

**JEANNETTE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY  
May 14, 2008  
6:33 P.M.**

**ORDER:** Mayor Michael Cafasso called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Mark Clark, Lou Kolbosky, Jeff DePalma, John Busato, Michael Cafasso

**ABSENT WITH CAUSE:** Lou Kolbosky

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ronald E. Dinsmore, City Clerk; Jack Cambest, City Solicitor,  
Edward L. Antonacci, City Engineer; Rich Ault, City Foreman;  
Ed Howley, Code Enforcement Officer; Michael Bertolino, Fire Chief;  
Jeffrey C. Stahl, Chief of Police; Sam Casino Jr., City Treasurer;  
Diana Reitz, Community Development Coordinator

*Note: Cindy Booley filled in for Ronald Dinsmore*

**ABSENT WITH CAUSE:** Ronald Dinsmore

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

**AGENDA:**

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

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso,	4
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Busato and seconded by DePalma to accept the minutes of the **April 9, 2008** Council meeting.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso,	4
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**CITIZENS:**

John Bambery – 540 Lowry Avenue – Problem with water and sewage lines in basement of his business on Clay Avenue.

Debra D. Rhodes – 117 Chestnut Street – Problems with sewage and plumbing. House purchased from WHO “as-is”.

Niles Cavaliere – 600 Lewis Avenue – Problem with the Public Works Department not fixing his property that he said they damaged.

Chuck Highlands – North Second Street – Will we receive the \$10,000 retainer back from Marquis

- One quarter of the year is gone – how do we stand on the budget.
- Letter for school board on Treasurer’s Office.
- Speeding traffic on Harrison Avenue

Robert Carter – 50 South First Street – Question on one large item pick up.

- Are people being charged per the Ordinance?

Veryl Ghrist - 618 Division Street – Comments on Trigona tires

- Question on use of City bags for garbage
- Question on clean-up.

Ed Galando – 712 Clark Avenue – When will something be done with the house that burned on Western Avenue a few years ago?

- Are any roads being paid?

Don DeGuffroy – Greenwood Street – Question on bill for fender bender on Lowry Avenue/Broad

- Question regarding third party billing.

Joan Fresch – 328-1/2 North First Street – Question regarding the street ordinance.

- Question on recycling old tires.

Don Tillman – Hempfield Township – Comments on new business in the City of Jeannette

- Question on used car lot and the zoning ordinance
- Wants to open a used car lot on 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

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**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Request to vacate part of High Street.
2. Letter requesting permission to block alley for Ascension Festival.
3. Letter to Police Department from Judge DeMarchis.
4. Letters thanking Officer Scalzo and K-9 Wando from Wanda Layman, Coordinator of Westmoreland County Information and Referral; Ann Walker of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Western PA; Matt Panigal of the Penn State Research Class.
5. Letter from the Jeannette Recreation Commission on sale of property.
6. Letter from Jeannette Recreation regarding pet wellness clinic.
7. Letter requesting use of city property by Zion Hill Baptist Church.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

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

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso, 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**BILLS:**

A motion was made by Clark and seconded by DePalma 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: Clark, DePalma, Busato, 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)**

Computer Connections, Inc.	834.99
Hampton Office Products	145.41
911 PC Medic	359.20
Witmer Associates, Inc.	973.34
The Office connections	542.50
Verizon wireless	240.04
Tribune-Review	571.63
Kathy Wolfe	135.50
Orange's Auto Service	24.35
Norfolk Southern	165.10
Comcast	68.25
Westmoreland Transit	4,300.00
Flynn's Tire	1,528.76
Copier Corp. of America	15.51
Laurel Ridge Bottling company	26.00
Kettlers Restaurant	536.30
Pitney Bowes	769.29
CIT Technology Fin Service, Inc.	368.87
Lawyers Abstract Company of Westmoreland County	215.00
Dodaro, Cambest & Associates, P.C.	1,868.00
Motorola	<u>255.00</u>
TOTAL	\$13,943.04

**DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCE – (COUNCILMAN J. LOUIS KOLBOSKY)**

Municipal Code Inspections, Inc.	4,567.50
Treasurer's Association of PA	50.00
Tribune-Review	79.95
Dutcheen O. Cameron	85.00
AJ Press	52.00
Hampton Office Products	109.00
Copier Corp. of America	.66
Computer connections, Inc.	<u>19.95</u>
TOTAL	\$4,964.06

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DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCE -MISC- (COUNCILMAN J. LOUIS KOLBOSKY)

Varine-Slavin, Inc.	33,535.00
Sherry Cramer	956.62
Countrywide Tax Services, Corp	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$34,591.62

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & BUILDINGS – (COUNCILMAN MARK CLARK)

RCW, Inc.	1,423.50
Laurel Ridge Bottling company	110.00
Unifirst Corp.	58.85
Sparkle Window Cleaning	180.00
County Roofing & Heating Inc.	150.00
Ehrlich	83.98
Disco Products	<u>115.82</u>
TOTAL	\$2,122.15

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY – (COUNCILMAN JEFFREY DEPALMA)

Lander’s Service, Inc.	6,027.54
Fire Engineering	45.50
Staley Communications	76.57
WFCA’s Fire Service Bookstore	193.77
ESI Equipment, Inc.	220.00
Royal Chemical	224.82
Sutphen corporation	54.06
Disco Products	11.18
Verizon Wireless	<u>109.46</u>
TOTAL	\$6,962.90

DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & IMPROVEMENTS – (COUNCILMAN JOHN BUSATO)

Protection Services, Inc.	484.00
Traval contractors Supply, Inc.	39.26
Antonacci Design Associates	5,050.20
Verizon Wireless	57.04
Pitt Rental Center	132.00
Lowe’s	219.96
PA One Call System Inc.	52.00
West End Builder’s Supply Co., Inc.	22.50
Chemsearch	1,868.22
Penn Oxygen, Inc.	32.01
James M. Cox Company	327.52
Hummell Brothers	72.54
Lander’s Service, Inc.	531.62
Spino’s Tire Service	272.00
Carquest Auto Parts Stores	<u>4.94</u>
TOTAL	\$9,165.81

MORE THAN ONE DEPARTMENT

Duncan True Value	129.18
Harris Computers	<u>1,407.54</u>
TOTAL	\$1,536.72

LIQUID FUELS

Hanson Aggregates, Inc.	2,150.87
Norwin construction Co.	<u>668.16</u>
TOTAL	\$2,819.03

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

City of Jeannette-1 <sup>st</sup> Time Homebuyer #67	3,000.00
City of Jeannette-1 <sup>st</sup> Time Homebuyer #68	2,985.65
Gary A. Falatovich, Atty. 4-6-08 to 5-4-08 COJRA 700 Block Clay	840.00
Westmoreland Human Opportunities, Inc. Inv. CIT/55	4,547.70
Urban Design Ventures, LLC-consulting fees for month of April, 2008	1,250.00
Urban Design Ventures, LLC-consulting fees for FY-2008 CDBG	4,000.00
Diana M. Reitz, travel expense	135.80
Community Development Reporter Invoice CA-8024	360.00
FEDEX Invoice #2-671-68726	22.93
Computer connection, Inc. Invoice No. 080430-26	29.95
The Office connection Invoice #081015	94.09
The Office connection Invoice #081353	<u>247.50</u>

TOTAL	\$17,513.62
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**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Mr. Clark:

- Playgrounds will be opening soon
- Plenty of work to do on ballfields
- Habitat for Humanity working on North End Playground
- Summer Program Books are ready and available.

Mr. Kolbosky:

- Absent

Mr. DePalma:

- Clean up days went very well.
- Three temps will be hired for public works
- Recycling starting in a few weeks.

Mr. Busato:

- Crews working on storm line project on Lewis Avenue
- Brush Chipping is getting behind.
- Remarks on temps for public works.

Mr. Cafasso:

- Extra manpower needed in public works
- Clicket or Ticket in progress from May 12 through June 2 – Nine 4 hour shifts

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A motion was made by Busato and seconded by Clark to adopt Bill No. 08-01 as **Ordinance No. 08-01:**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE,  
WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING  
AND IMPLEMENTING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON  
HEAVILY TRAFFICKED AVENUES WITHIN THE CITY AND  
SETTING FORTH TRAFFIC CHANGES AND RESTRICTIONS.**

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso, 4  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Clark to award the bid for **Recyclable Newspaper** to Pittsburgh Recycling at the bid price of -\$50/Ton C/H picked up by the bidder.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso, 4  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by DePalma and seconded to Clark to award the bid for **Clear Glass** to Pittsburgh Recycling at the bid price of \$30/Ton picked up by the bidder.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso, 4  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Clark to award the bid for **Brown Glass** to Pittsburgh Recycling at the bid price of \$20/Ton picked up by the bidder.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso, 4  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

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- A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Busato to award the bid for **Bi-Metal Cans** to Pittsburgh Recycling at the bid price of \$100/Ton picked up by the bidder.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso, 4  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.
- A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Clark to award the bid for **Cardboard** to Pittsburgh Recycling at the bid price of -\$20/Ton C/H delivered by the City of Jeannette.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso, 4  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.
- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by DePalma to reject the bids for curb, gutter and sidewalk replacement on Lewis Avenue.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso, 4  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A motion approving 1<sup>st</sup> Time Homebuyer Application #67 and #68.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso, 4  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.
- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by DePalma to approve the transfer of three parcels from the City of Jeannette to the City of Jeannette Redevelopment Authority, subject to the city solicitor's review.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso, 4  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.
- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Busato to approve a Job Development Loan with Bish Manufacturing Co.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso, 4  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.
- A motion was made by Busato and seconded by Clark to approve "Amendment 1" to the pre-development loan agreement between the City of Jeannette and Westmoreland Community Action.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso, 4  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.
- A motion was made by Busato and seconded by Clark to approve the subordination request for DX Investments, as per the city solicitor's recommendations.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso, 4  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.
- A motion was made by Clark and seconded to Busato to grant permission to the Ascension Church to block the alley behind the church on Saturday, July 12 and Sunday July 13, 2008.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso, 4  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.
- A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Clark to direct the City Clerk's Office to advertise for applicants for temporary employment in the Public Works Department.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso, 4  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Busato to conduct the first reading of **Bill No. 08-02** as Ordinance No. 08-02:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROHIBITING OWNERS, CUSTODIANS AND KEEPERS OF DOGS, CATS OR OTHER ANIMALS IN THE NATURE OF PETS FROM ALLOWING SUCH TO RUN AT LARGE OR TO REMAIN IN THE OPEN AT PUBLIC PARKS DURING EVENTS THAT ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.**

Held over according to law.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso, 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Clark to hire William Jurcevich as a Parking Lot attendant.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso, 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Busato to sell the partial lot property owned by the City of Jeannette that is located in the alley between Gaskill and Scott Avenue, Tax map number 14-1-12-0-110 that was once used by the Jeannette Recreation Commission.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso, 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by DePalma to grant permission to the Jeannette Recreation Commission to use the Community Room at City Hall on one Sunday a month during the months of June, July, August, and September to offer the community a pet wellness clinic.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso, 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Clark to grant permission to the Christian Fellowship Center to use the City of Jeannette property outside Zion Hill Baptist church for a tent revival service on Saturday, June 28, 2008, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. A Liability Insurance Policy and Performance Bond must be presented to the Office of the City Clerk no less than ten days before the event.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso, 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by DePalma to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso, 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

City Clerk