

**,JEANNETTE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 9, 2011  
6:15 P.M.**

**ORDER:** Mayor Robert Carter called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** John Busato, Jeff DePalma, Ron Dinsmore, Mark Clark, 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:** Randy Dubich, Sam Casino

**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 Dinsmore to accept the agenda 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.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Busato to accept the minutes of the January 12, 2011 Regular Council 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:**

- **Irmo Antonacci** – Birch Street – commented on Monsour Hospital being on the Tax rolls for the City of Jeannette; comment on Excelsa moving out of Jeannette Hospital and its closure.
- **Chuck Highlands** – North Second Street – If they are reinstating Chief Dubich, is he legally eligible to be reinstated? (Avolio: Yes) Will he get back pay? (no, was the answer from Avolio); Questioned once again the \$100,000 and was told that it was used to pay 2009 bills.
- **Charles Hoak** – 314 Cedar Street – How much money did we spend on Trigon Cases to Solicitors?
- **Randy Highlands** – North Second Street – What are we doing to have Jeannette Hospital up and running again? Do we have a five year plan from the state yet?

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Letter requesting appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board – Caralli.
2. Letter of resignation – Zoning Board Recording Secretary - Wolfe
3. Letter of appreciation – City Sanitation Department.
4. Curb Cut letter – Smaracheck
5. Letter of resignation from Jeannette Municipal Authority - Means

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*After reading of communications, Mr. Dinsmore presented the following motion amending the agenda.*

A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by Clark to add Number 13 to New Business.

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**BILLS:**

A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by DePalma 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: - 275 man hours of overtime; 1600 ton salt used so far; mechanical issues with the one ton truck; sell used trucks and put money in roads; paving project.

Mr. DePalma: Joe Matijevic – 66 incidents – no injuries  
Rich Ault – Tonnage is 441.99 ton; need new garbage truck

Mr. Dinsmore: No report on income and expenditures; Upset over Jeannette Exela – monopoly and disservice to this town; commented on the anti-blight bill – can go after personal assets.

Mr. Clark: Jeannette Recreation is having a wine and cheese on March 26, 2011 in Mersinger hall from 8-11 p.m.; 5K on July 23; accepting applications for summer help; Wheeling on 2/17/11; next meeting on March 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Carter: Thanks police for acting quick on the Rite Aid incident where an elderly lady was mugged; Reviving neighborhood watch program – Rivardo and Scalzo in training process; Excelsa saddens him by closing.

*Note: Mr. Dinsmore thanked Joe Matijevic for achieving the grant for the new Sutphen Aerialscope Fire Truck delivered to the City in December.*

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Busato to adopt Bill No. 11-02 as **Ordinance 11-02:**

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL PERSONS, PARTNERSHIPS, BUSINESSES, AND CORPORATIONS TO OBTAIN A PERMIT FOR ANY CONSTRUCTION OR DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH PERMITS; SETTING FORTH CERTAIN MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT WITHIN AREAS OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO FLOODING; AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR ANY PERSONS WHO FAIL, OR REFUSE TO COMPLY WITH, THE REQUIREMENTS OR PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE.

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:**

1. A motion was made by Clark and seconded by DePalma to appoint Patty Caralli to the Zoning Hearing Board, said term to expire 12/31/2015.

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.

2. A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Clark to accept the resignation of Donna Wolfe as Recording Secretary over the past 20 years for the City of Jeannette Zoning Hearing Board.

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.

3. A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Dinsmore to appoint Cynthia Booley as Recording Secretary for the City of Jeannette Zoning Hearing Board.

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)**

4. A motion was made by Clark and seconded by DePalma to conduct the first reading of **Bill No. 11-01** as Ordinance 11-01:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE FIXING THE LEVELS OF EMPLOYEES OF ALL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE AND THE RATES OF COMPENSATION THEREOF FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2011.**

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.

5. A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Busato to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Time Homebuyer Application # 104.

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.

6. A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by DePalma to approve Commercial Property Improvement Application #10 contingent upon the receipt of a clean title.

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.

7. A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Dinsmore to ratify the hiring of Elaine Schott and William Drylie as Part Time Parking Meter Enforcement Officers.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Dinsmore, Clark, Carter 3

NAY: Busato, DePalma 2

The chair declared the motion carried.

8. A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Busato to send two City of Jeannette employees for certification of spraying overgrowth of vegetation.

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)**

9. A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Busato to approve the purchase of sanitation vehicle.

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.

10. A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Clark to accept the resignation of Cathy Means of the Jeannette Municipal Authority effective February 9, 2011.

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.

11. A motion was made by DePalma to re-appoint Michael Bertolino as Fire Chief for the City of Jeannette.

Motion died because of lack of second.

**RECESS** – 7:25 p.m. A motion was made by Busato and seconded by Dinsmore to take a brief recess.

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.

**RECONVENE** – 7:35 p.m. A motion was made by Busato and seconded by Dinsmore to reconvene.

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.

12. A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by Clark to re-instate Randy Dubich as an employee and as Fire Chief for the City of Jeannette.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Busato, Dinsmore, Clark, Carter 4

ABSTAIN: DePalma 1

NAY: None

The chair declared the motion carried.

13. A motion was made by Dinsmore and seconded by DePalma to approve the curb cut at 503 School Street pending the approval of City Engineer Ed Antonacci and Code Enforcement Officer Ed Howley.

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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**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Clark to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 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.