

**JEANNETTE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 18, 2009  
6:35 P.M.**

**ORDER:** Councilman Lou Kolbosky called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

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

**ABSENT WITH CAUSE:** Michael Cafasso

**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

**ABSENT WITH CAUSE:** Diana Reitz

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

**AGENDA:**

A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Busato to accept the agenda.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

The chair declared the motion carried.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Busato to accept the minutes of the **October 14, 2009** Regular Council meeting.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

The chair declared the motion carried.

**CITIZENS:**

- Ernie DiMartino – Division Street – question on the Salary Ordinance
- Ronald E. Dinsmore – 412 Jane Street – commented on the Salary Ordinance; also line items were under projected; commented on projects over \$10,000 should go out to bid.
- Chuck Highlands – North Second Street – read letter to council on Blighted Committee properties, council has to take next step. Asked Lou about the budget and he said we are holding our own.
- Jane Kennedy – Margaret Street – Asked council if we are going bankrupt. Busato said no. DePalma said if we do, it will be because of the Trigona case.
- Robert Carter – 50 South First Street – Presented Petition from Welker Street residents for speed limit sign; asked council to support Item No. 6 under New Business regarding the new fire truck.
- Roy Smith - 300 – 13<sup>th</sup> Street – wants road paved and was told it is not a priority. Rich Ault said that there is nothing else that can be done to remedy the situation other than paving it.
- John Orange – 5 Orange Avenue – Upset that someone will sue the city when that someone owes \$80,000 in taxes.

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**CITIZENS: (continued)**

- Nancy Hoenshell – North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street - commented a stop sign should be placed on North Third Street by DePalma.
- Nancy Gresko – North Fourth Street- PA Criminal Code for Cruelty to Animals.
- Helen Williams - 817 North Third Street – traffic on North Third Street
- Chris Criner – Louise Street – Water problem at his house and they couldn't find his house. He was concerned if there was an emergency, the ambulance couldn't get there.
- Becky Davis – 605 Washington Avenue – questioned law suit against the city from Trigona.
- Pam Kochella – 824 Gaskill Avenue – question on Trigona lawsuit; understands that Trigona still owes money to Community Development for the Rehab Project.
- Dave Lauffer – 428 Welker Street – Question on why fire truck went up one way road?
- Vic Priestner – 430 Welker – Welker needs patched.
- Dustin Ager – North Seventh Street – comments on the Trigona case.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Letter from Recreation Commission requesting permission for Light Up Parade.
2. Letter requesting re-appointment to the Sewage Authority – Peters.
3. Letter requesting appointment to the Redevelopment Authority – Salvatore.
4. Letter requesting appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board – Davis.
5. Letter requesting appointment to the Sewage Authority – Davis.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

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

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

The chair declared the motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Mr. DePalma:

- Sanitation – 653 Tons
- Fire Department – 598 Incidents
- Mike Bertolino spoke in regard to the new ladder truck.

Mr. Busato:

- Street Department – Leaf Collection – Over 50 tons of leaves collected.

Mr. Clark:

- Commented on Roy Hall Dinner, Rockettes (52 people), Reign Deer Ball – Dec. 28

Mr. Kolbosky:

- Report on budget

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Clark to conduct the first reading of **Bill No. 09-03** as Ordinance 09-05:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CONDEMNATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY NOW OR FORMERLY OF THE ZION BULLITT AVENUE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP LOCATED IN THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF THE OPENING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY, OR FOR SUCH OTHER PUBLIC PURPOSE AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.**

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Busato to grant permission to Jeannette Recreation Commission to hold the annual Light Up Night Parade on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Busato to approve First Time Homebuyer Applications #97 and #98.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: DePalma, Busato, Clark, Kolbosky 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 to advertise for citizens interested in openings on boards, commissions, and authorities in the City of Jeannette.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

The chair declared the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS: (continued)**

- A motion was made by Busato and seconded by DePalma to conduct the first reading of ***Bill No. 09-04*** as Ordinance No. 09-06:  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE FIXING THE LEVELS OF EMPLOYEES OF ALL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE AND THE RATES OF COMPENSATION THEREOF FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2009.**

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: DePalma, Busato, Kolbosky 3

NAY: Clark 1

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Clark to purchase a new ladder truck for the City of Jeannette Fire Department. Cost breakdown is as follows: Federal share - \$712,500.00; City share - \$37,500.00; Total grant \$750,000.00. The new ladder truck comes in at \$780,000.00, which leaves an additional \$30,000.00. Fire Chief Mike Bertolino has secured a donation through the Elliott Company for \$10,000.00 per year over a three year period.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: DePalma, Busato, Clark, Kolbosky 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- **A motion was made by Busato and seconded by DePalma to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement of the Central Westmoreland Council of Governments and the City of Jeannette for legal services with Cohen Law Group for cable franchise renewal negotiations with Comcast.**

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: DePalma, Busato, Clark, Kolbosky 4

NAY: None 0

**The chair declared the motion carried.**

- A motion was made by Busato and seconded by DePalma to amend the zoning ordinance to change the Zoning Map classification on the 700 block of Clay Avenue from Business Transition Zone to Central Business District.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: DePalma, Busato, Clark, Kolbosky 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Busato to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: DePalma, Busato, Clark, Kolbosky 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.