

**JEANNETTE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY  
October 13, 2010  
6:00 P.M.**

**ORDER:** Mayor Robert Carter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

**ABSENT WITH CAUSE:** 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

*Note: Joe Matijevic filled in for Randy Dubich*

**ABSENT WITH CAUSE:** Rich Ault, Edward Antonacci, Randy Dubich

**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 Clark and seconded by DePalma to accept the agenda as presented.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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| YEA: Busato, DePalma, Clark, Dinsmore | 4 |
| NAY: None                             | 0 |

The chair declared the motion carried.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Busato to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2010 Council Meeting.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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| YEA: Busato, DePalma, Clark, Dinsmore | 4 |
| NAY: None                             | 0 |

The chair declared the motion carried.

**CITIZENS:**

- Glenn Hoak- 314 Cedar Street – Questioned two checks paid to Gary Falatovich. One was for Flood Control and the other one was to finish up the 700 Block of Clay Avenue.
- Eugene Mash – 929 Frank Avenue – Question on what percentage pay taxes.
- Kevin Light – 301 South Fifth Street – Resident of City for five years – Question on when house would be torn down on South Sixth Street – Diana Reitz told him that it is on the demolition list as well as the four-plex.
- Denny Luce – 321 Reed Street – Does not want to lose police – Look into the COPS Program.
- Nick Masciantonio – 618 Pennsylvania Blvd. – Attended Monday night’s meeting – asked if the citizens of Jeannette were short changed \$432,000? – Over \$100,000 in bills from 2009.

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- Nancy Hoenshell – 816 North Third Street – question on police walking K-9 Wando – Do not raise taxes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ - Sellers Avenue – question on BNY Mellon – Flood Control and Capital Improvements – Take the rift raft out of the City.
- Mike Levander – 123 North First Street – MJM said his suggestions were not taken.
- William Bedont – 801 Ridge Road – attended Monday night’s meeting – update ordinance suggested by Joe Matijevic, Fire Captain – Remove goats from the City.
- Pam Kochella – Gaskill Avenue – She talked about a home invasion; that it was a known drug house – The city should hold the landlords accountable for their tenants.
- Jane Kennedy – 412 Margaret Street – commented on how nice the new Dollar General Store – The City needs a whole foods store.
- Juanita Sanders – 526 South Sixth Street – worked at Sony and does not have a job now – Phase I and II of the Flood Control Project sucked – she sits on her mother’s porch and watches drug deals – Place video surveillance signs at the Sixth Street Playground to deter drug deals.
- Bruce Busato – 614 Division Street – Keep the rift raft off the streets – Cannot afford to have taxes raised – The City should lay off the Fire Department – Commented on the Recreation Building.
- Randy Highlands – North Second Street – The money problem needs solved by Mayor and Council.
- Eileen Jones – commend the Police Department; her cousin passed away in his home and Gonzales, Scalzo and another officer came in and stayed there until everything was taken care of – she appreciated this.
- Kim Hall – 1501 Penn Avenue – thanked Fire Department for quick response.
- Ed Galando – 712 Highland Avenue – Feels it is terrible when local people do not stick up for the City of Jeannette.
- Kathy Tanyer – 803 Laura Street – we fill a stadium for football games, we should fill a stadium with people for meetings like this when we are in financial trouble.
- Bob Tanyer – 803 Laura Street – We should start a neighborhood watch – show your pride.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Request for Curb Cut at 409 North Fifth Street – Kevin M. Long
2. Letter from Jeannette Recreation requesting date for Halloween Parade, Trick or Treat Night, and the Christmas Parade.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

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

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, DePalma, Clark, Dinsmore 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**BILLS:**

A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Busato 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, Clark, Dinsmore 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Mr. Busato: - No Report

Mr. DePalma: - Fire Department – Joe Matijevic – 603 Incidents – about 800 calls per year.

- \$8,355 collected for MDA – the City of Jeannette is #4 in the Country

- The Fire Department is here to protect lives and then property.

Mr. Dinsmore: - All departments are doing a good job

- commented on the Dollar General Store and how beautiful it is.

- commented on the Facade Program - \$5,000 Grant

Mr. Clark: - Thanked everyone who donated time and supplies to the “Day of Caring”.

- listed events happening in Jeannette Recreation.

Mr. Carter: - Absent with Cause.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A motion was made by Clark and seconded by DePalma to schedule the Jeannette Halloween Parade for Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.; Trick or Treat Night for Thursday, October 28, 2010 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and the Christmas Parade for Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, DePalma, Clark, Dinsmore 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

2. A motion was made by Busato and seconded by Clark to ratify and/or approve the entry of Easement and Right of Entry Agreements with the Zion Bullet Avenue Limited Partnership, Army Corps of Engineers, Allegheny Power and Omnova Solutions, Inc. for the acquisition of temporary construction easements in furtherance of the City of Jeannette Flood Control Project.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, DePalma, Clark, Dinsmore 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS: (continued)**

3. A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Busato to approve the Façade Program guidelines as attached.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, DePalma, Clark, Dinsmore 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

4. A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Busato to approve **Resolution #10-13:**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE,  
WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING  
MODIFICATION TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2007 COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG) AND  
AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF PROGRAM MODIFICATION  
TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, DePalma, Clark, Dinsmore 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

5. A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Busato to approve **Resolution #10-14:**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE,  
WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ALLOWING  
TWO SIGNATURES INSTEAD OF THREE SIGNATURES, ON ALL  
PAYROLL FUND ACCOUNTS.**

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, DePalma, Clark, Dinsmore 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

6. A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Busato to approve **Resolution #10-15:**

**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: Busato, DePalma, Clark, Dinsmore 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

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**NEW BUSINESS: (continued)**

7. A motion was made by Busato and seconded by Clark to authorize the City Clerk to seek proposals for Unfunded Debt Loan for \$500,000.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, DePalma, Clark, Dinsmore 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

8. A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Busato to authorize the City Clerk to seek proposals for a Tax Anticipation Loan.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, DePalma, Clark, Dinsmore 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Busato to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, DePalma, Clark, Dinsmore 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

City Clerk