

A Business Meeting of the Johnstown Common Council was held on July 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT:

Vernon F. Jackson	:Mayor
Craig Talarico	:Council Member-at-Large
Kathi Iannotti	:Council Member
Bradley Hayner	:Council Member
Helen Martin	:Council Member
Timothy Cellary	:Council Member
Michael Poulin	:City Attorney
Bruce Heberer	:Fire Chief
David Gilbo	:Police Lieutenant
Chris Vose	:City Engineer
Erica Wing	:Library Director
Michelle Jones	:Senior Center Director
Mike Gifford	:City Treasurer
Mary Jo Smith	:Deputy City Clerk

ABSENT:

Cathy VanAlstyne	:City Clerk
Mark Gifford	:Police Chief

Mayor Jackson called the meeting to order and led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL- All Council members present.

APPROVE MINUTES- The minutes of the June 19, 2017 Business Meeting were approved with a motion from Council Member Iannotti and seconded by Council Member Martin. Motion carried.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS- Council Member Iannotti moved to pay the bills for the general audit: General Fund (A) unpaid \$85,264.82; General Fund (A) paid \$1,133,787.25; Sewer Fund (G) unpaid \$302.00; Sewer Fund (G) paid \$861,633.25; Voucher Fund paid \$43,128.40; and Capital Fund 2012 (H12) unpaid \$2,707.61 and place on file claims and accounts with a second from Council Member Martin. Motion carried.

CITY OFFICIALS' AND LIAISONS' REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT-Chief Heberer reported that the training continued inside for most of the month of June due to the rainy weather. This included confined space rescue

training. They had 56 calls for service, 2 structure fires, 2 vehicle fires, 7 motor vehicle accidents, 17 hazardous material calls, 8 medical assistance calls, and 20 service calls. Codcs had 115 permits issued for \$640, 689 estimated costs of repairs and renovations with \$5,061.50 total fees collected. There were 945 inspections and complaints addressed. He reported that there are a number of renovations and additions in the Johnstown, and a new home is being built on O'Neil Ave. The weather has been delaying some work like the ice cream shop on Briggs St. Also, there were 41 fire pit permits issued and very few calls for illegal burns.

POLICE DEPARTMENT- Lieutenant Gilbo reported that last month there were 736 calls for service, 46 arrests made, 86 citations issued, and 30 traffic accidents investigated. The Department is also doing in-house training again. He reported that he attended a meeting at the Warren County Sheriff's Office with officers from Herkimer, Washington, Warren, Saratoga and Fulton Counties, and the FBI to discuss and share information related to the drug problem. Now with these contacts it should help in tracking drug dealers. Council Member-At-Large Talarico inquired about MS-13. Lt. Gilbo said the FBI sends bulletins to alert local authorities about any member's incursion into our area.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS-Last Monday Engineer Vose opened bids for the resurfacing of some city streets. He said that, because of the figures, another street can be added to the list. Now Burton St. can be resurfaced from Wells St. to Pearl St. Also, a couple weeks ago the State sent the executed contract, so now GPI can inspect the superstructure under the West State St. Bridge. 159 E. State St. was foreclosed by the City and deemed uninhabitable. DPW is now contacting the utility companies to terminate service there. Then the county demolition team will be asked to come in to tear it down. Chief Heberer wanted to add that he appreciated the emergency work DPW did repairing the fire station's front ramp.

SENIOR CENTER- Director Jones said some of the seniors are in the bocce league which plays at the Washington Park. The golf league is active, and there continues to be other exercise activities at the Senior Center. The Senior Picnic will be at the Concordia on August 3 starting at 10:00 a.m. with lunch being served at noon. The tickets can be purchased at the Fulton County Office for Aging through July 28 for \$8.00. The 50 Plus Club will have an ice cream social at the Johnson Park on July 21 at 6:00 p.m. There will also be a chicken barbecue at Whitey's on August 11. It will be take out only from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. and tickets can be purchased at the Senior Center for \$10.00.

LIBRARY- Library Director Wing reported that the Summer Reading Program is going well and children can still sign up for it even into the last week of the program. There has been positive feedback concerning some changes made this year. About 20% of the signups have been online, and those who can't make it to the building are also able to keep track of their reading online. Friday, July 21, the Library is hosting the first of two summer book discussions that are sponsored by the New York State Council on the Arts. Frankie Bailey, mystery writer and Criminal Justice professor at SUNY Albany will lead the discussion on the book, The Girls.

TREASURER-City Treasurer Gifford reported that July is the month his office prepares the tax collection system for reminder letters. He said they let people know they have to pay their taxes by September 1, or the balances are subject to conversion to tax sale certificates and subject to additional penalties.

PLANNING BOARD-Council Member Iannotti attended the July 5 Planning Board meeting and reported that Tamara Dunlap's application for an addition to her building at 310 Jansen Avenue was approved.

SEWER BOARD-Council Member Martin attended the monthly Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Sewer Board meeting this past Wednesday. She reported that Arcadis presented four possibilities for odor control of the CAST system. The Board was especially interested in the one plan which would be a modified CAST system which might save money. Arcadis agreed to prepare more detailed plans for it. Additionally, they will pursue information on grant funding. The initial cost was \$500,000 for this modified system, but the plant foreman and Mr. Arnold are trying some other procedures with some of the pipes which may help solve the problem.

RESOLUTION No. 62, 2017 was presented by Council Member Iannotti to authorize the Mayor to execute a Unit Price Contract with Empire Paving Inc. for the resurfacing of certain city streets. Seconded by Council Member Hayner. Motion passed

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

At the Mayor's request, Engineer Vose agreed to again publish the list of streets to be resurfaced. Council Member Iannotti asked about the cost of the corner sidewalks. Engineer Vose replied that the ones on Pleasant Avenue each cost about \$3,000, but are federally mandated.

RESOLUTION No.63, 2017 was presented by Council Member Cellary to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Carver Construction, Inc. to complete the rehabilitation at the Cork Creek Reservoir Dam as authorized on June 12, 2017 by the Water Board. Seconded by Council Member Martin. Motion passed

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:25 Council Member-at-Large Talarico made a motion to go into executive session to discuss pending contract negotiations. Council Member Iannotti seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Motion was made by Council Member Iannotti to adjourn from executive session at 6:31 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Martin. Motion passed 5-0.

DISCUSSION

Council Member Martin said that Bill Ackerbauer had discussed with her the fact that funds had been cutback for the Johnstown Citizens Band. He indicated that there is money available elsewhere, and he is willing to do the research and write proposals for funding music and other programs in the city. He would act as a grant writer at no cost to the City. He said he needs to submit these applications by September 1. Attorney Poulin was asked if it is possible for Mr. Ackerbauer to act as a grant writer, and he replied that the Common Council would have to approve the designation. He said he will look into the issue further.

The Mayor noted that he received and gave copies to the Council members concerning the Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank. No one indicated interest in joining.

Mayor Jackson announced that Jason Hammer pulled his Republican petition to run for the Water Board. He plans to run as an Independent. Now there will be no primary in September thus saving the City \$1,500 in polling expenses.

The Mayor received a letter from the County requesting a new sewer district be created off State Hwy 29. Council Members Iannotti and Martin indicated they like the idea of it. Attorney Poulin said he would check into it further.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

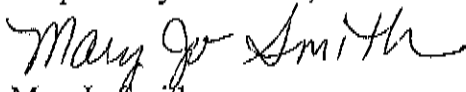
Mayor Jackson announced that the Motorcycle Show will be on August 17, 2017 starting at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Martin asked to announce that, in honor of the 100th anniversary of the New York State Women's Suffrage, she applied to the William G. Pomeroy Foundation to receive an historic marker in honor of Elizabeth Cady Stanton. The dedication ceremony will be August 11, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. on the Courthouse grounds, and the event is open to the public. There will also be entertainment until 7:00 pm.

Chief Heberer announced that he received a letter of resignation form Assistant Chief Danelorich. He has been with the Fire Department for 21 years, and was the head mechanic.

ADJOURN- At 6:40 Council Member Martin moved to adjourn. Council Member-at-Large seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



MaryJo Smith
Deputy City Clerk