Johnstown Common Council

Business Meeting - Council Chambers, City Hall

Monday, June 18, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The proceedings of this meeting were taped for the benefit of the City Clerk; because the minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings, the minutes are not a word-for-word transcript.

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

* Terry Horning, Department of Public Works Heavy Equipment Operator – 30 years of service

- not present

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

- None

PRESENTATIONS

- None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Hearing was opened at 6:02 p.m.

* Local Law #2, Tobacco Free Community

Discussion: None

- No comments or questions

Hearing was closed at 6:04 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES – May 21, 2018

Motion to approve – Council Member Martin

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

Motion to approve – Council Member-at-Large Iannotti

* General Fund A – unpaid; Abstract #4375 – $146,208.44
* General Fund A – paid; Abstract #06/2018A – $965,882.86
* Sewer Fund G – unpaid; Abstract #705 – $404.91
* Sewer Fund G – paid; Abstract #06/2018G – $333,645.42
* Voucher Fund VO – paid; Abstract #06/2018VO – $45,515.40
* Capital Fund 2013 – paid; Abstract #06/2018H13 - $185,394.41

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

* Fire/Codes
  + - Fire: Continued training on firefighter survival technique. NYSERTA conducted training on energy code updates. Responded to 69 calls for service; 4 structure fires, 2 vehicle fires, 2 mutual aid calls to Gloversville, 6 motor vehicle accidents, 20 hazardous conditions, 10 medical assistance and 25 other service calls.
    - Codes: Conducted training on NYS life safety code and applications. New hire Schuyler Duross completed training and started May 11th
    - 105 permits issued, estimated cost of construction/renovation $708,026, fees collected $3,729.50. Conducted 927 inspections and complaint responses.
    - Reminded public to get or renew burn permits; they are good one year from date of issue.
* Police
  + - Three new officers will attend Zone 5 Training Academy July 10th –January 4th. One officer attended Crime Scene and Evidence Specialty Training, One officer went to active shooter training; 2-3 more officers will go through training and entire department will have attended training. Two officers attended child forensic interviewing training (agreement with Sexual Assault Center).
    - 763 calls for service; 108 criminal cases were generated, 56 arrests, 39 citations, 37 traffic, 2 parking, 43 traffic accidents investigated.
* DPW
  + - Department is preparing Briggs Street in preparation of paving; catch basins, drainage work, sewer manholes and will begin sidewalks to cut down on costs of contractor paving the street.
    - Sending letters to homeowners to mow property but will not police the issue, if they receive a complaint they will address.
    - Still waiting on DEC to come back and finish clean up at HiWay Oil site.
* Senior Center
  + - 2000+ visitors in month of May.
    - Warren Street band & chorus performed for seniors
    - Jubilee Tea was held to honor members 75+
    - Carl Jurica will speak to seniors regarding bees; beekeeping, etc.
* Library
  + - Library Proposition passed to become a school district public library, there will be a lot of work ahead to complete transition.
* Treasurer
  + - Working on financial statement, should be ready within next week or so

LIAISON REPORTS

* Kathi Iannotti, Assessor’s Office
  + - The 2018 Final Roll will be on file in the Clerk’s office on July 2, 2018
* Kathi Iannotti, Planning Board meeting
  + - No report
* Helen Martin, Joint Sewer Board May 16th monthly meeting
  + - No report
* Tim Cellary, Water Board June 11th meeting
  + - Still working on roof project; hoping to go out to bid on August 1st and awarded August 13th
    - Passed the Smart Waters Agreement
    - Phase 2 of Damn Project is on hold; don’t have all plans back from GPI – may not happen this summer
* Craig Talarico
  + - No report

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT

* None

RESOLUTIONS

* 61, 2018 presented by Council Member Hayner to adopt Local Law #2, 2018; Tobacco Free Community

Seconded – Council Member Martin

Discussion: Talarico wanted to voice his concern over government limiting people’s rights to harm themselves “where is the next step going to happen…encroaching of rights”. Hayner confirmed that people can still smoke, just not on city property.

Ayes: 4

Noes: 1 (Talarico)

Absent: 0

* 62, 2018 presented by Council Member Iannotti to authorize Mayor to execute Unit Price Contract with Peter Luizzi & Bros. Contracting for the paving of certain city streets.

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: Council Member Iannotti questioned the 2 different amounts in resolution; one amount is the amount we have available to spend and the 2nd amount is the bid price of Peter Luizzi & Bros. Contracting. Difference is more than 100k, Chris will look in to.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

* 63, 2018 presented by Council Member Martin to authorize Mayor to sign Intermunicipal Agreement for Regional Water System.

Seconded – Council Member Iannotti

Discussion: Council Member Martin questioned as to what the rate would be on the sale of city water, the Mayor advised that it is the city rate.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

* 64, 2018 presented by Council Member Cellary to re-appoint members to Library Board of Trustees.

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: This appointment is only for another 6 month term until the library becomes a school district public library.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

* 65, 2018 presented by Council Member-at-Large Talarico to authorize Mayor to sign documents to facilitate application for an Advance Life Support First Response Service.

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: Chief Heberer stated that the purpose of the resolution is to begin the paperwork to apply for the certificate of need, this is lengthy process. This is a plan to add for a consistent level of care and to add to the current care currently provided by ambulance services of JAVAC and Fulton County. Service would operate the same way the current services do by billing insurance carriers. There are start-up monies to everything, however there are reimbursements; looking for grants and other funding. This is the 1st step in the process.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

* 66, 2018 presented by Council Member Hayner that no bids were received for city owned property; properties may be offered for future sale.

Seconded – Council Member Iannotti

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

* 67, 2018 presented by Council Member Iannotti for the City of Johnstown to cover certain events under city’s liability insurance policy.

Seconded – Council Member Martin

Discussion: Council Member Iannotti asked that we present this resolution earlier next year.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

* 68, 2018 presented by Council Member Martin authorizing Mayor to sign a modification to the CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

DISCUSSION

* Council Member Martin thanked the Johnstown Lions Club for taking over the flower basket duties.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. JACC’s Star Spangled Fireworks Celebration will be Saturday, June 23rd at Knox Field beginning at 7:00 p.m.
2. City Clerk’s office to close at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, June 25th – pickup and deliver election bags
3. City Hall will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th
4. There will be a double garbage pickup on Thursday, July 5th
5. Farmers Market is now open in the Park on Main Street. Tuesdays from 3-6 p.m. until Tuesday, October 23rd
6. Johnstown Citizens Band performing in the park beginning Friday, July 6th - Friday, July, 27th from 7-9 p.m.
7. Next Business Meeting: Monday, July 16th @ 6:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – 6:36 p.m.

Council Member Iannotti

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie M. Allen

City Clerk