



City of Johnstown

Meeting: Common Council, Business Meeting
 Date: Tuesday, February 17, 2026
 Time: 6:00 p.m.
 Location: Council Chambers, City Hall
 Presiding Officer: Amy Praught, Mayor

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Business Meeting Minutes - Draft

- **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		Excused	
Vincent McCallum	Council Member Ward 2	X		
Eric Parker	Council Member Ward 3	X		
Max Spritzer	Council Member Ward 4	X		
Sue Conine	City Treasurer	X		
Michael M. Albanese	City Attorney		Absent	
Carrie M. Allen	City Clerk	X		
Cody Logan	Deputy City Clerk	X		
Larry O'Regan	Fire Chief	X		
David F. Gilbo	Chief of Police	X		
Christopher J. Vose	City Engineer		Excused	
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. Comments containing profane language, obscene material, threats, harassment, personal attacks, unproven allegations of criminal conduct, defamatory statements, or content involving minors, as well as comments unrelated to City business, will not be permitted and may be removed.*

- **PUBLIC SPEAKER**

1. HFM Prevention Council – Cancelled, no one present from Agency

- **PUBLIC HEARING**

1. CDBG Demolition Grant

Speakers: Jacob Glaghorn spoke that he hopes the city can get the grant because he sees that it's definitely needed. He sees how bad some of the properties look and that they need to be cleaned up. Opened: 6:01 pm
 Discussion: None Closed: 6:02 pm

- **PROCLAMATION**

1. Captain Eric Johnson - Mayor Praught presented a proclamation honoring Captain Eric Johnson for more than 30 years in law enforcement, including over 26 years of distinguished service with the Johnstown Police Department since May 17, 1999.

- **APPROVE MINUTES**

1. [Business Meeting – January 20, 2026](#)

Action Taken

Motion: Council Member Spritzer Ayes: 4 Absent: 1 (Hayner)
 Seconded: Council Member McCallum Noes: 0 Abstain: 0

2. [Special Meeting – February 5, 2026](#)

<u>Action Taken</u>					
Motion:	Council Member	Spritzer	Ayes:	4	Absent: 1 (Hayner)
Seconded:	Council Member	Jeffers	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0

• **APPROVE CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS**

<u>Action Taken</u>					
Motion:	Council Member	Parker	Ayes:	4	Absent: 1 (Hayner)
Seconded:	Council Member	Spritzer	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0
Discussion:	Parker noted that implementation of Tyler Technologies has significantly improved clarity and accessibility of financial documentation. The Mayor acknowledged the successful implementation and ongoing system integration.				

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

Public Works:	
Police:	– Promotional chain reaction underway due to retirement; review of eligibility lists in coordination with Fulton County and Gloversville.
	– Two vehicles pending final electronics installation; expected completion by month-end.
Fire/Code:	– Responded to a residential structure fire on O’Neil Avenue at approximately 4:00 a.m. Two elderly residents escaped unharmed. An oxygen cylinder explosion contributed to damage. Significant property damage; no injuries reported. Fire Department commended for rapid response and professionalism.
	– A firefighter is completing paramedic school in April, with ride time and state board exams to follow (anticipated completion by June).
	– The Mayor acknowledged the Foundation’s annual lease payment contribution for the City ambulance, noting the importance of the partnership.
Treasurer:	– January sales tax revenue up 7.4%.
	– Credit card processing issue under review.
Senior Center:	– “Meet the Mayor” luncheon scheduled for February 25th at 12:00 p.m.
	– March 1st: Breakfast buffet (8:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.), \$12 adults, \$5 children under 10.

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

Sewer Board:	Eric Parker
	– February 11 meeting summary provided.
	– Feasibility study approved with Arcadis Engineering related to plant expansion due to the Fahey project (completion deadline: May 1).
	– Aeration equipment refurbished and operational.
	– Ongoing valve replacement project.
	– Administrative Aide retiring February 27 (24 years of service); will remain as consultant.
	– Adrian Slade appointed Principal Account Clerk.
	– \$7,552 generated from energy resale.
Planning Board:	Scott Jeffers
	– James Chevrolet extension approved.
	– New bakery/café planned at former Hallmark building (primarily takeout model).
	– FAGE expansion project to be heard March 3rd at 4:00 p.m.
Assessor’s Office:	Max Spritzer
	– All exemptions due March 1st.
	– Senior citizen partial exemption income limit: \$29,999 (Tax Year 2024).
	– Renewal applications mailed February 11th.
	– Office continuing work on 2026 roll.

• **RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, LOCAL LAWS**

22. Technology Support Services					
<u>Action Taken</u>					
Motion:	Council Member	Parker	Ayes:	4	Absent: 1 (Hayner)
Seconded:	Council Member	Spritzer	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0

23. Fulton County Planning Services					
<u>Action Taken</u>					
Motion:	Council Member	McCallum	Ayes:	4	Absent: 1 (Hayner)
Seconded:	Council Member	Parker	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0

24. Johnstown Landfill Monitoring

Action Taken

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

25. Former Kargs Brothers Site Management

Action Taken

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

26. Authorize CDBG application

Action Taken

Motion:	Council Member Jeffers	Ayes:	4	Absent:	1 (Hayner)
Seconded:	Council Member Spritzer	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0

27. Budget Transfer

Action Taken

Motion:	Council Member Spritzer	Ayes:	4	Absent:	1 (Hayner)
Seconded:	Council Member Jeffers	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0

28. Towing RFP; no submissions

Action Taken

Motion:	Council Member McCallum	Ayes:	4	Absent:	1 (Hayner)
Seconded:	Council Member Spritzer	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0

Discussion:

• **DISCUSSION**

- Mayor Pratt recognized Black History Month, reflecting on the resilience, sacrifice, and contributions of Black Americans and emphasizing the importance of honoring history and continuing forward with respect and understanding.
- Ice Rink at Briggs - Strong community turnout observed. Fire Department and DPW commended for ice maintenance and snow clearing. Hockey activity and family participation noted.

• **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

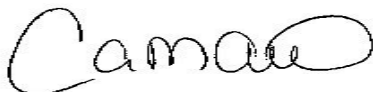
1. Meet the Mayor at the Senior Center – Wednesday, February 25th @ 12:30pm
2. Johnstown High School – SpongeBob the Musical; February 27th - March 1st
3. Winter Carnival, Saturday, March 7th @ Briggs Street Recreation Park from 12-3 pm
4. Business Meeting – March 16th @ 6:00 pm

• **ADJOURN**

Time: 6:29 pm

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

Respectfully submitted,



Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk