

**JEANNETTE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY  
March 14, 2012  
6:15 P.M.**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Mark Levander, Mark Clark, James Benson, William Bedont, Robert Carter

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

**ABSENT WITH CAUSE:** Sam Casino, Diana Reitz

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

*Please remain standing for a moment of reflection for men and women in the armed services.*

**AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Bedont and seconded by Benson to amend the agenda to add Item #13.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Levander, Clark, Benson, Bedont, Carter 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Levander to accept the minutes of the February 8, 2012 Regular Meeting.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Levander, Clark, Benson, Bedont, Carter 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**CITIZENS:**

**Margie Stanislaw and Scott** – Cedar Street – commented on the Farmer’s Market; They ask it to be approved at the April Meeting; Margie is now the JBA President; she offered services on how to address the press; are we reaching out to the Elliott Company?

**Van Dyke** – 808 Wylie Avenue – said there was a lot of money coming into Jeannette and he wants his pipes fixed; He was told by Council that the Municipal Authority received a grant and that is the money he is speaking of.

**Sheila Angel** – 810 Wylie Avenue – Complained on manhole covers being blown up during a storm and how her friend’s car was damaged; questioned where tapes were from minutes to meetings.

*\*Mayor falls the first time.*

**Joan Fresch** – North First Street – The city should check twice a year at clock time changes to see if street lights need changed.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Letter of appreciation from Jeannette School District to Mayor Carter.
2. Letter from Westmoreland Community Action requesting permission to hold a Farmer’s Market.
3. Letter from Ascension Church requesting alley blocked for Italian Festival.
4. Letter regarding 2012 Jeannette Community Days.
5. Letter of Resignation – Al Rivardo
6. Letter from the Polish Brotherhood White Eagle Club 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

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

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Levander, Clark, Benson, Bedont, Carter     5  
NAY: None   0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**BILLS:**

A motion was made by Bedont 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: Levander, Clark, Benson, Bedont, Carter     5  
NAY: None   0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Mr. Levander – Department of Sanitation Report – commented on one large item pick up – acquire stickers from the Tax Office if more items need to be picked up - April 14<sup>th</sup> clean-up (call Mary Jo DePalma)– Blight Issues

Mr. Clark – Easter Egg Hunt is April 7, 2012 – Damage in the West Jeannette Playground.

Mr. Benson – Fifth Street Bridge – Report

Mr. Bedont – IUP Study – Presentation to Mayor at the June Meeting – Copies of budget update will be distributed at all monthly meetings – Delinquent garbage letters to be sent out soon.

Mr. Carter – The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration - Community Days – New Jeannette Website – commented on the blighted property seminar in Pittsburgh – thanked Officer Rivardo for his many years of Service.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Bedont to grant permission to the Ascension Church to block the alley behind the church on Saturday, July 7 and Sunday July 8, 2012 for their annual Italian Festival.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Levander, Clark, Benson, Bedont, Carter     5  
NAY: None   0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS: (continued)**

2. A motion was made by Benson and seconded by Clark to approve the use of the City Parking Lot for the City of Jeannette Community Days Festivities starting Sunday, July 22, 2012 through and including Sunday, July 29, 2012; close off the underpass from Gaskill to Magee on Thursday, July 26, 2012, for the Battle of the Barrels; the blocking of the right southbound lane on 4<sup>th</sup> Street from Gaskill Avenue to Magee Avenue (below the underpass) for Thursday, Friday and Saturday; the cutting of the weeds at the Fireworks display areas and the Parade route on Clay Avenue; the closing of North First Street from Frothingham to Gaskill to City Hall on Parade Day. At least two weeks prior to July 22, 2012, 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 at least two weeks prior to the event. 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; the Fire Chief to coordinate the Fireworks Display and the City Foreman to arrange for dumpsters.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Levander, Clark, Benson, Bedont, Carter      5  
NAY: None      0

The chair declared the motion carried.

3. A motion was made by Levander and seconded by Bedont to accept, with deep regret, the retirement of Corporal Albert J. Rivardo, III, with the City of Jeannette Police Department effective April 30, 2012, with his last day on the job being March 17, 2012.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Levander, Clark, Benson, Bedont, Carter      5  
NAY: None      0

The chair declared the motion carried.

4. A motion was made by Bedont and seconded by Benson to hire James Phillips as a full time police officer pursuant to requirements, effective April 1, 2012.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Levander, Benson, Bedont, Carter      4  
NAY: Clark      1

The chair declared the motion carried.

5. A motion was made by Bedont and seconded by Levander to give authority to Chief of Police and City Clerk to pursue grant funding reference to Office of Justice Programs Bullet Proof Vest Partnership.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Levander, Clark, Benson, Bedont, Carter      5  
NAY: None      0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS: (continued)**

6. A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Bedont to approve a Fair Housing Resolution No. 12-01:

**A FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE**

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Levander, Clark, Benson, Bedont, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

7. A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Bedont to approve job development loan application between the City of Jeannette and Joseph Altier, DC to assist in the expansion of his chiropractic business contingent upon receipt and approval of a commercial real estate appraisal.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Levander, Clark, Benson, Bedont, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

8. A motion was made by Benson and seconded by Levander to direct the Community Development Coordinator to advertise for the demolition of the row houses along the 400 block of South Sixth Street.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Levander, Clark, Benson, Bedont, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

9. A motion was made by Bedont and seconded by Clark to direct the Community Development Coordinator to advertise for the storm line/alley work in the rear of the South 6<sup>th</sup> Street affordable houses and town homes.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Levander, Clark, Benson, Bedont, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

10. A motion was made by Levander and seconded by Clark to hire Robert Todd Scott and Robert Wolfe as call firefighters for the Jeannette Fire Department after passing physical from doctor.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Levander, Clark, Benson, Bedont, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

11. A motion was made by Benson and seconded by Clark to direct the City Clerk to advertise for the 2012 Paving Project.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Levander, Clark, Benson, Bedont, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS: (continued)**

12. A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Bedont 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: Levander, Clark, Benson, Bedont, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

13. A motion was made by Bedont and seconded by Clark to conduct the first reading of **Bill No. 12-02** as Ordinance No. 12-02:

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, ADOPTING THE 2012 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE CONDITIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL PROPERTY, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, BY PROVIDING THE STANDARDS FOR SUPPLIED UTILITIES AND FACILITIES AND OTHER PHYSICAL THINGS AND CONDITIONS ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE THAT STRUCTURES ARE SAFE, SANITARY AND FIT FOR OCCUPATION AND USE; AND THE CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES UNFIT FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY AND USE, AND THE DEMOLITION OF SUCH EXISTING STRUCTURES IN THE CITY OF JEANNETTE; AND ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFORE; AND REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND AUTOMATICALLY ADOPTING EACH AND EVERY SUBSEQUENT UPDATE AND EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE OR SUCH REPLACEMENT CODES, AS SOON AS THEY ARE PUBLISHED, WITH EACH SUBSEQUENT UPDATE AND/OR EDITION AUTOMATICALLY REPLACING THE PRIOR UPDATE AND/OR EDITION.

Held over according to law.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Levander, Clark, Benson, Bedont, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Bedont to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Levander, Clark, Benson, Bedont, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.