

**JEANNETTE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY
June 8, 2005
6:30 P.M.**

ORDER: Mayor Michael Cafasso called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT WITH CAUSE: Robert Carter

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Moment of silence for Betty Sandella Wertz, first woman elected to Jeannette City Council, who passed away on Tuesday, June 7, 2005.

AGENDA:

A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Minyon to accept the agenda as presented.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Clark, Minyon, Cafasso	4
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Clark to accept the minutes of the May 11, 2005

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Clark, Minyon, Cafasso	4
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.

CITIZENS:

Veryl Ghrist – 618 Division Street – concerns with property on Chestnut Street. Grass is not being trimmed.

Deanna Beatrice – 413 Lafferty Street – concerned about parking on Lafferty Street

Harold Reskin – 1125 Ellsworth Avenue – weeds 8 feet tall on the 1100 block.

Cris Lowstutter – 205 George Street – concerned with unethical behavior by Police Officers intimidating residents by going door to door supporting candidates, being at polls within 100 feet of voting polls, publicly asking these police officers to resign.

Joan Fresch – North 1st Street – concerned with people using garbage cans on street with bags inside.

Edward Galando – 712 Clark Avenue – concerned with street cleaner going up Western Ave.

Kathy Means – 622 Wylie Avenue – concerned with Division Street project by the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter to the Fire Department regarding Randy Dubich.
2. Letter requesting Curb Cut. (Warren)
3. Letter from Jeannette Business Association
4. Letter from First Presbyterian Church requesting street to be blocked on July 3, 2005

OFFICER REPORTS:

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

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Clark, Minyon, Cafasso 4
NAY: None 0
The chair declared the motion carried.

BILLS:

A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Minyon 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: Highlands, Clark, Minyon, Cafasso 4
NAY: None 0
The chair declared the motion carried.

BILLS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL

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

Orange's Auto	1,075.90
Monsour Medical Center	112.00
Copier Corporation	267.41
PC Laboratory	362.00
The Office Connection	457.88
The Jeannette Spirit	510.30
Hampton Office Plus	119.89
O'Neil Towing	50.00
Computer Connections	191.25
The Sherwin-Williams Company	186.72
Dan Johnston Chevrolet	102.50
Laurel Ridge Bottling Company	34.00
Mercy Jeannette Hospital	134.00
Comcast	158.00
Pitney Bowes	106.26
Norfolk Southern	74.38
Gary Falatovich	3,035.00
Computer Express	115.00
Municipal Code Service, LLC	<u>1,492.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 8,584.49

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

Central Tax Bureau of PA, Inc.	1,846.25
Copier Corporation	43.94
Jeannette Spirit	67.10
Hampton Office ePlus	47.80
Dutcheen O. Cameron	75.00
George Lender	<u>86.27</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,166.36

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

Nextel	53.69
Varine-Slavin	338.00
Ocwen Federal Bank	132.00
Mark A. Spagnol	<u>150.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 673.69

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

RCW, Inc.	1,302.75
Unifirst Corp.	99.34
Laurel Ridge Bottling Company	37.00
Rentokil Pest Control	74.98
Stanley Works	246.00
A. Raimondo, Inc.	<u>2,970.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 4,730.07

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

Lander's Service, Inc.	5,496.03
Quality Truck Body, Inc.	1,617.12
PA Automated Service, Inc.	320.00
Public Safety National	129.00
NFPA	135.00
Firehouse	52.00
R.B. Crosby & Son, Inc.	1,218.50
D.P. Thomas Welding	84.00
Chad Hamilton	<u>60.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 9,111.65

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

Lander's Service, Inc.	1,533.81
Arlington Mower Repair	183.98
Antonacci & Associates	2,762.50
Penn Oxygen Company	30.66
Pennsylvania One Call Syste, Inc.	31.30
Angelo Equipment	46.66
Airserco, Inc.	231.00
Lowe's Service	355.99
H & H Electronics Inc.	85.00
Greensburg Agway	44,.99
D.P. Thomas Welding	115.50
D.H.H. Rocks and More	513.24
U.S. Municipal Supply, Inc.	<u>232.95</u>
TOTAL	\$ 6,167.58

MORE THAN ONE DEPARTMENT

Spino's Tire Service	943.57
Pitney Bowes	2,271.50
CitiCapital	<u>356.04</u>
TOTAL	\$ 3,571.11

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BOND ISSUE

Gary A. Falatovich	450.00
Hayden Appraisal Services	850.00
J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.	1,325.00
Antonacci & Associates	<u>175.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,800.00

LIQUID FUELS

Norwin Construction Co.	198.44
Antonacci & Associates	<u>2,360.94</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,559.38

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Gary A. Falatovich, Atty.	1,953.73
Gary A. Falatovich, Atty.	1,380.00
Copier Corporation of America	30.54
Advanced Real Estate (1 st Time Homebuyer #31)	3,000.00
Urban Design Ventures, LLC (Month of May)	1,250.00
Urban Design Ventures, LLC (Month of June)	1,250.00
Westmoreland Human Opportunities, Inc.	2,415.35
Secure Abstract Services, Inc.	1,948.26
Community Development Reporter	340.00
City of Jeannette-Home Investment Program (#139)	16,635.00
TOTAL	\$ 30,202.88

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mr. Highlands:

- Report on step repair at City Hall.
- Report on lunch program at Altman Road Park Playground.
- Report on program at Shop and Save on Rt. #66 Greensburg that will donate money to Jeannette Recreation.
- Report on Jayhawk Bobbleheads.

Mr. Carter: (Presented by Mark Clark)

- Report on garbage trash bag requirements.
- Report on recycling program.

Mr. Clark:

- Report on Street Department Activity

Mr. Minyon:

- Report on Budget

Mr. Cafasso:

- Apologized for the Police Department in their actions during the elections.
- Will not tolerate drugs, D.U.I, in the City of Jeannette.
- Had Chief Stahl report on the arrests and the Buckle Up Program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Minyon to adopt Bill No. 05-06 as **Ordinance No. 05-06:**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE,
WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF STOP SIGNS ON
SLOAN AVENUE AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH VIRGINIA
STREET, AND GASKILL AVENUE AT ITS INTERSECTION
WITH 10TH STREET, IN THE CITY OF JEANNETTE,
WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Clark, Minyon, Cafasso 4
NAY: None 0
The chair declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion was made by Clark and seconded by Minyon to grant permission to Wilfred Warren to cut the curb at 135 - 11th Street pending the approval of Code Enforcement Officer George Lender and City Engineer Edward Antonacci.
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Clark, Minyon, Cafasso 4
NAY: None 0
The chair declared the motion carried.

- Motion was made by Clark and seconded by Minyon to grant permission to the First Presbyterian Church to block off Fourth Street and Bullitt Avenue to Third Street on Sunday, July 3, 2005 between 9:00 a.m. and noon.
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Clark, Minyon, Cafasso 4
NAY: None 0
The chair declared the motion carried.

- Motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Clark to approve the entry of the Settlement Agreement with Central Westmoreland Habitat for Humanity, Inc. to acquire a permanent easement through property bearing Westmoreland County Tax Map Parcel No. 14-01-11-0-135 for the total sum of \$2,000.00 to requisition the payment for same.
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Clark, Minyon, Cafasso 4
NAY: None 0
The chair declared the motion carried.

- Motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Clark to approve 1st time Homebuyer Application #31.
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Clark, Minyon, Cafasso 4
NAY: None 0
The chair declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: (continued)

- Motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Minyon to advertise for RFP's for Architect Services.
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Clark, Minyon, Cafasso 4
NAY: None 0
The chair declared the motion carried.

- Motion was made by Minyon and seconded by Clark to approve Façade Application #31, contingent upon PA SPHO approval.
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Clark, Minyon, Cafasso 4
NAY: None 0
The chair declared the motion carried.

- Motion was made by Minyon and seconded by Clark to approve Façade Application #32.
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Clark, Minyon, Cafasso 4
NAY: None 0
The chair declared the motion carried.

- Motion was made by Minyon and seconded by Highlands to conduct a first reading of **Bill No. 05-07:**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE,
WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
REGULATING THE ABILITY OF CIVIL SERVICE
EMPLOYEES TO ENGAGE IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AND
IMPOSING DISCIPLINE FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF
Held over according to law.**
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Clark, Minyon, Cafasso 4
NAY: None 0
The chair declared the motion carried.

- Motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Clark to approve the settlement of the Tax Assessment Appeal filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, at No. 5626 of 2003, by entry into a Joint Petition with the Westmoreland County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. (ARC Westmoreland), declaring its property, bearing Tax Map Parcel No. 14-01-08-0-207, exempt from all City or other local taxes from calendar year 2003 forward, and authorizing the City Solicitor to sign such Joint Petition on the City's behalf."
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Clark, Minyon, Cafasso 4
NAY: None 0
The chair declared the motion carried.

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- Motion was made by Clark and seconded by Minyon to award the Old Hill Road Street Resurfacing Project to **Derry Construction** in the amount of **\$6,789.00.**
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Clark, Minyon, Cafasso 4
NAY: None 0
The chair declared the motion carried.

- Motion was made by Minyon and seconded by Highlands to advertise for the demolition of four structures.
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Clark, Minyon, Cafasso 4
NAY: None 0
The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Minyon and seconded by Clark to approve **Resolution #05-10:**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE CITY COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE HOUSING CONSORTIUM COOPERATION
AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND.**

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Clark, Minyon, Cafasso 4
NAY: None 0
The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Minyon to conduct the first reading of **Bill No. 05-08:**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE,
WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING
THE CONSTRUCTION OF STOP SIGNS ON THE CART WAY
RUNNING PARALLEL TO LAFFERTY STREET, BETWEEN
STATE STREET AND THOMAS AVENUE, IN THE CITY OF
JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

Held over according to law.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Clark, Minyon, Cafasso 4
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 7:27 p.m.
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Clark, Minyon, Cafasso 4
NAY: None 0
The chair declared the motion carried.

Ronald E. Dinsmore, City Clerk

Michael Cafasso, Mayor and President of Council