



# City of Johnstown

Meeting: Common Council, Business Meeting  
 Date: Monday, June 17, 2024  
 Time: 6:00 p.m.  
 Location: Council Chambers, City Hall  
 Presiding Officer: Amy Praught, Mayor

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## Meeting Minutes

- **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		X	
Scott Miller	Council Member Ward 2	X		
Eric Parker	Council Member Ward 3	X		
Max Spritzer	Council Member Ward 4	X		
Thomas Herr	City Treasurer	X		
Michael M. Albanese	City Attorney	X		
Carrie M. Allen	City Clerk	X		
Bruce Heberer	Fire Chief	X		
Larry O'Regan	Asst. Fire Chief	X		
David F. Gilbo	Chief of Police	X		
Christopher J. Vose	City Engineer	X		
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.

Speakers: None

- **PROCLAMATION / CITATION / COMMENDATION**

1. Mayoral Proclamation – John Denmark
2. Police Commendation – Officer Ryan Wilmont
3. Police Commendation – Officer Kerri Hauser
4. Police Commendation – Asst. District Attorney Chelsea Jory

- **PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Ordinance – W. Decker Street

Opened: 6:14p

Speakers: None

Closed: 6:15p

Discussion: None

- **APPROVE MINUTES**

1. Business Meeting – May 20, 2024

Action Taken

Motion:	Council Member Spritzer	Ayes:	4	Absent:	1 (Hayner)
Seconded:	Council Member Jeffers	Noes:		Abstain:	
Discussion:	None				

- **APPROVE CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS**

Action Taken

Motion:	Council Member Parker	Ayes:	4	Absent:	1 (Hayner)
Seconded:	Council Member Spritzer	Noes:		Abstain:	
Discussion:	None				

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

The following questions were asked of departments:

**Public Works:** Parker asked how the gas line replacement was going on Perry Street. Vose hadn't received any complaints and stated they should be completed within the next 2 weeks.  
Parker asked about the street lights on the arterial. Vose stated he is working with DOT on getting a key to access the panel box.  
Parker mentioned that the roof project came in \$188k under budget. Vose stated that they are happy with the roof and feel it is a good product that will last many years.

**Police:** Spritzer asked about the SRO grant. Gilbo stated that it depends on the number of applicants as there isn't a lot of money to be awarded.

**Fire/Code:** Parker asked Chief Heberer to give his recommendations to public on upcoming heat wave. Heberer said to stay hydrated and out of the weather; not only the elderly but everyone.

**Treasurer:** Parker asked about the AUDs. Herr stated 2022 has been submitted and hopes to be able to bond by the end of the month.  
Parker stated that the sales tax is up and ahead from last year.

- **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL LIAISONS** - Reports are attached hereto and made part of the meeting minutes.

**Sewer Board:** Eric Parker - Slop failure in to Cayadutta continues to be addressed. GPI working on remediation plan, would like to go out to bid as soon as possible.  
Discussed 3-year capital plan and necessary items to be done.  
Entered in to a consulting agreement with Jim Davis for a 4A Operator; fulfills requirement with DEC  
Rehired 3A Operator, 3 employees passed wastewater testing.  
Financial audit of 2023 has been started.

**Planning Board:** Scott Jeffers - Public Hearing was held for new building for James Chevrolet. No comments were received. Fulton County Planning addressed concerns of effects of traffic. Site Plan was approved. DOT will address traffic with the applicant.

**Assessor's Office:** Scott Miller - Grievance was held on May 28<sup>th</sup>, notices will be mailed by the end of June.  
Final Roll will be filed with City Clerk by July 1<sup>st</sup>, will be posted on website.

- **RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, LOCAL LAWS**

1, 2024 – Ordinance; W. Decker Street

Action Taken

Motion:	Council Member	Ayes:	4	Absent:	1 (Hayner)
Seconded:	Council Member	Noes:		Abstain:	
Discussion:	Parker asked why no parking was needed on the street. Chief Gilbo stated that the plow trucks and emergency vehicles have a difficult time getting through the street being its narrow.				

2, 2024 – Ordinance; Zoning Amendments

Action Taken

Motion:	Council Member	Ayes:	4	Absent:	1 (Hayner)
Seconded:	Council Member	Noes:		Abstain:	
Discussion:	Spritzer asked to explain what corporate city limits means. Chief Heberer stated that it means the boundaries of the city.				

- **DISCUSSION**

Parker thanked Vintage Café for sponsoring another great car show that was well attended.

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. City offices closed – Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>
2. JACC Car Show – Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>
3. Toying Around Block Party – Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>
4. Primary Election – Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

• **EXECUTIVE SESSION** (only if necessary)

Reason: Current or Pending Litigation				Time In: 6:28p
Motion: Council Member Jeffers		Ayes: 4		Absent: 1 (Hayner)
Seconded: Council Member Spritzer		Noes:		Abstain:
<i>Action Taken:</i> None				
Motion: Council Member Miller		Ayes: 4		Time out: 7:00p
Seconded: Council Member Parker		Noes:		Absent: 1 (Hayner)
				Abstain:

• **ADJOURN**

Time: 7:00p				
Motion: Council Member Miller		Ayes: 4		Absent: 1 (Hayner)
Seconded: Council Member Jeffers		Noes:		Abstain:

Respectfully submitted,



Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk