

JEANNETTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 13, 2010
6:02 P.M.

ORDER: Mayor Robert Carter called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mark Clark, John Busato, Jeff DePalma, Ron Dinsmore, Robert Carter

ABSENT WITH CAUSE: 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: Captain Randy Dubich filled in for Michael Bertolino.

ABSENT WITH CAUSE: Jack Cambest, Michael Bertolino

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Also, a moment of reflection for men and women in the armed services.

AGENDA:

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

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Clark, DePalma, Dinsmore, Carter 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Clark to accept the minutes of the
January 4, 2010 Re-organizational meeting.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Clark, DePalma, Dinsmore, Carter 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

CITIZENS:

- Chuck Highlands – North Second Street – asked how Busato is doing; Stop animosity commented on raises, bond issue, phone payment, ADP Payroll (ADP will hold people accountable); questioned about the Website that we paid \$25,000.00 for.
- Sharon Herring – Penn Avenue – Question on #6 of new business of why we are hiring a new solicitor.
- Paul Garris – 435 North Fifth Street – commented on the Trigona Case – Falatovich costs.
- Gary Davis – 605 Washington Avenue – question on the permit parking signs on his street.
- Becky Davis – 605 Washington Avenue – Mellon Trust – List of Expenditures from Stella
- Pam Kochella – Gaskill Avenue – House robbed twice last year; her insurance company called police and they never came.
- Rob Fejes – Beech Street – Why don't we have any appointments to boards? Question from DiMartino – Are we going to upgrade our zoning officers? Give them more time?
- Nancy Greco – North First Street – astonished that we hired Falatovich.
- Brian Ketter – Fourth Street – congratulated Mayor Carter; stressed the importance of a zoning board; hopes the new group to move forward on the 4th Street Hotel demolition; Is there an ordinance on snow removal?; PNC Bank and Old News Dispatch not taken care of; Tim Hoffman sent notices to businesses.
- Jane Kennedy – 412 Margaret Street – Defended Gary Falatovich.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter requesting appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board – Cafasso.
2. Letter requesting no parking sign – Amadio
3. Letter regarding 2010 Community Days.

OFFICER REPORTS:

A motion was made by Dinsmore 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, Dinsmore, Carter	4
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.

BILLS:

A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by Clark 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, Dinsmore, Carter	4
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mr. Clark:

- Recreation had first meeting
- Events: CATS on 1/30, Grease on 3/13, Wine and Cheese on 3/20 (\$10)
- 5K Walk – July 24 – Elliott Company Centennial Celebration
- Selling Bon Ton Coupon Books

Mr. Busato:

No Report

Mr. DePalma:

- Read letter from Bertolino apologizing to Mayor.
- Rich Ault gave the monthly tonnage report.

Mr. Dinsmore:

- Gave report on budget
- Will give detailed report next month.

Mr. Carter:

- Dinsmore/DePalma to work together.
- Police Department – Call City Clerk if you want to see Bob Carter.
- Move forward with the Federal Grant.
- Three trucks to choose from regarding the Aerial Truck.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Dinsmore to approve an agreement with Hoffman's Boarding Kennels for Stray Feline Service and Stray Dog Service.
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:
YEA: Clark, DePalma, Dinsmore, Carter 4
NAY: None 0
The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Dinsmore to approve the Ronald J. & Aurelia Campbell-John Srebro Subdivision for 605 and 611 Birch Street, Jeannette, PA.
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:
YEA: Clark, DePalma, Dinsmore, Carter 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 bids for cutting of trees and brush along the Brush Creek Flood Protection Project substation on Chambers Avenue to Omnova Bridge under the direction of the city engineer.
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:
YEA: Clark, DePalma, Dinsmore, Carter 4
NAY: None 0
The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by Clark to purchase a 95 foot Aerial Platform Truck from Sutphen for the amount of \$774,734.34 for the City of Jeannette Fire Department.
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:
YEA: Clark, DePalma, Dinsmore, Carter 4
NAY: None 0
The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by DePalma to accept, with regrets, the letter of retirement from Police Officer Eugene Cavaliere.
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:
YEA: Clark, DePalma, Dinsmore, Carter 4
NAY: None 0
The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by Clark to appoint Gary A. Falatovich as Interim Solicitor for the City of Jeannette effective immediately.
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:
YEA: Clark, Dinsmore, Carter 3
NAY: DePalma 1
The chair declared the motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS: (continued)

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Dinsmore to approve “Memorandum of Understanding” between the City of Jeannette and WHO, Inc. d/b/a WCA.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Clark, DePalma, Dinsmore, Carter 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Dinsmore to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Clark, DePalma, Dinsmore, Carter 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.