Johnstown Common Council

Business Meeting - Council Chambers, City Hall

Tuesday, January 22, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ABSENT  
N/A

STATE OF THE CITY – Mayor Vernon F. Jackson

-attached hereto

APPROVE MINUTES – January 7, 2019

Motion to approve – Council Member Martin

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

Motion to approve – Council Member Iannotti

* General Fund A – unpaid; Abstract #4526 – $293,283.22
* General Fund A – paid; Abstract #01/2019A – $1,539,642.90
* Sewer Fund G – unpaid; Abstract #735 – $93,374.62
* Sewer Fund G – paid; Abstract #01/2019G – $258,920.95
* Voucher Fund VO – paid; Abstract #01/2019VO – $44,241.62

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

CITY OFFICIALS’ REPORTS

* Fire/Codes
  + - Fire: continued in-service training cold weather responses and safety. Responded to 69 calls for service; 3 structure fires, 12 motor vehicle accidents, 1 mutual structure fire to Gloversville, 28 hazardous conditions, 20 medical assistance and 5 service calls.
    - Codes: 25 permits issued, estimated cost of construction/renovation $389,795.00, fees collected $1,535.00. Conducted 698 inspections and complaint responses.
    - O’Reilly Auto has stopped construction until the weather breaks
* Police
  + - 584 calls for service; 91 criminal cases were generated, 47 arrests, 103 citations; 31 traffic & 72 parking, 25 traffic accidents investigated.
    - Thanked public for heeding to warning put out to not park on city streets during recent storm
    - Acknowledged 3 new officers; Brian Jones, Davida Capece, and Mathew Tino that recently graduated from academy. They are now off to complete 16 week field training program. Mayor welcomed all to City.
* DPW
* Surplus vehicle auction was successful. 3 vehicles on site brought in over $11,000.
* LED street lighting audit. Meeting with Siemens last week, almost all data collected and report is due back by the end of the month. They would be ready to prepare a presentation to go over alternatives for ways the city can reinvest savings to make buildings more energy efficient.
* Thanked police and fire for assisting them with the snow removal process in city. Thanked DPW employees for all their hard, long hours worked.
* Reminded public to not blow snow in the streets.
* Senior Center
* 2000+ people came through center last month. 2019 membership is up to over 300 members.
* 50+ Club & Senior Center purchased a 75” television for center
* 2/3 Tailgate Super Bowl party from 1-3
* Computer classes will be offered by Robert Weatherbee from the Johnstown Library
* April Spring Bazaar – donations of lightly used items are being accepted
* 50+ offering games on Thursdays
* 1/31 National Grid will be talking to seniors on how to save energy and services available
* AARP offering free appointments on Wednesdays for tax preparation
* Treasurer
* January is County tax collection

LIAISONS’ REPORTS

* Kathi Iannotti, Assessor’s Office
* All exemptions are due March 1, 2019.
* Kathi Iannotti, Planning Board
* Approved Marbeck City Line Storage expansion
* Approved Steet Toyota to seasonally park vehicles on Smith’s Dairy property (Udderly Delicious)
* Palatine Dairy to open business at old Spray Nine bldg, scheduled for Public Hearing on February 5, 2019.
* Helen Martin, Joint Sewer Board
* Nothing to report.
* Water Board
* Brad Hayner has agreed to be the new liaison

APPOINTMENT

* Doris H. Cast appointed as Deputy City Clerk, effective date January 14, 2019

RESOLUTIONS

* 10, 2019 presented by Council Member Hayner to reject a bid received from Janet Wade & Larrice Dunn for 103 North Perry Street.

Seconded – Council Member Iannotti

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

* 11, 2019 presented by Council Member Iannotti to authorize Mayor to sign 2019 Senior Center Agreement.

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

* 12, 2019 presented by Council Member Martin to authorize Mayor to sign PILOT Agreement with Fulton Friendship House.

Seconded – Council Member at Large Talarico

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

* 13, 2019 presented by Council Member at Large Talarico to appoint Willis Wood as Commissioner of Deeds.

Seconded – Council Member Martin

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

* 14, 2019 presented by Council Member Hayner to authorize Mayor to sign a Grant, Regulatory and Security Agreement with Evolution Recycling.

Seconded – Council Member Iannotti

Discussion: Nick Zabowsky is present for any questions

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

* 15, 2019 presented by Council Member Iannotti to authorize Mayor to sign an On-Call Engineering Agreement with Greenman Pedersen, Inc. (GPI).

Seconded – Council Member at Large Talarico

Discussion: Martin questioned if the City is currently utilizing GPI for services. Vose indicated that at the current time we are not.

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

* 16, 2019 presented by Council Member Martin to accept the RFP of Orion Management regarding services related to Evolution Recycling.

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

* 17, 2019 presented by Council Member at Large Talarico to execute new Lease Agreement with Johnstown Area Community Center (JACC).

Seconded – Council Member Martin

Discussion: Martin asked if there are any changes from the existing Lease. Mayor responded no, everything remains same.

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

* 18, 2019 presented by Council Member Hayner to authorize Mayor to sign EAP (Employee Assistance Program) Agreement.

Seconded – Council Member Iannotti

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

* 19, 2019 presented by Council Member Iannotti to authorize payment to County of Fulton for City’s portion of DEIS fee for Town of Mohawk.

Seconded – Council Member Martin

Discussion: Treasurer Gifford stated one of the amounts is incorrect; change to from $4,107 to $4,106.93

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

* 20, 2019 presented by Council Member Martin to designate banks for 2019.

Seconded – Council Member at Large Talarico

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

* 21, 2019 presented by Council Member at Large Talarico to appoint Library Board of Trustees.

Seconded – Council Member Martin

Discussion: appointment need to be made as the Library currently doesn’t have a quorum their Board. Because of government shutdown the Library is still waiting on Tax ID.

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

* 22, 2019 presented by Council Member Hayner to authorize Mayor to sign a Restore Grant Agreement with Stitchery Realty.

Seconded – Council Member Iannotti

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

DISCUSSION

1. Mayor thanked both Dunkin Donuts of Johnstown and Market Street Pizza for offering free coffee and pizza to plow drivers, police, fire, and emergency personnel during recent snow storm.
2. Mayor acknowledgement the DPW employees for their recent donation of $375.00 to Make-A-Wish
3. Talarico invited Council to an Active Shooter Seminar hosted by the Johnstown Eagles; which will be held at the Moose Lodge on February 2nd at 1pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Brush drop off is closed for the season
2. City offices will be closed on Monday, February 18, 2019 – Presidents’ Day
3. Business Meeting Tuesday, February 19, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – 6:42 p.m.

Council Member Iannotti

Seconded – Council Member Martin

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie M. Allen

City Clerk