 Johnstown Common Council

Business Meeting - Council Chambers, City Hall

Monday July 18, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

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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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| Amy Praught, Mayor | Thomas Herr, City Treasurer |
| Scott Jeffers, Council Member-at-Large | Michael J. Poulin, City Attorney |
| Bradley Hayner, Council Member Ward 1 | Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk |
| Scott Miller, Council Member Ward 2 | Bruce Heberer, Fire Chief |
| Eric Parker, 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 |

ABSENT

Scott Miller

PUBLIC SESSION – N/A

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

* Johnstown Citizens’ Band
  + Noel Wing spoke regarding several issues and propositions to the City:
    1. Would like a bench with plaque in honor of Joe Walsh. They would pay for but would like assistance from city installing.
    2. Handicap accessible ramp for stage
    3. Restroom facilities
    4. Increase in budget – City used to provide $4000 per year to Citizens Band. Has been reduced to $1250. They would like to receive $4000-$4500

PRESENTATIONS – N/A

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Local Law #1 – Amend City Charter to abolish Water Board
2. Chapter 20; Section 20-209 – No Parking; N. Melcher Street

Opened at 6:13 p.m.

The following individuals spoke during the public hearing about the Local Law #1:

* Craig Talarico, former Council Member at Large, S. Market Street
* Gary Locatelli, N. Chase Street
* Brandon Lyon, Water Board member, Irving Street
* Dean DeCuyke, E. Clinton Street
* Mike Capparello, Water Board President, Jansen Avenue
* John Sagan, Linden Avenue
* John Swierzowski, former Water Board member, Parkwood Avenue

Prior to closing the hearings at 6:33 p.m. Mayor Praught made a brief statement that she is following the determination made by the court. The lawsuit was against the last administration, she is moving forward based on what is presented to her. She is waiting to hear from water board regarding the proposal from Environmental Consultants to run the city’s water system. In the meantime it is her responsibility as Mayor to protect the safety of all residents and safety of water system.

APPROVE MINUTES

* June 21, 2022

Motion to approve – Council Member Spritzer

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Miller)

Abstain: 0

APPROVE CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

* Motion to approve, upon review – Council Member Parker

Seconded – Council Member Spritzer

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Miller)

Abstain: 0

REPORTS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

* Reports are attached hereto and made part of the meeting minutes.
* Mayor introduced the new Human Resource Officer

Discussion

DPW:

* Parker asked Vose how long work would take on Townsend Avenue. Vose stated approx. 4 months.
* Parker asked Vose when paving would begin. Vose stated as early as next month
* Spritzer asked Vose how mowing was going. Vose stated that letters have been going out and there seems to be less than in years past.

Codes:

* Spritzer thanked Chief Heberer for detailed EMS report.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL LIAISONS

* Eric Parker; Water Dept.
* Community Bank for credit card collection
* Ty Sales; meter replacement
* Bradley Hayner; Joint Sewer Board
  + Cast system has been inspected by NYS DOC
  + National Grid conducted two power outages where the plant was running strictly on internal power and all went well
  + Permission given to Gloversville to discharge the storage tanks located at the former Wood & Hyde site, will be billed at $ .11/gallon
  + Discussions were had on proposed 30/30A sewer expansion project
* Scott Jeffers, Planning Board
  + Proposed Solar Farm on Daisy Lane. There will be a Public Hearing on August 2nd
* Scott Miller- No Report, Absent

LOCAL LAW – N/A

ORDINANCE

1. Amend Chapter 20; Section 20-209 – No Parking; N. Melcher Street

No Parking Here to Corner; west side of N. Melcher from south side intersection with McMartin to approximately 35 feet south.

Presented by Councilmember Hayner Seconded by Councilmember Spritzer

Discussion: None

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| Ayes: 4 |
| Noes: 0 |
| Absent: 1 (Hayner) |
| Abstain: 0 |

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS – N/A

RESOLUTIONS

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| 56. | Accept bid for 2022 street resurfacing from Callanan Industries. | | | |
|  | Presented by Councilmember | Jeffers | Seconded by Councilmember | Hayner |
|  | Discussion: Vose all bids were fairly close. May be able to add more streets as bids came in below amount budgeted. | | | |
|  | Ayes: 4 | |  |  |
|  | Noes: 0 | |  |  |
|  | Absent: 1 (Miller) | |  |  |
|  | Abstain: 0 | |  |  |

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| 57. | Approve court cleaning contract with Unified Court System | | | |
|  | Presented by Councilmember | Parker | Seconded by Councilmember | Jeffers |
|  | Discussion: None | | | |
|  | Ayes: 4 | |  |  |
|  | Noes: 0 | |  |  |
|  | Absent: 1 (Miller) | |  |  |
|  | Abstain: 0 | |  |  |

DISCUSSION

* Parker
  + Block Party was a success. Thanked all involved for putting on such a great event. The Mayor also passed along what a fabulous job they did with clean up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Fireworks at Knox Field – Saturday, July 23rd @ 7pm (rain date is Sunday 24th)**
2. **Concerts in the Park – Thursday & Friday @ 7pm**
3. **Farmers Market –** Tuesday evenings from June 28th- October 11th 3 pm - 6 pm
4. Colonial Little Theatre – Pippin; Friday & Saturday @ 7pm July 29th – August 7th
5. Mysteries on Main Street & McLemon’s – Harry Potter Event; Saturday, July 30th 10am – 4pm
6. Business Meeting – Monday, August 15th @ 6pm
7. Mayor thanked retiring employees for their service to the City:
   * Chris Duesler; 32 years with DPW
   * Doug Hart; 26 years with the Police Department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – N/A

MOTION TO ADJOURN at 6:46 p.m.

* Council Member Spritzer

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Miller)

Abstain: 0

Respectfully submitted,



Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk