

**JEANNETTE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY  
JULY 8, 2009  
6:30 P.M.**

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

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

**ABSENT WITH CAUSE:** Jeff DePalma, John Busato

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stella Rebitch, 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  
*Note: Gary Pilkington was in the place of Michael Bertolino*

**ABSENT WITH CAUSE:** Sam Casino Jr., Michael Bertolino

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

*A moment of silence for two retired City of Jeannette employees – William Utzman, Rehabilitation Inspector for the City of Jeannette for several years; and Renaldo “Reno” Marroni, Public Works employee for the City of Jeannette.*

Note: At this point in the regular council meeting, Mayor Michael Cafasso introduced Robert Carter, Deputy Emergency Management Officer for the City of Jeannette. Also introduced was Commissioner Chuck Anderson who said he wanted to help the citizens of Jeannette. (He left the building directly after delivering his life history and how he became Commissioner) Mr. Carter was present in the absence of Jon Robinson, Emergency Management Officer. Mr. Carter stated that the local, county and state are waiting for a package signed by President Barack Obama for FEMA flood relief. A “Disaster Recovery Center will then be set up in Westmoreland County, probably Greensburg, where flood victims can apply for federal aid. Victims will need pictures (if available) of damage, assessment list of items lost, receipts for items replaced, etc. to take with them to fill out the FEMA form. Ed Antonacci gave information on the Flood Project. Many citizens were dissatisfied with the City’s reaction to the flooding. Roll offs were placed in many flood areas for victims to use for damaged flood items. Sharon Herring complained about previous flood control projects and said it is getting worse instead of improving. There is to be a meeting Thursday, July 16 at Mersinger Hall at Ascension Parish to discuss monies that are to be distributed.

**AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Kolbosky to accept the agenda.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Clark, Kolbosky, Cafasso 3  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Kolbosky and seconded by Clark to accept the minutes of the **June 10, 2009** Regular Council meeting.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Clark, Kolbosky, Cafasso 3  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**CITIZENS:**

- Chuck Highlands – North Second Street – Thanked all EMS/Fire/Police for help with the flood.
  - Questioned the Code Enforcement Position – Two people denied the job.
  - Question on the Blighted Ordinance Committee which he was appointed a few months ago. No one from the Redevelopment Committee on board as yet.
  - asked how contract negotiations were going.
- Alice Masciantonio – 1012 Ohio Avenue – complaint on 501 Maple will not cut grass.
- Gary Davis – Washington Avenue –apologized to Ed A about Parking Permit error.
- Mark McCoy – 330 Chestnut Street – comment on house at 333 Chestnut Street
  - comment on steps falling in going from Division to Chestnut.
- Nick Milanovich – Dithridge Street – People are setting bonfires at night in his neighborhood. Wants to know the rule on burning in the city.
  - Neighbor is putting trash out too early.

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**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Thank you letter from the Ukrainian Citizens Club.
2. NAACP request to close 11<sup>th</sup> and Mapleton Streets on August 1, 2009 for Arts and Heritage Day.
3. Letter requesting permission to close 600 block of Clay Avenue – Poker Run

**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: Clark, Kolbosky, Cafasso 3  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**BILLS:**

A motion was made by Clark 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: Clark, Kolbosky, Cafasso 3  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**BILLS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL**

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

Westmoreland Regional Hospital	224.00
The Office Connection	519.76
Orange’s Auto Service	292.36
Tribune-Review	155.83
Staley Communications, Inc.	155.75
Malin, Bergquist & Company, LLP	5,975.00
Purchase Power	1,564.85
Pitney Bowes	723.00
Copier Corp. Of America	2.00
Hampton Office Products	60.35
International Code Council	100.00
PA League of Cities	450.00
PC Laboratory	110.00
Laurel Ridge Bottling Company	56.00
Greensburg Transmission	1,395.00
Comcast	44.11
Witner Public Safety Group	283.99
Jeff Stahl	335.00
Justin Scalzo	230.00
Donald Johnston Jr.	265.00
Al Rivardo III	<u>232.00</u>
TOTAL	\$13,174.00

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

Unity Printing Co., Inc.	<u>115.55</u>
TOTAL	\$115.55

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

Varine-Slavin, Inc.	<u>\$17,852.00</u>
TOTAL	\$17,852.00

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

Ehrlich Pest Control	\$87.98
Disco Products	\$203.39
Laurel Ridge Bottling Company	100.00
Unifirst Corporation	<u>63.00</u>
TOTAL	\$454.37

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

Landers Service, Inc.	976.89
The Office Connection	243.34
Premier Safety & Service, Inc.	640.98
Staley Communications, Inc.	784.00
IAFC Membership	204.00
Murray Auto Electric	222.55
Fire Chiefs Association	<u>180.00</u>
TOTAL	\$3,251.76

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DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & IMPROVEMENTS – (COUNCILMAN JOHN BUSATO)

Lander’s Service, Inc.	2,404.87
Antonacci Design Associates	1,867.62
Carquest Auto Parts	12.28
Mangery & Sons of Penn, Inc.	1,005.55
East Jordan Iron Works	1,606.24
Pitt Service Center	57.12
PA One Call Systems, Inc.	46.80
West End Builder’s Supply, Inc.	180.45
Penn Oxygen	3.20
Disco Products	<u>44.88</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,229.01</b>

MORE THAN ONE DEPARTMENT

CIT Technology Fin. Serv. Inc.	757.84
Spino’s Tire Service	<u>2,348.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,105.84</b>

LIQUID FUELS

Antonacci Design Associates, Inc.	6,937.59
Norwin Construction Company	<u>397.44</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,334.94</b>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Westmoreland Human Opportunities, Inc. Invoice CIT/69A	74,834.35
Westmoreland Human Opportunities, Inc. Invoice CIT/76	73,175.29
Westmoreland Human Opportunities, Inc. Invoice CIT/77	34,510.43
Urban Design Ventures, LLC UDV-07-302-76 Month of May 2009	1,250.00
Nicklas, King Irwin & Co Invoice No. 90220072 appraisal S. 6 <sup>th</sup> Loading	225.00
City of Jeannette – 1 <sup>st</sup> Time Homebuyer Program #86	3,000.00
City of Jeannette – 1 <sup>st</sup> Time Homebuyer Program #87	<u>3,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$189,995.07</b>

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Mr. DePalma: Not Present – No Report
- Mr. Busato: Not Present – No Report
- Mr. Clark: Cleaned up fields after flood
  - Thanked everyone for all their hard work!
  - We do raise our own money for Recreation
- Mr. Kolbosky: Department Totals
- Mr. Cafasso: Thanked everyone for their help with the flood, including all city departments along with the EMS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Kolbosky to award the bid for clear glass to Bradish Glass, Inc., Greensburg, PA, at the bid price of \$33.00 per Ton, picked up by Bradish.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:
 

YEA: Clark, Kolbosky, Cafasso	3
NAY: None	0

 The chair declared the motion carried.
- A motion was made by Kolbosky and seconded by Clark to award the bid for brown glass to Bradish Glass, Inc., Greensburg, PA, at the bid price of \$13.00 per Ton, picked up by Bradish.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:
 

YEA: Clark, Kolbosky, Cafasso	3
NAY: None	0

 The chair declared the motion carried.
- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Kolbosky to award the bid for bi-metal cans to Pittsburgh Recycling Services, Pittsburgh, PA, at the bid price of \$80.00 per Ton, picked up by Pittsburgh Recycling.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:
 

YEA: Clark, Kolbosky, Cafasso	3
NAY: None	0

 The chair declared the motion carried.
- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Kolbosky to award the bid for newsprint to Pittsburgh Recycling Services, Pittsburgh, PA, at the bid price of \$50.00 per haul. (“Haul” is a 30 yard container which should contain between 6 and 10 tons of newsprint depending on how much of space is utilized)  
Container to be picked up by Pittsburgh Recycling.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:
 

YEA: Clark, Kolbosky, Cafasso	3
NAY: None	0

 The chair declared the motion carried.
- A motion was made by Kolbosky and seconded by Clark to award the bid for cardboard to Atlas Waste Paper Corp, Pittsburgh, PA, at the bid price of \$12.50 per Ton, delivered to Atlas.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:
 

YEA: Clark, Kolbosky, Cafasso	3
NAY: None	0

 The chair declared the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A motion was made by Kolbosky and seconded by Clark to approve First Time Homebuyer Applications #86 and #87.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Clark, Kolbosky, Cafasso 3  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.
- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Kolbosky to approve the Westmoreland County Consortium Agreement for Fiscal Year 2009 HOME Program Funding between the County of Westmoreland and the City of Jeannette.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Clark, Kolbosky, Cafasso 3  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.
- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Kolbosky to grant permission to the Greensburg-Jeannette Branch of the NAACP to close Mapleton Street and 11<sup>th</sup> Street on August 1, 2009, between 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to celebrate the Annual NAACP Arts and Heritage Day.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Clark, Kolbosky, Cafasso 3  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.
- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Kolbosky to grant permission to close the 600 block of Clay Avenue on August 1, 2009 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to hold a benefit Poker Run to help raise money for the Jeannette Midget Athletic Association to replace the equipment, etc. lost in the flood of June 17, 2009.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Clark, Kolbosky, Cafasso 3  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.
- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Kolbosky to appoint Gary Pilkington to the position of temporary full time firefighter with the Jeannette Fire Department until Captain Randy Dubich returns from an illness. Mr. Pilkington will be paid \$10.00 per hour. This is in accordance with the contract between the City of Jeannette and full time firefighters.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Clark, Kolbosky, Cafasso 3  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.
- A motion was made by Kolbosky and seconded by Clark to hire **Daniel Marco** as a temporary summer employee for the Public Works Department at the rate of \$11.55 per hour per Teamster's Contract, immediately following a physical examination.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Clark, Kolbosky, Cafasso 3  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- A motion was made by Kolbosky and seconded by Clark to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Clark, Kolbosky, Cafasso 3  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.