Johnstown Common Council

Business Meeting - Council Chambers, City Hall

Monday, May 21, 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 | Larry O’Reagan, Assistant 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 |
|  | Victoria Nellis, Deputy City Treasurer |

ABSENT:

Michael C. Gifford, City Treasurer

Bruce Heberer, Fire Chief

The Mayor took a moment to welcome Ms. Vonderheide’s class from Johnstown High School.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

* Austin Debell, Department of Public Works Maintenance Equipment Operator – 30 years of service
* Valerie Rogers, Johnstown Public Library Clerk – 30 years of service

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

- None

PRESENTATIONS

-None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Hearing was opened at 6:04 p.m.

* Local Law #1, Wild Animals

Discussion: The Mayor clarified as to what new reptiles will be allowed: geckos, salamanders, bearded dragons, chameleons and anoles

- No comments or questions

Hearing was closed at 6:07 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES – April 16, 2018

Motion to approve – Council Member Martin

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Abstain: 1 (Iannotti)

Absent: 0

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

Motion to approve – Council Member-at-Large Iannotti

* General Fund A – unpaid; Abstract #4358 – $77,963.86
* General Fund A – paid; Abstract #05/2018A – $1,489,770.09
* Sewer Fund G – unpaid; Abstract #700 – $1,873.12
* Sewer Fund G – paid; Abstract #05/2018G – $300,454.51
* Voucher Fund VO – paid; Abstract #05/2018VO – $46,545.73
* Capital Fund 2012 (H12) – paid; Abstract #05/2018H12 - $7,307,999.99

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

* Fire/Codes
  + - Fire: Continued training on firefighter survival technique. Responded to 59 calls for service; 3 structure fires, 2 vehicle fires, 1 mutual aid call to Gloversville, 6 motor vehicle accidents, 13 hazardous conditions, 14 medical assistance and 20 other service calls.
    - Codes: Conducted training on NYS life safety code and applications. New hire Schuyler Duross completed training and started May 11th
    - 79 permits issued, estimated cost of construction/renovation $779,991, fees collected $3,702.50. Conducted 842 inspections and complaint responses.
    - Burn Ban has been lifted. Reminded public that a permit is required for fire pits.
* Police
  + - Three officers attended Field Training Officers Course.
    - 680 calls for service; 98 criminal cases were generated, 49 arrests, 51 citations, 42 traffic, 9 parking, 40 traffic accidents investigated.
    - Congratulated Glove Cities Emergency Response Team for coming in 2nd place among 8 teams during tactical week at the Oriskany Training Center.
* DPW
  + - HiWay Oil building is down. DEC scheduled to be on site to remove remainder of contaminated soil, borings revealed that contamination is contained on site only.
    - Street resurfacing project ready to go out to bid.
    - Advertise for RFQ for street lighting, need consultant, this will be a timely process, work probably won’t commence until possibly next year.
* Senior Center
  + - 2600 visitors in month of March.
    - Annual Bazaar was held April 14th, Community Health Fair April 28th brought in roughly 400 people. Officer Mitchell spoke regarding senior scam awareness. School Superintendent, Patricia Kilburn spoke regarding school budget. Working with Healthlink. Offer several exercise classes. Golf league started at Holland Meadows. Garage sale will be June 1st. June 7th Johnstown High School will put on a spring concert; band & chorus.

Discussion: Mayor announced that Diedre Roemer is no longer a provisional employee, she passed the civil service exam.

* Library
  + - Thanked Ms. Vonderheide’s class from Johnstown High School for their invitation to view the infomercial they prepared regarding the library initiative.
    - Congratulated Valerie Rogers on her 30 years of service, she is a tremendous asset to the library.
    - Reminded of library vote on June 5th from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
* Treasurer
  + - N/A

LIAISON REPORTS

* Kathi Iannotti, Assessor’s Office
  + - The 2018 Tentative Roll is on file in the Clerk’s office
    - Grievance Day is Tuesday, May 22, 2018 from 4-8 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.
* Kathi Iannotti, Planning Board meeting
  + - Stewart’s expansion; approved
    - Benjamin Moore expansion; approved
* Helen Martin, Joint Sewer Board April 11th monthly meeting
  + - Will begin a cleaning process which will impact FAGE for about 2-3 weeks
* Tim Cellary, Water Board April 9th meeting
  + - Still working on Capital projects; waiting on contract documents for Spillway Project, going to request bids for the Roof Project at Christman Filtration Plant
    - Finalized the Smart Waters Agreement
    - Beginning to start replacing meters in city, everyone will be getting a new meter.
* Craig Talarico
  + - Commented on the information given at a recent NYCOM meeting he attended in the beginning of May.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT

* None

RESOLUTIONS

* 50, 2018 presented by Council Member-at-Large Talarico to adopt Local Law #1, 2018 to amend Article IV, Section 4-403(b) of the Ordinance pertaining to Wild Animals.

Seconded – Council Member Martin

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

* 51, 2018 presented by Council Member Hayner to authorize City Clerk to advertise for sealed bids for resurfacing of certain city streets.

Seconded – Council Member Iannotti

Discussion: Mayor asked what streets were getting done. Chris stated hoping to get N. Perry from Maple to Walnut, S. Perry from E. Main to Montgomery, E. Main from Perry to in between State and Union Place, all of Veghte, and the city’s section of Briggs.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

* 52, 2018 presented by Council Member Iannotti to authorize to Daniel G. Vincellette, Esq. to execute Consent Order of Settlement regarding proceeding with Johnstown Comrie Associates.

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

* 53, 2018 presented by Council Member Martin to authorize Clerk to advertise city owned property for sealed bid.

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

* 54, 2018 presented by Council Member Cellary to authorize Clerk to advertise for a Public Hearing regarding Local Law #2, Tobacco Free Community.

Seconded – Council Member Martin

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

* 55, 2018 presented by Council Member-at-Large Talarico to reject offer for the purchase of 9-21 Hoosac Street (SBL #174.8-7-44.5).

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: Mayor stated reason for rejecting bid is because company has no plans for the property, basically just wants to “flip it”.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

* 56, 2018 presented by Council Member Hayner to reject offer for the purpose of Chestnut Street (SBL #174.15-4-6)

Seconded – Council Member Iannotti

Discussion: Mayor stated reason for rejecting bid is because company has no plans for the property, basically just wants to “flip it”.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

* 57, 2018 presented by Council Member Iannotti to authorize Clerk to advertise for request for qualifications for energy consultant regarding LED street lighting system upgrades.

Seconded – Council Member Martin

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

* 58, 2018 presented by Council Member Martin to reject offer for the purchase of 309 North Market Street (SBL #162.20-6-6).

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

* 59, 2018 presented by Council Member Cellary to reject offer for the purchase of 313 North Market Street (SBL #162.20-6-5)

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

* 60, 2018 presented by Council Member-at-Large Talarico to approved 2018 budget amendments.

Seconded – Council Member Iannotti

Discussion: Chief Gilbo stated this was to move money around in the police department budget for clothing for new hires.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

DISCUSSION

* Mayor discussed as to why there won’t be any hanging baskets on Main Street this year. In the past the city has accepted donations for the baskets, the city is not allowed to accept donations or solicit for donations for that purpose. Hoping that in the future a separate non-for-profit committee is formed either by the public or the business district to handle the donations so that the baskets can be back on Main Street. If a business would like to hang a basket on the Main Street, DPW can assist with hanging but cannot be responsible for the maintenance of the baskets, this includes watering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Memorial Day Parade will be this Friday, May 25th @ 6:00 p.m. Need clarification, this actually may be at 6:30 p.m.
* City offices will be closed on Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day
* June 18th Council Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – 6:42 p.m.

Council Member-at-Large Iannotti

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie M. Allen

City Clerk