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| Meeting: | Common Council, Business Meeting |
| Date: | Monday, May 20, 2024 |
| Time: | 6:00 p.m. |
| Location: | Council Chambers, City Hall |
| Presiding Officer: | Amy Praught, Mayor |

***Meeting Minutes***

* **CALL MEETING TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
* **ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL-** (record of officials in attendance)

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|  |  | 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**

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| 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: N/A |

* [**APPROVE MINUTES**](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fcityofjohnstown.ny.gov%2Fuploads%2F8%2F3%2F9%2F2%2F83922496%2Fcouncil_-_may_20th__minutes.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)

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| 1. Business Meeting – April 15, 2024 | | | | | | |
| *Action Taken* | | | | | | |
| Motion: | Council Member | Hayner | Ayes: | 4 | Absent: | 0 |
| Seconded: | Council Member | Jeffers | Noes: | 0 | Abstain: | 1 (Miller) |
| Discussion: | N/A | | | | | |

* **APPROVE CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS**

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| *Action Taken* | | | | | | |
| Motion: | Council Member | Parker | Ayes: | 5 | Absent: | 0 |
| Seconded: | Council Member | Hayner | Noes: | 0 | Abstain: | 0 |
| Discussion: | N/A | | | | | |

* [**REPORTS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS**](https://cityofjohnstown.ny.gov/uploads/8/3/9/2/83922496/dept._reports_-_may_20_2024.pdf) **-** Reports are attached hereto and made part of the meeting minutes.

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| The following questions were asked of departments: | |
| Public Works: | Parker asked about the trees being removed on Main Street. 2 trees were dead, and stumps were removed, but not replaced. Spritzer asked if trees could be planted elsewhere to replace the ones taken down. Chris confirmed.  Parker asked about gas lines. Vose stated safety upgrades are being made from Smith St. to N. Perry. Company will be working at night from 7p-6a beginning June 2nd.  Mow letters will be sent out this week. City can only mow frontage unless there is a code violation due to fire violation or rodents. |
| Police: |  |
| Fire/Code: | Parker asked about structure fires in City. Chief stated the number of fires is down but they assist Gloversville.  Clinton Street demolition conducted by Dan’s Excavation. |
| Treasurer: | 2021 AUDs have been filed w/ the State, on to 2022. Sales tax is up |

* [**REPORTS FROM COUNCIL LIAISONS**](https://cityofjohnstown.ny.gov/uploads/8/3/9/2/83922496/20240515214405.pdf) **-** Reports are attached hereto and made part of the meeting minutes.

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| Sewer Board: | Eric Parker - | There was a slop failure creating a landslide. GPI is conducting remediation plan with Army Corps of Engineers - contingency plan for erosion.  New Manager is in place and is preparing a succession plan  Entered in to an agreement with City’s Human Resource Manager  Public Hearing was held on April 24th for sewer rates. No comments. Approved |
| Planning Board: | Scott Jeffers - | James Chevrolet Public Hearing scheduled for June 4th for new structure on Comrie Ave, DOT is reviewing traffic.  Brott Law Firm moving location approved |
| Assessor’s Office: | Scott Miller - | Role is filed with the Clerk. Grievance Day is May 28th |

* [**RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, LOCAL LAWS**](https://cityofjohnstown.ny.gov/uploads/8/3/9/2/83922496/resolutions_-_may_20_2024.pdf)

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| 26. Appoint Commissioners of Deeds | | | | | | |
| *Action Taken* | | | | | | |
| Motion: | Council Member | Hayner | Ayes: | 5 | Absent: | 0 |
| Seconded: | Council Member | Spritzer | Noes: | 0 | Abstain: | 0 |
| Discussion: | N/A | | | | | |
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| 27. Approve Agreement; Fulton County Planning | | | | | | |
| *Action Taken* | | | | | | |
| Motion: | Council Member | Miller | Ayes: | 5 | Absent: | 0 |
| Seconded: | Council Member | Hayner | Noes: | 0 | Abstain: | 0 |
| Discussion: | Would be using the County for mapping and census data | | | | | |
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| 28. Advertise for Public Hearing; Ordinance – W. Decker Street | | | | | | |
| *Action Taken* | | | | | | |
| Motion: | Council Member | Parker | Ayes: | 5 | Absent: | 0 |
| Seconded: | Council Member | Hayner | Noes: | 0 | Abstain: | 0 |
| Discussion: | N/A |  |  |  |  |  |
| 28. Police Grant; FY24 Cops Hiring Program | | | | | | |
| *Action Taken* | | | | | | |
| Motion: | Council Member | Spritzer | Ayes: | 5 | Absent: | 0 |
| Seconded: | Council Member | Jeffers | Noes: | 0 | Abstain: | 0 |
| Discussion: | Working with school grant writer. School Resource Officer for Knox Middle School | | | | | |

* **DISCUSSION**

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| 1. Spritzer – school officials are at the White House presenting on absenteeism |

* **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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| 1. School budget vote – Tuesday, May 21st 11-8pm 2. Memorial Day Parade – Friday, May 24th @6:30pm 3. City offices closed – Monday, May 27th 4. Vintage Car Show – Thursday, June 13th 5. City offices closed – Wednesday, June 19th 6. JACC Car Show – Thursday, June 20th 7. Toying Around Block Party – Saturday, June 22nd 8. Primary Election – Tuesday, June 25th 9. Business Meeting – June 17th |

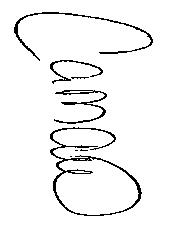
* **EXECUTIVE SESSION** (only if necessary)

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| Reason: | Pending or current litigation | | | | | | Time In: | | 6:34 pm | |
| Motion: | | Council Member | Jeffers | Ayes: | | 5 | | Absent: | | 0 |
| Seconded: | | Council Member | Hayner | Noes: | 0 | | | Abstain: | | 0 |
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| *Action Taken*: N/A | | | |  | | | |  | | |
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| Motion: | | Council Member | Spritzer | Ayes: | 5 | | | Absent: | | 0 |
| Seconded: | | Council Member | Miller | Noes: | 0 | | | Abstain: | | 0 |

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| Time: 7:02 pm | | | | | | |
| Motion: | Council Member | Hayner | Ayes: | 5 | Absent: | 0 |
| Seconded: | Council Member | Miller | Noes: | 0 | Abstain: | 0 |

Respectfully submitted,



Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk