

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

**WEDNESDAY**  
**April 14, 2010**  
**6:27 P.M.**

**ORDER:** Mayor Robert Carter called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Michael J. Minyon, Jr., City Clerk; Scott Avolio, City Solicitor, Edward L. Antonacci, City Engineer; Rich Ault, City Foreman; Randy Dubich, Fire Chief; Brad Shepler, Chief of Police; Sam Casino Jr., City Treasurer; Diana Reitz, Community Development Coordinator

**ABSENT WITH CAUSE:** Randy Dubich, San 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. Also for Stanley Gurnick, a retired City of Jeannette Police Officer, who passed away Tuesday, April 6, 2010.*

*Presentation of Proclamation to the Jeannette Auxiliary Police on their 50 year anniversary.*

**AGENDA:**

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

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, DePalma, 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 March 10, 2010 Special Council Meeting.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**CITIZENS:**

- Chuck Highlands – North Second Street – Takes back the compliment from last month regarding the great agenda meeting; - potholes from the utility companies need filled; - Are we up do date on bills?

- Sheila Angel – 810 Wylie Avenue – sewage runs beneath her property – problem with it coming up in basements of her home and neighbors, the Van Dykes.

*Note: Randy Dubich entered the meeting at 6:47 p.m.*

- Mrs. Wilson – 817 North Third Street – suggested making three blocks one way on North Third.

- Use speed limit signs, or stop signs.

- Put pressure on Penn Dot - Ed Antonacci to look into Penn Dot further.

- Hoenshells – 816 North Third Street – Comments on the traffic on North Third Street.

- Nancy Gresko – 200 North Fourth Street – Cars parking in opposite directions

- what was the Zion Property appraised for?

- commented on the code company BIU.

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- Megan Krimell – Cornerstone Ministries – wants to clean local sidewalks in West Jeannette.
- Helen Kratovil – 725 Stella Street – People dump crap in her yard and stuff blows in her yard.
- Margie Stanislaw – Cedar Street – Salvation Army – June 14, 2010 – Community Service Circles Program – Coordinate with Brad Shepler and Rich Ault – requesting Proclamation for Circles – comment on needing more code enforcement.
- Dustin Ager – North 7<sup>th</sup> Street – questioned the \$30,000 in bills not paid for 2009.
- Jane Kennedy – Margaret Street – Congratulated the Recreation Department
  - Chickens and cowards are whoever is reporting to the Tribune
- Randy Highlands – North Second Street – comments on 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Auxiliary Police
  - comment on what direction the City of Jeannette is going.
  - Teamsters have to come to the table for Rick DeMarcki’s job.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Letter requesting block closure for St. Vincent Alumni Wine Tasting Event.
2. Letter requesting permission to block alley for Ascension Festival.
3. Letter requesting permission to clean sidewalks on May 15 and May 16 – Cornerstone Ministries.
4. Letter from VFW Post 8240 requesting use of Magee City Lot.
5. Letter from Richard DeMarcki regarding retirement.

**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: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, DePalma, Carter	5
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, DePalma, Carter	5
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Mr. Dinsmore – Gave report on finances

- Against raising taxes
- Pre Act 47 – will want a reduction of work force.

Mr. Clark – Reported on Recreation – Disc Golf – rent out Altman Park – Trips to Wheeling – Registration forms for the Saturday, July 24, 2010 5K Race.

Mr. Busato – 3 Year Paving Plan – Rehab work on catch basins – limb pickup for homeowners, not contractors.

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**DEPARTMENT REPORTS: (continued)**

Mr. DePalma – Rich Ault – 557 Tons of garbage this month – one large item pickup in process – Recycling has picked up – very important – No repairs on trucks  
Randy Dubich – Randy, Joe and Mike will do inspections.

Mr. Carter- Welcomed Brad Shepler as new Police Chief  
- 14 Citizens needed for the POND Committee for positive changes for the City of Jeannette – must write letter of interest.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Dinsmore to approve the use of the City Parking Lot for the City of Jeannette Community Days Festivities starting Monday, July 26, 2010 through and including Sunday, August 1, 2010; the closing of Magee Avenue from S. Fifth Street to South Sixth Street; the blocking of the right southbound lane on 4<sup>th</sup>. Street from Gaskill Avenue to Magee Avenue; the cutting of the weeds at the Fireworks display areas and the Parade route on Clay Avenue. At least two weeks prior to July 26, 2010, the Jeannette Community Days Committee must present to the City Clerks Office an Insurance Policy for the Fireworks Display naming the City of Jeannette and LRG Corporation as an additional insurer. Also, the Community Days Committee must present to the Office of the City Clerk a Liability Insurance Policy. The Committee must contact the City Clerk’s Office to arrange electricity and water availability at the city parking lot; the Police Chief to arrange traffic control and security; and the Fire Chief to coordinate the Fireworks Display.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

The chair declared the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Clark to grant permission to the Ascension Church to block the alley behind the church on Saturday, July 10 and Sunday July 11, 2010.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by Clark to grant permission for the VFW Post 8240 to use half of the Magee Parking Lot on Saturday, June 12, 2010, for parking of motorcycles during their Biker Bash fundraiser. The VFW Post 8240 must present to the Office of the City Clerk a Liability Insurance Policy naming the City of Jeannette as additional insurer no later than ten days before this event. An “Extension of Premises” must also be presented.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, DePalma, 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 Busato to approve the Garbage exonerations as presented to City Council by Treasurer Sam Casino Jr.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by Clark to approve Urban Design Ventures, LLC to provide consulting and planning services for the City of Jeannette's Community Development Block Grant, Housing and Economic Development Programs for the FY's 2010, 2011 and 2012.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Busato to approve **Resolution No. 10-03:**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE CITY COUNCIL**  
**APPROVING BUDGET REVISION TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2007**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)**  
**PROGRAM**

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Busato and seconded by Clark to hire Elliott Fejes as a Call 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, DePalma, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Busato and seconded by DePalma to hire Roger Galik as a Call 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, DePalma, 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 refund money from Thomas V. and Margaret Campbell that was applied to the wrong account. The money belonged to Margaret Campbell in Montgomery County, not Westmoreland County.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, DePalma, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.
  
- A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Dinsmore to retain Scott Avolio, Esquire, as city solicitor beginning May 1, 2010 at a fixed annual salary of \$2400 for attendance at council's monthly workshop and public meeting and at a rate of \$90 per hour for all work performed outside of same.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, DePalma, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.
  
- A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by Clark to approve a one-year agreement with BIU to provide construction code and code enforcement services within the city of Jeannette, subject to review and approval by the city solicitor.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, DePalma, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.
  
- A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by Clark to direct the City Clerk to advertise for a part-time Parking Meter Enforcement Officer.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, DePalma, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.
  
- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Busato to accept with deep regret, the retirement letter from Mr. Richard DeMarcki; and thank him for the many years of his dedicated service to the City of Jeannette.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, DePalma, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS: (continued)**

- A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Clark to approve Keytex to supply electric to street lighting.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, DePalma, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Dinsmore to conduct the first reading of **Bill No. 10-03** as Ordinance 10-04:  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA INCREASING THE FEES FOR INSPECTIONS, OCCUPANCY PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES OF FITNESS UNDER CITY OF JEANNETTE ORDINANCE NO. 96 – 4, AS AMENDED.

**Held over according to law.**

- A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, DePalma, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.
- A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by to permit Cornerstone Ministries to clean sidewalks on May 15 and May 16, 2010 at specified locations throughout the City of Jeannette.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, DePalma, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.
- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Dinsmore to permit St. Vincent College Alumni Council to close the 600 block of Clay Avenue from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. May 14, 2010 to conduct a Wine Tasting Event to be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in from Mimi’s Kitchen. The St. Vincent Alumni must present to the Office of the City Clerk a Liability Insurance Policy naming the City of Jeannette as additional insurer no later than ten days before the event. Wristbands must be provided to all alumni over 21 years of age.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, DePalma, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Clark to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Busato, DePalma, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.