

**JEANNETTE CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY**  
**February 17, 2010**  
**6:04 P.M.**

**ORDER:** Mayor Robert Carter called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stella Rebitch, City Clerk; Gary Falatovich, 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.*

**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:

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|---|---|
| YEA: Busato, DePalma, Dinsmore, Clark, Carter | 5 |
| 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 13, 2010** Re-organizational meeting.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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|---|---|
| YEA: Busato, DePalma, Dinsmore, Clark, Carter | 5 |
| NAY: None                                     | 0 |

The chair declared the motion carried.

**CITIZENS:**

- Nancy Gresko–200 North Fourth Street–question on bonds–Are we using this for the future in the City?
  - Lawsuit update on the Trigona mess.
- Dustin Ager – North Seventh Street – question on taxes – 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in Millage
  - Parking Lot – Costing the city money – Lost approximately \$2,000 last 2 years.
  - question on ambulance on gas paid by the City of Jeannette. A wash.
- Randy Highlands – North Second Street
  - Thanked Rich Ault for Street cleaning, comment on blighted committee, comment on the opt out for \$450
- Rob Fejes – 504 Beech Street – question on Redevelopment Authority selling property; movement on licensed code officer; suggested automatic parking lot.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Letter requesting date for car cruise.

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**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: Busato, DePalma, Dinsmore, Clark, Carter 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**BILLS:**

A motion was made by DePalma 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: Busato, DePalma, Dinsmore, Clark, Carter 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Mr. Busato:

- Rich Ault – a few break downs
- City Crew did a yoaman’s job on roads

Mr. DePalma:

- Randy Dubich – Fire Department – state of emergency from 2/6/10 through 2/13/10
- We may get funding back.

Mr. Dinsmore:

- Explained why the City of Jeannette is in the financial situation it is in today.

Mr. Clark:

- Wheeling next week
- Grease Play
- Ice Sculpting contest

Mr. Carter:

- Thanked the Fire, Police and Road Crew for a good job during the storm.
- Announced we will have a budget meeting to be passed for the 24<sup>th</sup> of February.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by DePalma to appoint Gary Davis to the Sewage Authority, term to expire December 31, 2014.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, DePalma, Dinsmore, Clark, Carter 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

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- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Dinsmore to re-appoint Carlotta Paige to the Redevelopment Authority, term to expire December 31, 2013.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Busato, DePalma, Dinsmore, Clark, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.
- A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by Cafasso to appoint Michael Cafasso to the Zoning Hearing Board, term to expire December 31, 2012.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Busato, Dinsmore, Clark, Carter 4  
NAY: DePalma 1  
The chair declared the motion carried.
- A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by Clark to appoint William Bedont to the Zoning Hearing Board, term to expire December 31, 2013.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Busato, DePalma, Dinsmore, Clark, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.
- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Dinsmore to appoint Robert Horn to the Jeannette Recreation Board, term to expire December 31, 2012.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Busato, DePalma, Dinsmore, Clark, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.
- A motion to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to the Civil Service Commission, term to expire December 31, 2011. NO MOTION MADE
- A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by Clark to appoint Jeff Shotts to the Civil Service Commission, term to expire December 31, 2012.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Busato, DePalma, Dinsmore, Clark, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Busato to direct the city clerk to advertise for a solicitor for the City of Jeannette.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Busato, DePalma, Dinsmore, Clark, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: (continued)

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

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, DePalma, Dinsmore, Clark, Carter 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Busato to approve the hiring of Danmar Contracting and Mangery and Sons for snow removal during the state of emergency for the City of Jeannette.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, DePalma, Dinsmore, Clark, Carter 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Dinsmore to approve the annual Caring Car Cruise in the downtown business district to be held on Saturday, September 11, 2010, with a rain date of Saturday, September 18, 2010.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, DePalma, Dinsmore, Clark, Carter 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Busato and seconded by DePalma to conduct the first reading of Bill No. 10-01 as Ordinance No. 10-01:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ELECTING TO CHANGE THE BENEFITS IT HAS IN THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM UNDER ARTICLE IV OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW: AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY ALL PROVISIONS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW AS AMENDED AND AS APPLICABLE TO MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES CHANGING BENEFITS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE: AND STATING WHICH OF CERTAIN OPTIONS PERMITTED UNDER THE SAID LAW ARE ACCEPTED BY THE CITY**

Held over according to law.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, DePalma, Dinsmore, Clark, Carter 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS: (continued)**

- A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by Clark to conduct the first reading of **Bill No. 10-02** as Ordinance No. 10-03:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 96-4 RELATING TO FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF OCCUPANCY PERMITS AND PROVIDING FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF INSPECTIONS THEREUNDER**

Held over according to law.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, DePalma, Dinsmore, Clark, Carter 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Busato to direct the Community Development Coordinator to advertise for RFP's for Consulting Services for 2010, 2011 and 2012.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, DePalma, Dinsmore, Clark, Carter 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- 8. A motion was made by Clark and seconded by DePalma to direct the Community Development Coordinator to advertise for bids for playground improvements to Agnew Park.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, DePalma, Dinsmore, Clark, Carter 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Clark to direct the Community Development Coordinator to advertise for infrastructure improvements along the South Sixth Street alleyway.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, DePalma, Dinsmore, Clark, Carter 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by Clark to approve the development agreement between the City of Jeannette, the City of Jeannette Redevelopment Authority and PTV Jeannette, LLC. Conditioned upon zoning change.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, DePalma, Dinsmore, Clark, Carter 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

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- A motion was made by Busato and seconded by DePalma to direct the City Clerk to advertise for part-time police officers.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Busato, DePalma, Dinsmore, Clark, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by Clark to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Busato, DePalma, Dinsmore, Clark, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.