

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

**WEDNESDAY**  
**June 12, 2013**  
**6:34 P.M.**

**ORDER:** Mayor Robert Carter called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Mark Clark, William Bedont, Mark Levander, Kathie Tanyer, Robert Carter

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

**ABSENT WITH CAUSE:** Joseph Matijevic, Sam Casino

**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 Clark and seconded by Bedont to accept the agenda as presented:

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Tanyer and seconded by Levander to accept the minutes of the May 28, 2013 Special Meeting .

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Clark, Levander, Tanyer 3

NAY: None 0

ABSTAIN: 2

The chair declared the motion carried.

**CITIZENS:**

- **Donna McCullough** – 1108 Lewis Avenue – Questions on Group Home into 1100 Lewis Avenue – What kind of home? Is it Government Private Nonprofit? Are you changing the zoning law? Do they need Occupancy permits; Is there a limit of how many people are to be in the home? (Per Scott Avolio – there will be 4 disabled adults – This is ok per the Fair Housing Land Use.)
- **Chuck Highlands** – North Second Street – Are we ½ million dollars in arrears? Rolling layoffs – cutting overhead; Befuddled by a group coming in to do staffing study; Are we selling assets? There are 4-5 items on the plate and none are funded through grants; Magee Avenue Parking lot – Gate is \$9,000- Did anyone approach businesses who use the lot to pitch in? Cars in the parking lot are on the list to be towed; Are we still issuing citations on vehicles parking the wrong way? Shepler says yes citations are being written but they are being thrown out by the magistrate; Commented on South Sixth and Division Streets; Asked about the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> and Clay and Diana Reitz said that they are working on the bidding specs; MMO question - \$100,000 was paid to last years MMO; Are we going to refinance the bond? And the answer was “We are working on it”; questioned delinquent accounts and was told Michael Nestico was taking care of them.

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**CITIZENS:** (continued)

- **Denise Japalucci**-313 Margaret Street – are we going to amend the ordinance on bows and arrows?
- **Amy Balsamo** – 310 Hickory – concerned with group home going into 1100 Lewis Avenue – are we sure there are 3 bedrooms; is it going to be tax exempt? Her answer was no, they must pay taxes.
- **Ronald Dinsmore** – 412 Jane Street – states that there is a house just like the one they will put in on Lewis for 15 years and it is a business because he went and knocked on the door and the gentleman let him in and he saw 6 to 8 file cabinets, 2 desks, 2 computers.; questioned the parking lot and wants to know why WE are paying for their parking?; questioned Chambers Avenue high grass; we told Ron it is owned by the Redevelopment Authority and they were cited.
- **Michele Kierski** – 1101 Lewis Avenue – House at 1100 had the blinds permanently closed and no one knows what is going on in there; she understands there is a kitchen in the basement; she feels there is going to be a lot of cars and be like an obstacle course on Lewis
- **Lorraine Orange** – Lewis Avenue – Where will the people at 1100 Lewis Avenue park? Why can't we stop this?
- **Diana Reitz** – 1107 Lewis Avenue – concerned with traffic and speed limit not being enforced; Lighting problem.
- **Bonnie Gerber** – 1101 Ohio Avenue – concern with group home at 1100 Lewis Avenue.
- **Peter Soutouras** – 908 Lewis Avenue – comments on group home at 1100 Lewis Avenue.
- **Donna McCullough** – again

A motion was made by Levander and seconded by Tanyer to recess the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Tanyer and seconded by Clark to resume the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- **Vince Aiello** – 103 Maryland Place – 21-1/2 years as superintendent of the Jeannette School District. We should be doing something with the landlords – be more strict – looking into property managers who take care of property for out of state landlords.
- **Pam Kochella** – 824-1/2 Gaskill – People moving in beside her – windows not able to be open next door – we have to find something legal to do with slumlords. – Get a gun!
- **Nick Masciantonio** – 618 Pennsylvania Blvd. – commented on 1100 Lewis Avenue – How do we enhance properties in Jeannette?
- **Matt Lebe** – 323 Hickory – commented on 1100 Lewis and said he does not believe there are 4 bedrooms in the house – he was looking at this house to buy himself but found one on Hickory cheaper.

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**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Letter from Robert Fejes regarding his term on the Redevelopment Authority.
2. Letter requesting appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board - DeBlasio
3. Letter requesting appointment to the Redevelopment Authority – Criner
4. Letter requesting use of Third Street Lot June 28 and July 19– Father’s Heart Ministries

**OFFICERS REPORT:**

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

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**DEPARMENT REPORTS:**

Mr. Clark: Commented on Recreation’s Summer Program. There are 35 children Participating and lunches start on June 17 which are provided by the food Bank. Please watch kids around the playgrounds while driving.

Mr. Bedont: We have collected \$7,000 to \$8,000 in garbage bills so far; Mr. Shuster of Turnkey collecting on back taxes. They money should be rolling in next month. EIT is on track. 5 Months, 2.8 of 5.5 million budget.

Mr. Levander: Thanked Mr. Rob Fejes for serving on the Redevelopment Board for so long. There will be a garbage change which will appear as a removable sticker on your garbage bill.

Mrs. Tanyer: Commented on the garbage change and thanked Mr. Ault.

Mr. Carter: Thanked everyone who came to the meeting to discuss the house at 1100 Lewis Avenue.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Bedont to confirm the award of the 2013 Street Reconstruction Project to A. Folino Construction in the amount of \$70,365.00.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A motion was made by Tanyer and seconded by Levander to approve First Time Homebuyer Applicant #124. (Disclosure – the person applying for this is the niece of Solicitor Scott Avolio)  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Clark, Bedont, Levander, Tanyer, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.
  
2. A motion was made by Levander and seconded by Clark to direct the Community Development Coordinator to advertise for demolition proposals on (4) Substandard residential structures located in the City of Jeannette.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Clark, Bedont, Levander, Tanyer, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.
  
3. A motion was made by Bedont and seconded by Clark to appoint Civic Research Alliance, LLC as the firm to do comprehensive staffing analysis and report.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Clark, Bedont, Levander, Carter 4  
NAY: Tanyer 1  
The chair declared the motion carried.
  
4. A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Bedont to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with Civic Research Alliance, LLC and the City of Jeannette for the performance of professional services.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Clark, Bedont, Levander, Carter 4  
NAY: Tanyer 1  
The chair declared the motion carried.
  
5. A motion was made by Tanyer and seconded by Clark to appoint James R. DeBlasio to the Jeannette Zoning Hearing Board to fill the unexpired term ending December 31, 2013.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:  
YEA: Clark, Bedont, Levander, Tanyer, Carter 5  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.

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**NEW BUSINESS:(continued)**

6. A motion was made by Levander and seconded by Tanyer to adopt **Resolution 13-02:**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY (CFA), COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR AN H2O PA GRANT TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS AND ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE CITY OF JEANNETTE FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT**

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

7. A motion was made by Bedont and seconded by Clark to adopt **Resolution 13-03:**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY (CFA), COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR A FLOOD MITIGATION GRANT TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS AND ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE CITY OF JEANNETTE FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT.**

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

8. A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Bedont to collect delinquent business taxes for the City of Jeannette.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

9. A motion was made by Tanyer and seconded by Levander to appoint Clyde Bittner to the Jeannette Redevelopment Authority, said term to expire December 31, 2016

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Bedont and seconded by Levander to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.