 Johnstown Common Council

Special Meeting

Council Chambers, City Hall

Thursday, December 7, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.

**MINUTES**

This meeting was broadcast using Facebook Live. The public was able to view the meeting from the official City of Johnstown Facebook page: City of Johnstown, New York

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Amy Praught, Mayor

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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| [x] Amy Praught, Mayor | [x] Thomas Herr, City Treasurer |
| [x] Scott Jeffers, Council Member-at-Large  | [x] Michael M. Albanese, City Attorney  |
| [x] Bradley Hayner, Council Member Ward 1 | [x] Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk |
| [ ] Scott Miller, Council Member Ward 2 | [x] Bruce Heberer, Fire Chief w/ Jim McCready, Union President |
| [x] Eric Parker, Council Member Ward 3 | [x] David F. Gilbo, Chief of Police w/ Seth Mitchel, Union President |
| [x] Max Spritzer, Council Member Ward 4 | [ ] Christopher J. Vose, City Engineer[ ] Diedrie M. Roemer, Director, Senior Citizens Program |

ABSENT – Scott Miller (Chris Vose & Diedrie Roemer were excused from attending the Special Meeting)

PUBLIC SESSION – N/A

RESOLUTIONS

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| 79. | Accept donation of Armored Vehicle from Brink’s Armored Vehicle Program |
|  | Presented by Councilmember Hayner |  | Councilmember Parker |
|  | Discussion: Spritzer had questions as to what the vehicle would cost the City in terms of upkeep, insurance, etc. and what the vehicle is needed for. Gilbo stated that there isn’t an armored vehicle locally. When one has been needed in the past they’ve had to contact Albany or Syracuse. An armored vehicle is a means to providing safety to individuals for example during a standoff or active shooter situation. Other than insurance the vehicle would be no cost to the City. He would use the BOCES program to paint and DEA money to upfit the vehicle and to have it flatbed from Rhode Island.  |
|  | Ayes: 4 |  |  |
|  | Noes: 0 |  |  |
|  | Absent: 1 (S. Miller)Abstain: 0 |  |  |
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

* Council Member at Large Jeffers made a motion to enter in to executive session at 5:45 p.m. for the following reasons:
1. Personnel matter

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (S. Miller)

Abstain: 0

* + No formal action was taken during executive session.
* Council Member Hayner made a motion to come out of executive session at 6:47 p.m.

Seconded – Council Member Spritzer

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (S. Miller)

Abstain: 0

MOTION TO ADJOURN at 6:47 p.m.

Motion to Approve – Council Member Hayner

Seconded – Council Member Spritzer

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (S. Miller)

Abstain: 0

Respectfully submitted,



Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk