Johnstown Common Council

Special Meeting - Council Chambers, City Hall

Tuesday, February 18, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

Due to Covid-19 this meeting was closed to the public but 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

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

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL – Vernon F. Jackson, Mayor

IN ATTENDANCE:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Vernon F. Jackson, Mayor | Michael C. Gifford, City Treasurer |
| Craig Talarico, Council Member-at-Large | Michael J. Poulin, City Attorney |
| Bradley Hayner, Council Member Ward 1 | Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk |
| Kathi Iannotti, Council Member Ward 2 (via phone) | Bruce Heberer, Fire Chief |
| Amy Praught, Council Member Ward 3 | David F. Gilbo, Chief of Police |
| Max Spritzer, Council Member Ward 4 | Christopher J. Vose, City Engineer  Diedrie M. Roemer, Director, Senior Citizens Program  Darryl Purinton, Internal Control Officer |

ABSENT

Michael J. Poulin

Department Heads were excused from attending the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor received word from Atty. Poulin that approval is not needed from the County or School District.

1. 17, 2021 presented by Mayor Jackson to approve PILOT Agreement for Trackside Homes I.

Seconded – Council Member Praught

Discussion: Spritzer received concern from a resident of Trackside that property is lacking in personnel to handle maintenance issues in a timely manner, uneasiness with residents regarding security of buildings; would like entries locked during certain hours. Hayner has passed the concerns along to Lewis Brown of Vesta. Hayner also received concerns regarding tenants being displaced. Lewis Brown stated that nothing is changing. Once Vesta owns the facility there is a budget in place that will upgrade issues such as security. They will be holding resident meetings, of which Hayner will attend.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

1. 18, 2021 presented by Mayor Jackson to approve PILOT Agreement for Trackside Homes II.

Seconded – Council Member at Large Talarico

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

DISCUSSION

* Industrial Park truck issue – Council talked of ways the parking could be rectified: increase ticketing, permanent guardrail system, stiffer fines larger signage. Praught felt maybe having a conversation with WalMart as to what can be done; like installing cameras. Mayor stated that littering is also an issue. WalMart has said they will conduct a cleanup. Police are working with State on setting up a DOT Inspection Station.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Business Meeting Monday, March 15, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.
* Senior Center is hosting Palmer Drugs to administer Covid vaccinations

MOTION TO ADJOURN at 6:19 p.m.

Council Member Iannotti

Seconded – Council Member at Large Talarico

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Respectfully submitted,



Carrie M. Allen

City Clerk