Johnstown Common Council

Business Meeting - Council Chambers, City Hall

Monday, June 17, 2019 @ 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.

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

SWEARING IN / OATH OF OFFICE – N/A

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 | Michael J. Poulin, City Attorney |
| Bradley Hayner, Council Member | Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk |
| Kathi Iannotti, Council Member | Bruce Heberer, Fire Chief |
| Helen Martin, Council Member | David F. Gilbo, Chief of Police |
| Scott Jeffers, Council Member | Christopher J. Vose, City Engineer |
|  | Diedrie M. Roemer, Director, Senior Citizens Program  Darryl Purinton, Internal Control Officer |

ABSENT – N/A

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Jessica McClements owner of McLemons spoke as a member of the Downtown Johnstown Business Association and resident of Johnstown on the following:

1. Parking issues downtown. Need signage to public parking lots downtown, people are unaware. People are passing over downtown because they can’t find parking. The lots are in bad condition and should be repaired.
2. Facebook page hasn’t been updated since 2014. Social media important to market the city. She also suggested to put events, street closures, etc. on the city’s website.

PUBLIC HEARING – N/A

PRESENTATIONS – N/A

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – N/A

PROCLAMATION – N/A

APPROVE MINUTES – May 20, 2019

Motion to approve – Council Member Iannotti

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 1 (Martin)

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

Motion to approve – Council Member Iannotti

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| General Fund A – unpaid; | Abstract # | 4622 | $118,255.42 |
| General Fund A – paid; | Abstract # | 06/2019A | $966,543.70 |
| Sewer Fund G– unpaid; | Abstract # | 752 | $280,905.40 |
| Sewer Fund G– paid; | Abstract # | 06/2019G | $577.56 |
| Voucher Fund VO– paid; | Abstract # | 06/2019VO | $57,947.60 |

Seconded – Council Member Martin

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

CITY OFFICIALS’ REPORTS

* Fire/Codes
  + - Fire: In-service training on Operations at Below Grade incidents.

Responded to 174 calls for service; 3 structure fires, 8 motor vehicle accidents, 1 mutual aid, 20 hazardous conditions, 127 medical assistance and 15 service calls.

* + - Codes: training on floor assembly requirements and inspections.

94 permits issued, estimated cost of construction/renovation $937,097.00 fees collected $4,242.50 Conducted 958 inspections and complaint responses.

* + - Reminded residents to get permits before beginning any work in city.
    - To date, they have received approx. 500 calls for EMS; this is an average of 3.6 calls per day
* Police
  + - 830 calls for service; 106 criminal cases were generated, 51 arrests, 61 citations; 52 traffic & 9 parking, 27 traffic accidents investigated.
    - Training:

One officer attended Evidence Room Management Course

Two officers attended social networking training

Two officers attended technology threats and trends-narcotic investigation training

Officer Denny completed EMT Basic Course and is assigned as a medic to Glove Cities ERT Team

Preparing for SWAT Certification

* + - 1 officer leaving; received letter of resignation
* DPW
* Linden Ave sewer laterals are in except 1
* 2019 Chips Paving going out to bid. Looking to use approx. 10% of the money to purchase a hotbox trailer. The will enable to hot patch in winter, which will result in cost savings over time.
* Senior Center
* June 7th garage sale $1000 donated to Drew Hale
* Jubilee Tea, honored members who were 75 and older
* Line Dancing running on Tuesdays
* Open Mic this Thursday
* 27th covered dish- WGY local history
* July 12th 50+ ice cream social during band concert
* July 17th discuss housing and transportation at senior center
* Internal Control Officer
* Continue working on payroll procedure. Has moved in to the actual processing of payroll; do payroll himself
* Assisting Mike Gifford
* Treasurer
* Closing out 2018; monthly 2019 statements will begin once that’s done

LIAISONS’ REPORTS

* Water Board
* Accepted resignation of Jason Hammer
* Discussed installation of water on Linden Ave project. Is city covering costs or to go out to bid.

Mayor stated he met with President of Water Board, who was in gallery, going to meet next week to discuss.

* Kathi Iannotti, Assessor’s Office
* 2019 Final Roll will be on file in the City Clerk’s Office on July 1st
* Kathi Iannotti, Planning Board
* Apartment Complex on North East Ave, received approval

Bruce Heberer stated the concerns brought up during the public hearing didn’t involve project but were related to traffic. There is talks of placing stop signs on street to help with speed. This will not be low income housing, rents will be moderate to high rents. Believes this will be a nice project and a benefit to the city.

* Helen Martin, Joint Sewer Board
* Reported on the efforts with air quality in the building

RESOLUTIONS

1. Accept RFP from First Light to provide telecommunication services

Presented by Council Member Hayner

Seconded – Council Member Iannotti

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

1. Accept property offer from Danielle Chirichio to purchase SBL# 162.12-6-10.5; Linden Avenue

Presented by Council Member Iannotti

Seconded – Council Member Martin

Discussion: Mayor congratulated Ms. Chirichio and told her the city engineer would be getting in touch with her.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

1. Authorize Health Officer Agreement with Nathan Littauer Hospital

Presented by Council Member Martin

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

1. Advertise for 2019 Street Resurfacing

Presented by Council Member Jeffers

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: Mayor asked the City Engineer if he figured out what streets would be on list. He has a working list but subject to change. They will be working around National Grid. Because of the amount of money to work with this year, work will probably be heavy on south end due to not having to do as many sidewalks (making them ADA compliant).

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

1. Mayoral Appointment of Darryl Purinton to permanent position as Internal Control Officer

Presented by Council Member at Large Talarico

Seconded – Council Member Martin

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

DISCUSSION:

Mayor asked Council to respond to his email by weekend as to how they wanted to handle ambulance billing; treat and release payment, debt collection, credit cards, etc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Farmer’s Market on Tuesdays in the Main Street Park from 3-6 p.m.
* Vintage Café’ Car Show – Thursday, June 20th 6-9 p.m.
* Primary Election on Tuesday, June 25th 12 p.m. – 9 p.m.
* Star Spangled Fireworks at Knox on Saturday, June 29th
* City offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4th – Independence Day
* Business Meeting Monday, July 15th @ 6:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – 6:27 p.m.

Council Member – Iannotti

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion:

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie M. Allen

City Clerk