Johnstown Common Council

Business Meeting - Council Chambers, City Hall

Monday, November 19, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

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 | Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk |
| Bradley Hayner, Council Member | Bruce Heberer, Fire Chief |
| Kathi Iannotti, Council Member | David F. Gilbo, Chief of Police |
| Helen Martin, Council Member | Christopher J. Vose, City Engineer |
| Timothy Cellary, Council Member | Diedrie M. Roemer, Director, Senior Citizens Program |

ABSENT  
Michael J. Poulin, City Attorney

Erica Wing, Library Director

PUBLIC HEARING - 2019 Budget

Mayor Jackson opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m.

- No comments or questions

Mayor Jackson closed the Public Hearing at 6:17 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES – October 15, 2018

Motion to approve – Council Member Martin

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

Motion to approve – Council Member Iannotti

* General Fund A – unpaid; Abstract #4479 – $126,256.32
* General Fund A – paid; Abstract #11/2018A – $1,985,178.44
* Sewer Fund G – unpaid; Abstract #725 – $132,356.59
* Sewer Fund G – paid; Abstract #11/2018G – $553.70
* Voucher Fund VO – paid; Abstract #11/2018VO – $45,283.34

Seconded – Council Member Martin

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

CITY OFFICIALS’ REPORTS

* Fire/Codes
  + - Fire: continued in-service training on Basic EMS responses. Responded to 69 calls for service; 2 structure fires, 8 motor vehicle accidents, 15 hazardous conditions, 15 medical assistance and 29 service calls.
    - Codes: Finished up training for year on NYS energy code. 71 permits issued, estimated cost of construction/renovation $2,081,278.00, fees collected $3,893.00. Conducted 828 inspections and complaint responses.
    - Reminded people to get permit before you begin work, this solves a lot of problems.
    - Colonial Stroll and Parade are set for Friday, November 30th @ 6:30 p.m. will welcome anyone who wishes to participate in parade, even if beyond deadline to sign up, prior to line up being published in the paper.
* Police
  + - 657 calls for service; 96 criminal cases were generated, 45 arrests, 31 citations; 26 traffic & 5 parking, 28 traffic accidents investigated.
    - Police department, along with the Gloversville police dept., participated in Excelsior Challenge, ERT Training drills.
    - Two officers attended SWAT Operator course, active members of ERT Team. An additional officer from Johnstown has been added to team, will need to go through training.
    - No Parking goes in effect December 1st. Although parking on your front lawn is allowed, please do not block sidewalks and obstruct view – tickets will be issued.
* DPW
* Leaf pickup is still going on, will attempt to get around the city at least once. The drop off site will remain open until the 1st week of December unless we get significant snow.
* Thanksgiving garbage collection for Wards 1 & 4 (Thursday/Friday garbage) will take place on Friday. Vose thanked Fulton County Solid Waste for their generosity in loaning a packer truck to assist with pickup.
* E. Main St. culvert, there is a solution in place. Pipe is ordered, received permit from Army Corps of Engineers. This is a temporary solution until next year, the fix is anticipated to take approx. 2 days. Notice will be given prior to work beginning.
* On November 21st there will be no parking on Main St. from 12 am – 6am, in order to remove snow to prepare for Holiday Parade and Colonial Stroll.
* Senior Center
  + - Sold 100 spaghetti dinners on Election Day
    - Local Channel 18 came to center and interviewed Roemer and Maggie Luck and several seniors regarding a Falls Prevention Video.
    - Upcoming events: 11/29 luncheon & decorating center for holidays, 12/6 soup & sandwich, 12/13 50+ Club Christmas Party, 12/18 Silver Bells Tea, trips open to anyone
  + Library
* N/A
* Treasurer
* His office is also working on 2017 audited financial statement, should be issued in a few weeks

LIAISONS’ REPORTS

* Kathi Iannotti, Assessor’s Office
* All Enhanced Star and Senior Star renewals have been mailed. All exemptions are due March 1, 2019.
* All homeowners participating in Enhanced Star must complete 425-IVP automatic renewal form in order to keep for 2019. This is a NYS requirement. This is the last year the Assessor’s office will be accepting Enhanced Star renewals.
* Iannotti commending Betsy in Assessor’s office for working with the elderly citizens to get them where they need to be.
* Assessor’s office wishes to recognize the late Michael Kirkpatrick for his nearly 40 years dedicated service on the Board of Assessment Review.

RESOLUTIONS

* 94, 2018 presented by Council Member Hayner to adopt 2019 Budget.

Seconded – Council Member Iannotti

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

* 95, 2018 presented by Council Member Iannotti to advertise for bids for Asphalt Millings.

Seconded – Council Member Martin

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

* 96, 2018 presented by Council Member Martin to advertise for bids for surplus wood.

Seconded – Hayner

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

* 97, 2018 presented by Council Member Cellary to advertise city owned property on Linden Avenue for bid.

Seconded – Iannotti

Discussion: Iannotti questioned as to who assigns 911 addresses. Heberer stated he assigns the numbers and will do so once the properties are sold. House numbers aren’t required until National Grid puts power in. Lots won’t be ready until the summer of next year, at the earliest.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

* 98, 2018 presented by Council Member-at-Large Talarico to advertise city owned property at 103 N. Perry Street for bid.

Discussion: Martin caught a typographical error in the resolution that should state the date of bid opening to be December 6, 2018.

Seconded – Martin

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

* 99, 2018 presented by Council Member Hayner to renew contract with Fulton County Dept. of Solid Waste – Transfer Station

Seconded – Iannotti

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

* 100, 2018 presented by Council Member Iannotti to renew contract with James A. Brennan Humane Society.

Seconded – Martin

Discussion: Hayner questioned that we pay the monthly fee regardless if animals are taken to the humane society. Mayor responded that this is a contract and we do.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

* 101, 2018 presented by Council Member Martin to advertise for a consultant to assist with the administration of an economic development project for Evolution Recycling.

Seconded – Iannotti

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

* 102, 2018 presented by Council Member Cellary to advertise for a professional cleaning service for City Hall.

Seconded – Martin

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

* 103, 2018 presented by Council Member-at-Large Talarico to advertise for a Public Hearing to amend Ordinance to include Designated Truck Route

Seconded – Hayner

Discussion: Gilbo stated that this is the same route we’ve had but in order to enforce we need to officially designate. A map of the route is available from city engineer and at the police department.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

* 104, 2018 presented by Council Member Hayner to accept assessment settlement regarding Marbeck City Line.

Seconded – Iannotti

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

* 105, 2018 presented by Council Member Iannotti to accept offer for city-owned property at 309 & 313 N. Perry Street.

Seconded – Cellary

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

* 106, 2018 presented by Council Member to declare Evolution Recycling project as a Type II action pursuant to SEQRA.

Seconded – Hayner

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

DISCUSSION

Council Member Martin mentioned that in addition to the Colonial Stroll and Holiday Parade on November 30th there are other events happening in the city: the Johnstown Historical Society will be sponsoring Festival of Wreaths at the James Burke Inn 5-8 p.m. & on 12/8 Stories from Santa at the James Burke Inn 2-4 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. City Hall will be closed Thursday, November 22nd & Friday, November 23rd in observance of Thanksgiving

MOTION TO ADJOURN – 6:41 p.m.

Council Member Iannotti

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie M. Allen

City Clerk