



Johnstown Common Council
Organizational Meeting - Council Chambers, City Hall
Monday, January 1, 2024 @ 12:00 p.m.

AGENDA

We will broadcast using Facebook Live. The public can view the meeting from the official City of Johnstown Facebook page: [City of Johnstown, New York](#)

- CALL MEETING TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL
- PUBLIC SESSION – Any person wishing to address the Council regarding city business will be 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.
- SWEARING IN
 1. Brad Hayner, Council Member Ward 1
 2. Eric Parker, Council Member Ward 3
- RESOLUTIONS
 1. Adopt Rules and Regulations of Proceedings of Common Council
 2. Set starting time of Council Meetings
 3. Designate official newspaper
 4. Designate polling places
 5. Appointment – Joint Sewer Board
 6. Designate Banks
 7. Set fees for 2024 Landfill Permits
 8. 2023 Budget Transfer
- DISCUSSION
- ANNOUNCEMENTS
 1. City Offices closed January 15th; Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 2. Business Meeting – Tuesday, January 16th @ 6pm
- ADJOURN



Resolution No. 1, 2024

Council Member Hayner presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption.

**ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2024**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rules and Regulations covering the Proceedings of the Common Council of the City of Johnstown, New York for the year 2024 be, and the same are, hereby adopted as the Rules and Regulations of the Common Council for the year 2023 unless otherwise ordered.

Seconded by Council Member _____

Adopted by the following vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ward 1 – Council Member Hayner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward 2 – Council Member Miller	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward 3 – Council Member Parker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward 4 – Council Member Spritzer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Council Member-at-Large Jeffers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TOTALS				
RESULT	Passed / Failed			

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Resolution No. 2, 2024

Council Member Miller presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption.

FIX THE HOUR OF 6:00 P.M. AS THE STARTING TIME FOR BUSINESS MEETINGS OF THIS COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 3.2(4) of the Charter of the City of Johnstown, this Common Council fixes the hour of 6:00 p.m. as the starting time for business and committee meetings of this Common Council for the year 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all previous Resolutions pertaining to the time for starting business and committee meetings of the Common Council are hereby rescinded.

Seconded by Council Member _____

Adopted by the following vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ward 1 – Council Member Hayner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward 2 – Council Member Miller	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward 3 – Council Member Parker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward 4 – Council Member Spritzer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Council Member-at-Large Jeffers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Resolution No. 3, 2024

Council Member Parker presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption.

**DESIGNATE THE LEADER HERALD AS THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN'S
OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE YEAR 2024**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the *Leader-Herald* newspaper is hereby designated as the official newspaper of the City of Johnstown for the year 2024 to publish, at the legal fee per line, not exceeding that fixed by Section 70-A of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York, for the publication of all notices, bylaws, rules and regulations of the Common Council and other boards and officials of this city and such other matters as the Common Council may direct to be published therein.

Seconded by Council Member _____

Adopted by the following vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ward 1 – Council Member Hayner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward 2 – Council Member Miller	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward 3 – Council Member Parker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward 4 – Council Member Spritzer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Council Member-at-Large Jeffers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Resolution No. 4, 2024

Council Member Spritzer presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption.

DESIGNATE LOCATIONS FOR VOTING IN THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FOR THE YEAR 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of the Election Law of the State of New York, the following places are hereby designated as the places in each of the Wards of the City of Johnstown, New York, where voting for primaries and elections shall be held during the ensuing year:

WARD 1 – Trackside Homes (Community Hall), W. State Street (Robin Circle)

WARD 2 – Senior Citizens Center, 109 E. Main Street

WARD 3 – First Baptist Church, 325 South Comrie Avenue

WARD 4 – Grace Lutheran Church, 1 West Montgomery Street;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the compensation be fixed at a sum not to exceed the sum of \$100.00 per day, for each polling place, including light and other necessary utilities and fixtures for holding the stated primaries and elections; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all prior Resolutions setting compensation and location of polling places, be and the same, are hereby rescinded.

Seconded by Council Member _____

Adopted by the following vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ward 1 – Council Member Hayner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward 2 – Council Member Miller	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward 3 – Council Member Parker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward 4 – Council Member Spritzer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Resolution No. 5, 2024

Council Member Jeffers presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE JOINT SEWER BOARD

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following individuals be re-appointed to the Joint Sewer Board, this is a three year term and shall expire on December 31, 2026:

- Christopher Vose of Gloversville, New York, and
- John Rizzo of Johnstown, New York

Seconded by Council Member _____

Adopted by the following vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ward 1 – Council Member Hayner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward 2 – Council Member Miller	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward 3 – Council Member Parker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward 4 – Council Member Spritzer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Resolution No. 6, 2024

Council Member Hayner presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

DESIGNATE BANKS FOR THE DEPOSIT
OF FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2024

BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following banks are hereby designated as the banks for the deposit of City funds effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024:

1. Key Bank, NA of New York
2. Berkshire Bank
3. NBT Bank
4. Citizens Bank
5. Community Bank
6. JP Morgan Chase
7. Green County Commercial Bank

Seconded by Council Member _____

Adopted by the following vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ward 1 – Council Member Hayner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward 2 – Council Member Miller	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Resolution No. 7, 2024

Council Member Miller presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**SET THE COST OF LANDFILL PERMIT
FEES FOR THE YEAR 2024**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 11-602.1 of the City Code of Ordinances entitled Transfer Station charges, the Common Council shall set the cost of a landfill permit prior to the commencement of the fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Common Council sets the cost for 2024 landfill permits at:

- 1. Annual Fee: \$35.00
- 2. Replacement Sticker: Users will be charged a fee of \$5.00 for each replacement sticker requested due to loss, damage or to transfer to a new vehicle.
- 3. Partial Year: After September 30th residents may purchase a Landfill Permit at a reduced cost of \$20.00.

Seconded by Council Member _____

Adopted by the following vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Ward 2 – Council Member Miller	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Resolution No. 8, 2024

Council Member Parker presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

2023 BUDGET TRANSFER

WHEREAS, the City Treasurer is requesting a budget transfer in the amount of \$4,150.02 from the Landfill Disposal Fees line; A8161.454 to the Engineer Office Supplies line; A1440.419; and

WHEREAS, this transfer is needed in order to cover increased costs and supplies needed for office equipment for the City Engineer's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT,

RESOLVED, the Common Council hereby approves that the City Treasurer make a budget transfer in the amount of \$4,150.02.

Seconded by Council Member _____

Adopted by the following vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Ward 2 – Council Member Miller	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk

Amy Praught, Mayor