</sup>; Martin Luther King Jr. Day – City offices closed
6. Business Meeting – January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm

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

Reason: The proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property

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

Action Taken: None

					Time out:	6:47pm
Motion:	Council Member	Miller	Ayes:	5	Absent:	0
Seconded:	Council Member	Hayner	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0

• **RESOLUTION**

97. Authorize purchase of property

Action Taken

Motion:	Council Member	Jeffers	Ayes:	5	Absent:	0
Seconded:	Council Member	Hayner	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0
Discussion: None						

• **ADJOURN**

Time: 6:48pm

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk