

**JEANNETTE CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 9, 2005  
6:40 P.M.**

**ORDER:** Mayor Michael Cafasso called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Robert Carter, Mark Clark, Michael J. Minyon, Jr., Chuck Highlands, Michael Cafasso

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ronald E. Dinsmore, City Clerk; Edward L. Antonacci, City Engineer; Gary A. Falatovich, City Solicitor; Jeffrey C. Stahl, Chief of Police; George Lender, Code Enforcement Officer; Curtis Elliott, City Foreman; Diana Reitz, Community Development Coordinator; Michael Bertolino, Fire Chief; Sam Casino Jr., City Treasurer

**ABSENT WITH CAUSE:** Diana Reitz, Sam Casino Jr.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

**AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Minyon and seconded by Clark to accept the agenda as amended. (Add Officers Reports, Bills, and Department Reports)  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Carter, Clark, Minyon, Highlands, Cafasso	5
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Minyon to accept the minutes of the February 21, 2005

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Carter, Clark, Minyon, Highlands, Cafasso	5
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**CITIZENS:**

- Veryl Ghrist – 618 Division Street – Questions on occupancy inspections
- Jim Solomon – 708 Lowry Avenue – Concerned with garbage bags.
- Jon Brady - Greensburg – Concerned with garbage bags and pick up.
- Pam Kochella – Gaskill Avenue – Welcomed Chuck Highlands
- Joan Fresch – 328-1/2 North First Street – Question on garbage pick up and recycling
- Ann Moffa – Agnew Road – Concerned with Lewis and construction on Division.  
Concerned with Fire Barrels at Omnova.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Petition to pave portion of Johnston Street.
2. Letter regarding appointment to the Planning Commission. (Ellison)
3. Letter regarding appointment to the Re-development Authority. (Serlo)
4. Letter regarding resignation from the Planning Commission. (Altier)
5. Letter regarding Officer Al Rivardo.
6. Letter regarding appointment to the Re-development Authority. (Hodges)

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**OFFICER REPORTS:**

A motion was made by Carter and seconded by Minyon to accept and file the Officer reports as presented.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Carter, Clark, Minyon, Highlands, Cafasso 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**BILLS:**

A motion was made by Minyon and seconded by Clark to pay all bills presented to Council that were approved by Staff or Department Heads on invoices.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Carter, Clark, Minyon, Highlands, Cafasso 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**BILLS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS – ( Mayor Michael T. Cafasso)

Ford Motor Credit Company	21,139.13
Verizon Wireless	358.59
Pitney Bowes	2,239.94
The Jeannette Spirit	84.00
The Office Connection	425.98
Orange's Auto Repair	508.71
Computer Connections	288.70
Monsour Medical Center	32.00
Copier Corp. of America	74.77
Joseph B. Payne and Assoc.	55.00
Comcast	158.00
Advanced Communications North	140.00
PA City Controllers Association	75.00
Gary Falatovich, Atty.	3,991.12
Metro Technology Services, Inc.	2,070.00
Municipal Code Service, LLC	1,470.00
AT & T	72.18
Fine Line Printing	59.00
Arch Wireless	62.70
Flynn's Tire Group	402.18
Dan Johnston Chevrolet	187.86
Laurel Ridge Bottling Company	26.00
AJ Press	<u>18.00</u>

TOTAL \$ 33,938.86

DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCE – (COUNCILMAN MICHAEL J. MINYON, JR)

Hampton Office Plus	186.82
Sam Casino Jr. City Treasurer	105.70
George Lender	67.88
Copier Corp. of America	38.68
Dickman Directories, Inc.	89.00
International Code Council, Inc.	100.00
Treasurer's Association of PA	50.00
Dutcheen O. Cameron	75.00
The Jeannette Spirit	51.60
F.L. Haus Company	611.87
Harris Computer	<u>750.00</u>

TOTAL \$ 2,126.55

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DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCE MISC – (COUNCILMAN MICHAEL J. MINYON, JR)

Nextel Communications	62.93
Varine-Slavin, Inc.	<u>22,920.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 22,982.93

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY – (Councilman Robert M. Carter)

Lander’s Service, Inc.	1,768.44
Staley Communication	867.60
Point Spring & Driveshaft Co.	69.95
Verizon Wireless	118.97
D.P. Thomas Welding	<u>31.50</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,856.46

DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & IMPROVEMENTS – (Councilman Mark L. Clark)

Zoresco	1,415.21
Hummell Brothers	28.84
Lander’s Service, Inc.	1,293.94
D.P. Welding	180.50
Pirtex Hoses & Assemblies	68.00
Penn Oxygen Supply	27.69
Rentokil Pest Control	58.96
Disco products	360.00
Traval Contractors Supply, Inc.	7.44
Penn Pipe	74.10
Verizon Wireless	136.78
Baillies Service & Supply	566.50
Cintas First Aid	81.00
Lowe’s Home Improvements	108.50
Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc.	43.30
Antonacci & Associates	<u>1,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 5,450.76

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & BUILDINGS – (Councilman Charles R. Highlands)

RCW, Inc.	1,302.75
Advance Heating & Plumbing Co.	558.90
Unifirst Corp.	48.42
Disco Products	169.90
Laurel Ridge Bottling Company	93.50
Rentokil Pest Control	<u>74.98</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,248.45

MORE THAN ONE DEPARTMENT

Jon Robinson Electric	1,545.50
CitiCapital	356.04
Carquest Auto Parts	84.88
Computer Connections	1,268.50
Spino’s Tire Service	223.00
Harris Communication	<u>619.44</u>
TOTAL	\$ 4,097.36

BOND ISSUE

Antonacci & Associates	137.50
Gary Falatovich	<u>1,062.50</u>
TOTAL	\$1,200.00

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LIQUID FUELS

Antonacci & Associates	2,428.00
Hanson	722.85
D'Appolonia	4,243.82
Heilman Pavement Specialties, Inc.	243.38
Central Salt, LLC	<u>23,207.47</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 30,845.52</b>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Gary Falatovich, Atty.	2,861.00
Copier Corporation of America	31.06
Sovereign Settlement (1 <sup>st</sup> Time Homebuyer #27)	3,000.00
Noppe & Associates (1 <sup>st</sup> Time Homebuyer #28)	2,748.50
Urban Design Ventures, LLC (month of January)	1,250.00
Vincent and Janice Altieri	5,000.00
The Jeannette Spirit	173.25
Mullin & Lonergan Associates	10,000.00
Saint Vincent College	5,000.00
Sutphen Corporation	<u>120,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 150,063.81</b>

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

- Mr. Carter – Thanked Chuck Highlands for joining Council
- Fire Department running at 145 calls to date.
  - Report on Fire Prevention Program Essay Contest winners.
  - Report on the garbage bags and the new ordinance requirements.
  - Report on the use of grant monies used to purchase a fire truck.

- Mr. Clark – Welcomed Chuck Highlands to City Council and the Recreation Commission.
- Report on Old Hill Road Project.
  - Report on pot hole repairs and general maintenance.
  - Road Crew is doing a great job cleaning the snow and ice removal.

- Mr. Minyon – Welcomed Mr. Highlands.
- Report on the Budget
  - Encourage people to apply for committee.

- Mr. Highlands – Employees need to pitch in for Health Care costs.
- Report on the Easter Egg Hunt.
  - Report on scheduled trip through Recreation.
  - Report on Spring Clean up at the local parks
  - Fundraiser selling golf tournament tickets.

- Mr. Cafasso – Report on Old Hill Road Project.
- Report on a new grocery store located on Lowry Avenue.
  - Report on the Buckle Up Program in the Police Department.
  - Report on the fire on Bullitt Avenue and the use of the taser gun.
  - Report on the emergency call list.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Motion was made by Clark and seconded by Carter to re-appoint Crisann Lowstuter to the City of Jeannette Civil Service Commission effective January 1, 2005. Said term to expire December 31, 2007.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Carter, Clark, Minyon, Highlands, Cafasso	5
NAY: None	0
The chair declared the motion carried.	

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (CONTINUED)**

- Motion was made by Minyon and seconded by Clark to re-appoint Crisann Lowstuter to the City of Jeannette Zoning Hearing Board effective January 1, 2005. Said term to expire December 31, 2007.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Carter, Clark, Minyon, Highlands, Cafasso 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- Motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Clark to re-appoint Janice C. Smarto to the City of Jeannette Zoning Hearing Board effective January 1, 2005. Said term to expire December 31, 2007.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Carter, Clark, Minyon, Highlands, Cafasso 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Motion was made by Carter and seconded by Minyon to approve the Garbage and Sewage exonerations as presented to City Council by Treasurer Sam Casino Jr.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Carter, Clark, Minyon, Highlands, Cafasso 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Minyon and seconded by Carter to conduct the first reading of **Bill No. 05-04:**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE  
FIXING THE LEVELS OF EMPLOYEES OF ALL  
DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE  
AND THE RATES OF COMPENSATION THEREOF  
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2005.**

**Held over according to law.**

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Carter, Clark, Minyon, Highlands, Cafasso 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- Motion was made by Carter and seconded by Minyon to hire Ryan Highlands as a call Firefighter immediately following a physical examination. There will be a 12-month probationary period.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Carter, Clark, Minyon, Cafasso 4  
ABSTAIN: Highlands 1  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS: (continued)**

- Motion was made by Minyon and seconded by Carter to approve First Time Homebuyer Program Application #27.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Carter, Clark, Minyon, Highlands, Cafasso 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**\*\*\*\*\*Mayor read disclosure statement.**

- Motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Clark to approve First Time Homebuyer Program Application #28.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Carter, Clark, Minyon, Highlands, Cafasso 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- Motion was made by Minyon and seconded by Highlands to approve a Job Development Loan to James A. Skatell and Richard J. Skatell in the amount of \$200,000, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the City's commitment letter of March 4, 2005, and the pledge of sufficient collateral, in a form and in amounts approved by the City Solicitor and Community Development Coordinator, as security for same.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Carter, Clark, Minyon, Highlands, Cafasso 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

\*\*\*\*\*A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Minyon to recess at 7:56 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Carter, Clark, Minyon, Highlands, Cafasso 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**RECONVENED – 8:03 P.M.**

- Motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Clark to appoint Donna Ellison to the City of Jeannette Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Frank Altier. Said term to expire December 31, 2006.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Carter, Clark, Minyon, Highlands, Cafasso 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS: (continued)**

- Motion was made by Clark and seconded by Minyon to appoint Jack Serlo to the City of Jeannette Re-Development Authority. Said term to expire December 31, 2009.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Carter, Clark, Minyon, Highlands, Cafasso 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- Motion was made by Clark and seconded by Minyon to appoint Councilman Highlands to the Jeannette Recreation Commission.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Carter, Clark, Minyon, Highlands, Cafasso 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Cafasso and seconded by Carter to hire **Justin Scalzo** as a full time police officer upon recommendation of the Police Chief and the Civil Service Commission, effective immediately following all medical examination reports. There is a 180 day probationary period. Wages and benefits will be compensated in compliance with the 2003 contract agreement.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Carter, Clark, Minyon, Highlands, Cafasso 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**Mayor Cafasso swears in Scalzo.**

- A motion was made by Carter and seconded by Minyon to conduct the first reading of **Bill No. 05-05**:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE,  
WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING  
ORDINANCE NO. 96-3 ELIMINATING THE MANDATORY USE OF  
CITY OF JEANNETTE GARBAGE BAGS FOR GARBAGE AND  
RUBBISH DISPOSAL AND AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF  
COLLECTION FEES BY SUBSEQUENT RESOLUTION.**

**Held over according to law.**

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Carter, Clark, Minyon, Highlands, Cafasso 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS: (continued)**

- A motion was made by Minyon and seconded by Carter to approve **Resolution #05-04:**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JEANNETTE APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL FOR  
THE CENTRAL JEANNETTE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN  
THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA**

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Carter, Clark, Minyon, Highlands, Cafasso	5
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Highlands to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Carter, Clark, Minyon, Highlands, Cafasso	5
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.

City Clerk