

**JEANNETTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 10, 2008
7:07 P.M.**

Award presentation to Randy Dubich

ORDER: Mayor Michael Cafasso called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL: John Busato, Mark Clark, Louis Kolbosky, Jeff DePalma, 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;

ABSENT WITH CAUSE: Michael Bertolino

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

AGENDA:

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

YEA: Busato, Kolbosky, DePalma, Cafasso	4
NAY: Clark	1

The chair declared the motion carried.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Busato to accept the minutes of the November 12, 2008.

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.

CITIZENS:

Chuck Highlands – North Second Street – question on the new budget.

Question on Treasurer's Office Employee

Robert Carter – 50 South First Street – comments on hiring in the Treasurers and Community Development Dept. and comment on the Probationary Period in the City Clerk's Office, comment on the budget, comments on the hiring and interview for the City Clerk Job.

Diana Betras – 413 Lafferty Street – Problems with parking and the one way street.

Gresko – question on dogs, etc.

Joan Fresch – Upset over the delay in the meeting, comments on the Christmas light up parade, comments on the 2008 Budget.

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CITIZENS: (continued)

Kathy Wolfe – complaint on the parking at Lafferty Street., comments on parking in the city.

Jane Kennedy – comments on the experience of Ron Dinsmore.

Nancy Peters – Recreation Director – comments on replacing a recreation board member.

Randy Highlands – comments on contract negotiations.

Cindy Booley – 802 Adams Avenue – comments about Ron Dinsmore

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter of thanks for recycling
2. Letter requesting appointment to the Recreation Commission.
3. Request for street light between North 7th and North 8th Street.

OFFICER REPORTS:

A motion was made by Busato and seconded by DePalma 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 Busato 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.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mr. Busato – Report on the Street Department

Mr. Clark – Report on the Recreation Commission activities.

Mr. Kolbosky – No Report

Mr. DePalma – Fire Department report by Randy Dubich
Sanitation Department report given by Rich Ault.

Mr. Cafasso – Police report given by Chief Stahl

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Kolbosky to advertise for a job opening in the Treasurer's Office. All applications can be picked up at the office of the City Clerk. All completed applications and resumes are to be returned to the office of the Treasurer.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Clark, Kolbosky, Cafasso 3

NAY: Busato, DePalma 2

The chair declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Kolbosky to conduct the first reading of **Bill No. 08-04:**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR 2008 AND APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT, HERINAFTER SET FORTH, DURING THE CURRENT YEAR.

Held over according to law.

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 to hire Christina Gnesda in the Community Development Department at the starting salary of \$10.00 per hour. Probation period will be 120 days. Lack of second on the motion, so the motion died.
- A motion was made by Busato and seconded by DePalma to hire Stella Rebitch as the City Clerk for the City of Jeannette at the salary of \$45,000.
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, Kolbosky, DePalma, 3

NAY: Clark, Cafasso 2

The chair declared the motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

- A motion was made by Busato and seconded by DePalma to amend the agenda to include the starting date of 12/31/08 for the new city clerk position.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, Kolbosky, DePalma, 3

NAY: Clark, Cafasso 2

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by DePalma to appoint Marjorie Bing Stanislaw to the Recreation Board.

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 Kolbosky to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 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.

City Clerk