Johnstown Common Council

Business Meeting - Council Chambers, City Hall

Monday, September 20, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

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

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL – Vernon F. Jackson, Mayor

IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Vernon F. Jackson, Mayor | Michael C. Gifford, City Treasurer |
| Craig Talarico, Council Member-at-Large | Michael J. Poulin, City Attorney |
| Bradley Hayner, Council Member Ward 1 | Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk |
| Kathi Iannotti, Council Member Ward 2 | Bruce Heberer, Fire Chief |
| Eric Parker, Council Member Ward 3 | David F. Gilbo, Chief of Police |
| Max Spritzer, Council Member Ward 4 | Christopher J. Vose, City Engineer  Diedrie M. Roemer, Director, Senior Citizens Program  Larry O’Reagan, Assistant Fire Chief |

ABSENT

Craig Talarico, Michael Gifford, Bruce Heberer

PROCLAMATION / CITATION – N/A

PUBLIC SPEAKERS – N/A

PRESENTATIONS – N/A

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Amend Chapter 20; W. Canal Street; No Parking

Opened at 6:03 p.m.

* No Discussion
* No public comments received

Closed at 6:05 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES

August 16, 2021

Motion to approve – Council Member Hayner

Seconded – Council Member Parker

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Talarico)

Abstain: 0

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

Motion to approve, upon review – Council Member Iannotti

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Talarico)

Abstain: 0

CITY OFFICIALS’ REPORTS

Reports are attached hereto and made part of the meeting minutes.

LIAISONS’ REPORTS

* Craig Talarico, Gloversville Johnstown Joint Sewer Board

No Report; absent

* Bradley Hayner, Water Board

Approved Resolutions regarding the purchase of Neptune meters for the Johnstown Water Department and

modifying the Water Department Operating Procedures/Section 1-114. Filling Swimming Pools.

Tabled a Grievance filed by Landrio at 307 South William Street regarding his water and sewer bill. Sewer Board denied an adjustment to bill.

* Kathi Iannotti, Planning Board

No Report

* Kathi Iannotti, Assessor’s Office

No Report

ORDINANCES

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| 9. | Amend Chapter 20; W. Canal Street; No Parking | | | |
|  | Presented by Councilmember | Hayner | Seconded by Councilmember | Iannotti |
|  | Discussion: street is too narrow for parking | | | |
|  | Ayes: 4 | |  |  |
|  | Noes: 0 | |  |  |
|  | Abstain: 0 | |  |  |
|  | Absent: 1 (Talarico) | |  |  |

RESOLUTIONS

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| 59. | Appointment – Board of Assessment Review | | | |
|  | Presented by Councilmember | Iannotti | Seconded by Councilmember | Hayner |
|  | Discussion: None | | | |
|  | Ayes: 4 | |  |  |
|  | Noes: 0 | |  |  |
|  | Abstain: 0 | |  |  |
|  | Absent: 1 (Talarico) | |  |  |

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| 60. | Advertise for Public Hearing – Ordinance; Domestic Partnership | | | |
|  | Presented by Councilmember | Parker | Seconded by Councilmember | Iannotti |
|  | Discussion: None | | | |
|  | Ayes: 4 | |  |  |
|  | Noes: 0 | |  |  |
|  | Abstain: 0 | |  |  |
|  | Absent: 1 (Talarico) | |  |  |

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| 61. | Agreement – Empire State Appraisal; Johnstown Comrie Associates | | | |
|  | Presented by Councilmember | Spritzer | Seconded by Councilmember | Iannotti |
|  | Discussion: This company has represented city for prior grievances and have been successful. | | | |
|  | Ayes: 4 | |  |  |
|  | Noes: 0 | |  |  |
|  | Abstain: 0 | |  |  |
|  | Absent: 1 (Talarico) | |  |  |

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| 62. | Agreement – Hybrid Solutions; salt storage building | | | |
|  | Presented by Councilmember | Parker | Seconded by Councilmember | Hayner |
|  | Discussion: Mayor stated that we are still waiting for Bond approval | | | |
|  | Ayes: 4 | |  |  |
|  | Noes: 0 | |  |  |
|  | Abstain: 0 | |  |  |
|  | Absent: 1 (Talarico) | |  |  |

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| 63. | Authorize scrap/disposal of city vehicle | | | |
|  | Presented by Councilmember | Hayner | Seconded by Councilmember | Spritzer |
|  | Discussion: 2018 Dodge Charger involved in a car accident | | | |
|  | Ayes: 4 | |  |  |
|  | Noes: 0 | |  |  |
|  | Abstain: 0 | |  |  |
|  | Absent: 1 (Talarico) | |  |  |

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| 64. | Public Hearing – Local Law; amend City Charter | | | |
|  | Presented by Councilmember | Iannotti | Seconded by Councilmember | Hayner |
|  | Discussion: None | | | |
|  | Ayes: 4 | |  |  |
|  | Noes: 0 | |  |  |
|  | Abstain: 0 | |  |  |
|  | Absent: 1 (Talarico) | |  |  |

DISCUSSION

* Mayor received communication from Center for Regional Growth that they have been awarded a $500,000 Micro Enterprise Grant for Fulton County businesses affected by Covid. Businesses, if eligible, can receive up to $75,000. Advised Council that if they know of a business that could benefit, forward their information to him.
* Spritzer spoke on the recent unveiling of the Elizabeth Cady Stanton statue in the park and the great addition to downtown. He thanked the Department of Public Works and Police Dept. for their assistance in preparation for the statue and at the event.
* Parker commended the Police Dept. for assistance during the first days of school near Warren Street School, helping with traffic control.
* Parker questioned the litter in the Industrial Park. WalMart side is clear, FAGE area is littered with debris along the road. Mayor asked if DPW could assist in cleaning the area. Vose stated that his department is stretched thin but will make an attempt. Iannotti suggested reaching out to FAGE. The Mayor will send a letter to FAGE asking for their assistance in getting and keeping this area clean.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. City offices closed; Columbus Day – Monday, October 11, 2021
2. Business Meeting – Monday, October 18, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Iannotti made a motion to enter in to executive session at 6:22 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of proposed, pending and current litigation.

Seconded – Council Member Hayner

Discussion: None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Talarico)

Abstain: 0

No action was taken during executive session.

Council Member Hayner made a motion to come out of executive session at 6:48 p.m.

Seconded – Council Member Iannotti

Discussion - None

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Talarico)

Abstain: 0

MOTION TO ADJOURN at 6:50 p.m.

Council Member Iannotti

Seconded – Council Member Spritzer

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Talarico)

Abstain: 0

Respectfully submitted,



Carrie M. Allen

City Clerk