

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

**WEDNESDAY**  
**February 24, 2010**  
**6:08 P.M.**

**ORDER:** Mayor Robert Carter called the meeting to order at 6:08 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: Cindy Booley filled in for Stella Rebitch*

**ABSENT WITH CAUSE:** Stella Rebitch, Richard Ault, 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 Dinsmore to accept the agenda.

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.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by Clark to accept the minutes of the  
**February 17, 2010** meeting.

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.

**CITIZENS:**

- Gary Davis – 605 Washington Avenue – commented on garbage issue, cameras, Tim Hoffman
- Lorraine Rossi – 108 S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street – Comment on not plowing in front of her house; she will lay in front of the truck to get them to plow; Why didn't they plow?
- Becky Davis – 605 Washington Avenue – comment on massive increase in the school tax.
- Nancy Gresko – 200 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street – question on budget and why it is on the website?
- Veryl Ghrist – Division Street – commented that there was a witch hunt among the mayor and councilmen.
- Jane Kennedy – 412 Margaret Street – commented that the budget did not change from previous; Busato wanted input; Clark never got a copy of the budget.
- Mike Cafasso – North Third Street – Creditors calling him; this never happened before; said he is fed alot of crap.
- Randy Highlands – North Second Street – Passing the buck on the budget; Reimbursement for school district.
- Michele Vanetta – Broad Street – commented on no tax increase.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Mr. Busato:

None

Mr. DePalma:

None

Mr. Dinsmore:

- Budget Report - \$4,893,253 – 12/09
- Reduced – \$4,646,713 – now
- Today -0- savings in bank account
- Checks - \$253,328.00
- Payroll – Misc. Receipts/Garage

Mr. Clark:

- Recreation – Wheeling tomorrow
- Rec Board meeting cancelled.
- Snow Sculpturing contest – will judge Sunday

Mr. Carter:

- Will take control.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by Clark to adopt Bill No. 09-05 as **Ordinance No. 10-02:**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR 2010 AND APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT, HERINAFTER SET FORTH, DURING THE CURRENT YEAR.**

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Carter 3

NAY: Busato, DePalma 2

The chair declared the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A motion was made by Busato and seconded by DePalma to approve a Consolidated Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 78, AFL-CIO (as the duly recognized successor to the Jeannette Regular Firefighters) for the period beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2011, for the City of Jeannette regular full-time firefighters.

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 DePalma and seconded by Busato to demote Fire Chief Michael Bertolino to Captain of the Fire Department.

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 appoint Randy N. Dubich as Fire Chief subject to a six month probationary period.

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.

*Dubich sworn in.*

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Dinsmore to terminate City Clerk Stella Rebitch with full pay and benefits through Friday, February 26, 2010.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Carter 3  
NAY: Busato, DePalma 2

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by Clark to change the City of Jeannette Health Insurance from UPMC Preferred Provider Organization Option 8 Plan to the Highmark PPO Blue High Deductible Benefits Plan through MEIT.

**RECESS – 7:25 p.m.**

**RETURNED – 8:00 p.m.**

- A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by Busato to amend the agenda to direct the Interim City Clerk to advertise for the City Clerk position.

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 DePalma to appoint Michael J. Minyon Jr. as Interim Jeannette City Clerk effective March 1, 2010 at the annual salary of \$45,000 subject to a six month probation.

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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**NEW BUSINESS: (continued)**

- A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Dinsmore to contact the Office of the Governor to request assistance in the form of a Pre-Act 47 Review.

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 Clark and seconded by Dinsmore to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 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.