



City of Johnstown

Meeting: Common Council, Business Meeting
 Date: Monday, March 17, 2025
 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		
Larry O'Regan	Fire Chief	X		
David F. Gilbo	Chief of Police	X		
Christopher J. Vose	City Engineer	X		
Diedrie M. Roemer	Director, Senior Citizens Program		Absent	

- **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.

1. Joanne Gifford of N. Chase St. – has concerns regarding the potential for housing on Prindle Ave; flooding, housing values, traffic

- **PRESENTATION**

1. Chandra Casline Cotter, Tourism update
 Gave an update as to what has been happening since 2022 (handout attached and made part of meeting minutes)
 Events (Spring Rail Trail, Harvest Fest, Colonial Stroll and new winter event in 2026)
 New Sponsorship Forms, touched based on amenities the city has to offer 7 gas stations, 5 banks, 7 auto dealers, 3 hotels

- **PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Zoning: Public Use to MF1

Speakers: None
 Discussion: None

Opened: 6:11pm
 Closed: 6:11pm

- **APPROVE MINUTES**

1. Business Meeting – February 18, 2025

Action Taken

Motion:	Council Member Hayner	Ayes:	5	Absent:	0
Seconded:	Council Member Spritzer	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0

- **APPROVE CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS**

Action Taken

Motion:	Council Member Parker	Ayes:	5	Absent:	0
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- REPORTS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS** - Reports are attached and made part of the meeting minutes.

The following questions were asked of departments:

Public Works: Potholes, waiting on plants to open – cold patch doesn't stay
 Attended a milling seminar. There is a material that may be promising for patching during the winter. Would need to buy the equip. approx.. \$100k may be able to use CHIPS funding.
 Valve Replacement – weather dependent, will need to reach out to contracts for schedule. Not ready for Phase III.

Police: Parking ban suspended issuing tickets, not lifted

Fire/Code: Burn Ban until May 6th

Treasurer: Tyler Technologies should be activated in April
 Sales Tax revenue up by 17%

- REPORTS FROM COUNCIL LIAISONS** – Reports and/or Minutes are attached and made part of the meeting minutes.

Sewer Board: Eric Parker
 Planning Board: Scott Jeffers – N/A
 Assessor's Office: Scott Miller

- MAYORAL APPOINTMENT**

1. Planning Board

- RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, LOCAL LAWS**

25.	Munistat Advisor Services Agreement				
<i>Action Taken</i>					
Motion:	Council Member Hayner	Ayes:	5	Absent:	0
Seconded:	Council Member Jeffers	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0
26.	Arcadis; Landfill Monitoring Activities				
<i>Action Taken</i>					
Motion:	Council Member Miller	Ayes:	5	Absent:	0
Seconded:	Council Member Hayner	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0
27.	City-owned property; 418 W. Clinton St.				
<i>Action Taken</i>					
Motion:	Council Member Parker	Ayes:	5	Absent:	0
Seconded:	Council Member Hayner	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0
28.	NYClass Investments				
<i>Action Taken</i>					
Motion:	Council Member Spritzer	Ayes:	5	Absent:	0
Seconded:	Council Member Jeffers	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0
29.	Negative Declaration				
<i>Action Taken</i>					
Motion:	Council Member Jeffers	Ayes:	5	Absent:	0
Seconded:	Council Member Spritzer	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0
30.	Advertise for RFPs - demolition				
<i>Action Taken</i>					
Motion:	Council Member Hayner	Ayes:	5	Absent:	0
Seconded:	Council Member Parker	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0
31.	Advertise for RFPs – resurface parking lots				
<i>Action Taken</i>					
Motion:	Council Member Miller	Ayes:	5	Absent:	0
Seconded:	Council Member Hayner	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0

32. Advertise for Bid – Townsend Ave. Bridge Replacement

Action Taken

Motion:	Council Member	Parker	Ayes:	5	Absent:	0
Seconded:	Council Member	Hayner	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0
Discussion:						

• **WATER GRIEVANCES** – only if necessary

1. Tabled – 103 Glebe St.
2. No adjustments – 3 Yost St., 14 Prospect St., 212 S. Melcher St., 905 S. Perry St.
Leaks were found on property as per data log; of no fault of city or meters
3. Adjustment – 151 E. State St.
Shut off was requested in 2020, water was turned back on in 2025 at no request of owner. Received a minimum use bill. The water has now been shut off. A bill credit will be issued for \$79.50

Action Taken: A Motion was made to accept recommendations of the City Engineer.

Motion:	Council Member	Hayner	Ayes:	5	Absent:	0
Seconded:	Council Member	Miller	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0

• **DISCUSSION**

N/A

• **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Sand Barrel pickup – March 24th – 28th
2. Brush Drop Off opens – April 1st (weather permitting)
3. Curbside brush pickup – April 7th -11th (weather permitting)
4. City Offices close @ noon – Good Friday, April 18th
5. Business Meeting – April 21st at 6:00pm

• **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – only if necessary

N/A

• **ADJOURN**

Time: 6:34pm

Motion:	Council Member	Hayner	Ayes:	5	Absent:	0
Seconded:	Council Member	Parker	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk