

JEANNETTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
March 10, 2010
6:04 P.M.

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

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

ABSENT WITH CAUSE: Jeff DePalma

ALSO PRESENT: Michael J. Minyon, Jr., City Clerk; Cindy Booley, Administrative Assistant; Gary Falatovich, City Solicitor, Edward L. Antonacci, City Engineer; Rich Ault, City Foreman; Randy Dubich, Fire Chief; Jeffrey C. Stahl, Chief of Police; Sam Casino Jr., City Treasurer; Diana Reitz, Community Development Coordinator

ABSENT WITH CAUSE: Sam Casino, Jr.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

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

AGENDA:

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

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, Carter	4
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Busato and seconded by Clark to accept the minutes of the February 24, 2010 Special Council Meeting.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, Carter	4
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.

CITIZENS:

Chuck Highlands – North Second Street – comments on budget, garbage delinquency and cell phone cost.

Rebecca Davis – 605 Washington – comment on dumpster next door

Sheila Angel – 810 Wylie – Concerned with flooding in basement from sewer line.

Joan and William VanDyke – 808 Wylie – How soon will something be done on sewer lines?

Pam Kochella – Gaskill Avenue – why are they getting rid of Tim Hoffman?

Nancy Peters – Recreation Director – commented to Mr. Busato on the February 25, 2010 newspaper article regarding the Basketball Court.

Nancy Gresko – 200 North Fourth Street – Monthly report should be on the website; questions on the Open records policy.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter requesting appointment to Civil Service Commission – Cafasso
2. Letter requesting use of City lot by Zion Hill for church event.
3. Letter from Keynote Cafe requesting blocking of parking places for event.
4. Letter of thanks to Police Department.
5. Letter requesting permission for campfire.

OFFICER REPORTS:

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

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, 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: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, Carter 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mr. DePalma:

- Michael Hanscom Jr. Firefighter – amend agenda

Mr. Dinsmore:

- Under budget on expenditures

Mr. Clark:

- Welcomed Minyon
- Gave Recreation report – 4/3/10 Egg hunt – 3/13/10 Grease – 6/14/10 playgrounds open

Mr. Busato:

- Welcomed Mr. Minyon
- crews patching pot holes

Mr. Carter:

- Welcomed Mr. Minyon – Open door policy, Purchase orders for the City, Zero spending without prior approval.
- Safety meetings once a month – will get a 5% discount
- Fill out and return your Census.
- Pep rally in April for Girl’s Basketball

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Busato and seconded by Clark to adopt 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

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato	3
NAY: None	0
ABSTAIN: Carter	1

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Busato to adopt 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.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, Carter	4
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Busato to adopt Resolution No. 10-01:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO PENNDOT SYSTEMS REGARDING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, Carter	4
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: (continued)

- A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by Clark to adopt **Resolution No. 10-02:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, INCREASING PARKING RATES ON THE CITY OF JEANNETTE'S PUBLIC PARKING LOT ALONG MAGEE AVENUE.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, Carter 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Dinsmore to appoint Michael Cafasso to the Civil Service Commission. Said term to expire December 31, 2011

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, Carter 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Busato to grant permission to the Zion Hill Baptist Church to use the City of Jeannette property outside Zion Hill Baptist church for a National Day of Prayer service on Thursday, May 6, 2010, from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. A Liability Insurance Policy and Performance Bond must be presented to the Office of the City Clerk no less than ten days before the event.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, Carter 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by Busato to grant permission for the Keynote Cafe to block off 2 to 3 parking spaces in front of Keynote Cafe on Saturday, July 17, 2010 at 4 p.m. until 11 p.m. for an event with music and food.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, Carter 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Busato and seconded by Clark to grant permission to the Heritage Baptist Church to conduct a campfire at the rear of their property located on Lowry Avenue on Sunday, March 14, 2010, beginning at 7 p.m. until 12 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, Carter 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: (continued)

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Dinsmore to hire Michael Hanscom as a Junior Firefighter immediately following a physical examination. There will be a 12-month probationary period.
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:
YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, Carter 4
NAY: None 0
The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by Busato to appoint Michael J. Minyon Jr. as the Interim Open Records Officer for the City of Jeannette.
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:
YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, Carter 4
NAY: None 0
The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by Clark of Request for Proposal for Single Audit Report for 2009.
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:
YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, Carter 4
NAY: None 0
The chair declared the motion carried.

- 10. A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by Clark to suspend the duties of Tim Hoffman (Property Maintenance Officer) located in the Code Enforcement Office, until further notice, effective immediately.
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:
YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Carter 3
NAY: Busato 1
The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Dinsmore to approve the entry into the DEP Grant Agreement/Flood Protection Grant Program for a grant in an amount not to exceed \$128,755.81.
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:
YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, Carter 4
NAY: None 0
The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by Clark to promote Russell Wallace to rank of Lieutenant in the Fire Department.
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:
YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, Carter 4
NAY: None 0
The chair declared the motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT:

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Busato to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, Carter 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.