

**JEANNETTE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY  
October 8, 2008  
6:30 P.M.**

**ORDER:** Mayor Michael Cafasso called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

*Presentation of award to the Jeannette Fire Department from MDA.*

**AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Busato and seconded by DePalma to accept the agenda.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: DePalma, Busato, Kolbosky	3
NAY: Clark, Cafasso	2

The chair declared the motion carried.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Busato to accept the minutes of the **October 8, 2008** Regular Council meeting.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, Clark, Kolbosky, DePalma, Cafasso	5
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.

*(Note: No. 1 under Unfinished Business was read at this time. Bids were opened and Rich Ault and Ed Antonacci read the bid results, then went into another office to review.)*

**CITIZENS:**

- Chuck Highlands – North Second Street – concerned with Budget. Questions on Zoning Board members. Questions on the City Clerk opening. Would like to ask a valid reason.
- Robert Carter – 50 South First Street – Question on spending and loss of revenue.
- Veryl Ghrist – 618 Division Street – Complaints on getting rid of Ron Dinsmore.
- Jane Kennedy – 402 Margaret Street – Who wants the position of Ron Dinsmore advertised.
- Joan Fresch – North First Street – Question on agenda. Is it legal for the city to fix proper at Clay Avenue Extension? – Comments on parking meters and revenue.
- Pam Kochella – Gaskill Avenue – Comments on slum landlords.
- Carlotta Paige – 311 Hickory Street – is ashamed of Council and the way they are acting.
- Dr. Dave Valerio – 214 North First Street – Council is making a mistake. Thanked the Fire Department for being efficient.
- Dustin Ager – Question on the City Clerk duties.
- Ernie DiMartino – President of Jeannette Business Association – when was the last time the City of Jeannette contacted Zion.
  
- Randy Highlands - North Second Street – Focus should be on Zion property. Focus on developing the City of Jeannette.
- Bob Wolfe – 715 North First Street – Question on parking meters.
- Tim Klobucar – 156 Frothingham – Question on City Clerk firing.
- Rob Fejes – 504 Beech Street – Commented that Council work for the people.
- Kathy Wolfe – 715 North First Street - Blue Tickets not bringing money into the City.
- Jim Broker – North Second Street – Sam Casino and Ron Dinsmore are only ones who helped him with his new business.
- Randy Dubich – 640 Wylie Avenue – Fire Prevention Week – Change you batteries in your smoke detectors.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

(Note: No. 1 under Unfinished Business was read before the Citizens portion of the meeting)

- A motion was made by Kolbosky and seconded by DePalma to open the bids for the 2008 Flood Control Wall Repair Project.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, Clark, Kolbosky, DePalma, Cafasso 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

*Ed Antonacci, City Engineer, opened the bids*

Name	#1-08A	#1-08B	#1-08C
<b>Gary Metzinger Cement Company (Office) 412-963-1701</b>	\$67,314.00	\$187,625.00	\$66,350.00
ARS Inc. 412-719-8058	\$174,326.00	\$107,290.00	\$43,830.00

- A motion was made by Busato and seconded by DePalma to award the bid for 2008 Flood Control Wall Repair Project to ARS, Inc. in the amount of \$107,290.00, for Contract #1-08C.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, Clark, Kolbosky, DePalma, Cafasso 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Busato to award the demolition bid for the South Side of the 700 Block of Clay Avenue to Piccolomini Contractors, Inc. of Waltersburg, PA in the bid amount of \$197,800.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, Clark, Kolbosky, DePalma, Cafasso 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Letter of appreciation to Chief Stahl.
2. Letter from Recreation Commission requesting permission for Light Up Parade.
3. Letter requesting re-appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board – Bambery.
4. Letter requesting re-appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board – Smarto.
5. Letter from the Redevelopment Authority.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

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

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, Clark, Kolbosky, DePalma, Cafasso 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**BILLS:**

A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Kolbosky 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: Busato, Clark, Kolbosky, DePalma, Cafasso 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

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**BILLS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL**

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

Tribune Review	435.70
Westmoreland Regional Hospital	70.00
The Office Connection	102.19
Orange’s Auto Service	158.97
Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin PC	4,974.12
Dickman Directories, Inc.	149.00
Computer connection, inc.	322.35
The Jeannette Spirit	174.53
Laurel Ridge Bottling Company	82.00
Pitney Bowes	541.95
Copier Corp. Of America	2.42
Dodaro, Matta & Cambest, P.C.	<u>3,089.50</u>
TOTAL	\$10,102.73

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

Hampton Office Products	372.58
Dutcheen O. Cameron	85.00
Harris Computer	700.00
B.I.U. of PA	<u>2,765.00</u>
TOTAL	\$3,922.58

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

Varine-Slavin	3,174.78
PHFA	882.00
Federal National Mortgage Association	62.92
Countrywide Tax Services	<u>1,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$5,119.70

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & BUILDINGS – (COUNCILMAN MARK CLARK)**

Ehrlich	83.98
Unifirst Corporation	63.00
Laurel Ridge Bottling Company	92.50
Disco Products	<u>97.16</u>
TOTAL	\$336.64

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY – (COUNCILMAN JEFFREY DEPALMA)**

NFPA	1,033.84
Disco Products	82.03
Michael Bertolino	303.01
The Office Connection	153.93
Fortunato’s Service & Repair Inc.	1,068.46
RDJ Specialties, Inc.	318.78
Lander’s Service, Inc.	723.84
Varine-Slavin, Inc.	3,680.00
Hummell Brothers	164.71
Quality Truck Body	<u>389.91</u>
TOTAL	\$7,918.51

**DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & IMPROVEMENTS – (COUNCILMAN JOHN BUSATO)**

Antonacci Design Associates, Inc.	2,750.00
Arlington Mower Repair	199.51
The Office Connection	179.95
CTL Engineering	881.25
Advanced Auto Parts	517.63
Watt’s Mack Sales, Inc.	3,477.96
Old Dominion Brush	227.34
West End Builder’s Supply Co., Inc.	14.85
Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc.	44.20
Cintas First Aid	48.10
Traval contractors Supply, Inc.	1.12
Pitt Service Center	5.15
The Warehouse Rentals and Supplies	50.00
Ehrlich	65.96
Terry’s Auto Glass	135.00
Duncan True Value	41.98
Greensburg Agway	51.80
Jupina Landscaping Inc.	582.50
Lander’s Enterprises LLC	822.55
Spino’s Tire Service	<u>855.00</u>
TOTAL	\$10,951.85

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**BILLS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL (continued)**

**MORE THAN ONE DEPARTMENT**

Harris Computer	814.23
The Office Connection	444.00
CIT Technology	<u>368.87</u>
TOTAL	\$1,627.10

**LIQUID FUELS**

Norwin Construction Company	<u>573.84</u>
TOTAL	\$573.84

**Bond Issue**

Vincent's Concrete Construction	<u>4,350.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4,350.00

**OFF STREET PARKING ACCOUNT**

Barbish Plumbing, Heating	<u>\$1,291.65</u>
TOTAL	\$1,291.65

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Westmoreland Community Action – Invoice #CIT/60	\$73,280.00
Westmoreland Community Action – Invoice #CIT/61	6,877.50
Westmoreland Community Action – Invoice #CIT/62	2,103.90
City of Jeannette – 1 <sup>st</sup> Time Homebuyer Program #76	3,000.00
Tribune-Review Publishing Company – Job Ad	481.20
Gary Falatovich – RDW – 8/1/08 to 9/4/08	260.00
City of Jeannette – General fund – May, 2007	10,419.87
City of Jeannette – General Fund – December, 2007	10,419.87
Tribune-Review Publishing Co.-Demo ad South Side 700 Block Clay	<u>248.00</u>
TOTAL	\$107,090.34

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Mr. Kolbosky:

- Finance Report

Mr. DePalma:

- Sanitation Report by Rich Ault
- Fire Department Report by Mike Bertolino

Mr. Busato:

- Report on Street Department

Mr. Clark:

- Report on Recreation and Parks
- Thanked the Fire Department for the job they do.

Mr. Cafasso:

- Report on Parking Meter Income and Expenditures
- Losing \$18,000 per year
- As of Monday, October 13, 2008, there will be no more 15 minute free blue parking passes issued.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A motion was made by Kolbosky and seconded by Clark to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Time Homebuyer Application #76.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, Clark, Kolbosky, DePalma, Cafasso	5
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** (CONTINUED)

- A motion was made by Busato and seconded by Clark to approve the agreement between Westmoreland Transit and the City of Jeannette to provide public transportation.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, Clark, Kolbosky, DePalma, Cafasso 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Clark to hire Shawn Fogle 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: Busato, Clark, Kolbosky, DePalma, Cafasso 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Kolbosky to grant permission to Jeannette Recreation Commission to hold the annual Light Up Night Parade on November 19, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, Clark, Kolbosky, DePalma, Cafasso 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Busato to open the position of City Clerk for the City of Jeannette. All applications should be submitted to the Administrative Assistant to the City Clerk.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, Kolbosky, DePalma 3

NAY: Clark, Cafasso 2

The chair declared the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by DePalma to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, Clark, Kolbosky, DePalma, Cafasso 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.