

JEANNETTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
March 12, 2014
6:00 P.M.

ORDER: Mayor Richard Jacobelli called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Richard Jacobelli, Mark Clark, William Bedont, Mark Levander, Gabriel Homan

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

ABSENT WITH CAUSE:

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 **Levander** to accept the agenda as presented:

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Clark, Bedont, Levander, Homan 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by **Levander** and seconded by **Clark** to accept the minutes of the
February 12, 2014 Regular Meeting.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Clark, Bedont, Levander, Homan 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

CITIZENS:

Lou Kolbosky – 510 Scott Ave. – Junk Truck – 500 Block by Church, Blocking Sidewalk Facing Church

John Orange – 5 Orange Ave. – Comment on mailings – Too many envelopes

Silver Sneakers – Bathroom closed - \$600 to get fixed – no clear answer

Bruce Busato – 614 Division St. – **Longo's** –unsecured- Doors open on Building – unsafe - No One in
there –Dealt with a year ago per Avolio

Nick Masciantonio – 618 Pennsylvania Blvd. – Monsour – Limited authorization of \$65,000 – NPP took
down part of Monsour – Monsour down within a year – Budget – Bill Bedont – How can we get up to date
on Pensions – Behind 1.15 – 1.5% - Don't get any more consultants

215 North 1st Street – Car tagged – Cars never get tagged.

Ron Smith – 1309 N. 2nd Street. – Cars parked wrong way –obey rules – Arch/Frank – Property needs
addressed – Parking Lot – Cars Parked there:

Ron Dinsmore – 412 Jane Street – Bathrooms locked – should not be – people taking baths in restrooms

Randy Highlands – Westmoreland Avenue – Parking Lot Attendance - \$2.00/car –Preliminary

Mon-Tues-Wed-Thurs-Fri-Sat-Sun 4-9:00 p.m. – Trailer – Trigona – Needs moved

Ted Harhai – opponent – spoke last month – He's the guy now...

Rita Kunkle – 707 Scott Avenue – abandoned – ripped sink out.

Don Deguffroy -415 Greenwood St – Parking Meters – Parking Lot
Diana to market Jeannette.

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CITIZENS: (continued)

John Scalzitti – Mimi’s Restaurant - Stop Bickering – Get behind Mayor/Council – Parking Lot – Tow Vehicles – Give new member an opportunity – Harhai –Karaoke

Sheriff Jonathan Held – Courthouse – Warrant Service program – Did not responsible for all of Westmoreland County – responsible -

Don Uncapher – Steve Alrich -President of Lodge 39- urge city – Police service no law enforcement services -

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter of resignation from Sewage Authority – Pitzer.
2. Request for appointment to Sewage Authority – Lowstuter.
3. Request for appointment to Sewage Authority – Carroll
4. Request for parking on the Sixth Street side of the Library.
5. Request for 500 Block of Clay Avenue to be blocked off on April 26, 2014 – O’Bradovich
6. Request for use of part of Magee parking lot for a Farmer’s Market - Bittner
7. Letter of thanks to the Jeannette Fire Department.

OFFICER REPORTS:

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

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Clark, Bedont, Levander, Homan 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: Jacobelli, Clark, Bedont, Levander, Homan 5
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mr. Levander: Thanked Treasurer for garbage bills. – Working with Diana with comprehensive plan. – Thanked Richie and Crew.

Mr. Homan: Conduct an investigation – all volunteer Fire Department – Referendum – Insurance rates will stay the same.

Mr. Clark: Recreation Director –Kristen Mathias’s schedule –Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. - Wednesday, March 19th –Wheeling Bus Trip– Monte Carlo - Mersinger Hall - 8 – 11 P.M. Cost \$10.00 – On May 8th – Bus Trip/Show/Dinner – Moses

Mr. Bedont: Apologized for the last two meetings – End Rolled over 100,000 – Raise EIT/Garbage – Finalize Audit- Ahead of the game – Kudos to guys – Police/Fire

Mr. Jacobelli:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by **Bedont** and seconded by **Clark** to adopt Bill No. 14-01 to be **Ordinance No. 14-01.**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE AMENDING ORDINANCE 13-05 – ADJUSTING THE RATES OF THE CITY CLERK, CITY FOREMAN AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Clark, Bedont, Levander, Homan 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by **Levander** and seconded by **Bedont** to adopt **Resolution No. 14-02:**
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Clark, Bedont, Levander, Homan 5

NAY: None 0

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NEW BUSINESS: (continued)

2. A motion was made by **Homan** and seconded by **Levander** to approve the Garbage exonerations as presented to City Council by Treasurer Michael L. Nestico.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Clark, Bedont, Levander, Homan 5
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

3. A motion was made by **Clark** and seconded by **Bedont** to approve **Façade Application #8**.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Clark, Bedont, Levander, Homan 5
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

4. A motion was made by **Bedont** and seconded by **Homan** to accept the resignation of Richard Pitzer from the Jeannette Municipal Authority.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Clark, Bedont, Levander, Homan 5
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

5. A motion was made by **Bedont** and seconded by **Levander** to appoint **Chris Lowstutter** to the Jeannette Municipal Authority to fill the unexpired term of Richard Pitzer. Said term to December 31, 2016.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Clark, Bedont, Levander, Homan 5
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

6. A Motion was made by **Levander** and seconded by **Bedont** to approve the “2014 Clay Avenue/South 5th Street Intersection Reconstruction Project” to **Kishmo, Inc.** from Apollo, Pennsylvania in the total contract amount of **\$144,310.64**.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Clark, Bedont, Levander, Homan 5
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

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7. A motion was made by **Clark** and seconded by **Bedont** to approve the submitted sub-division request for the South Sixth Street Housing Revitalization Project – 400 Block (5 Lots)

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Clark, Bedont, Levander, Homan 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

8. A motion was made by **Homan** and seconded by **Levander** to authorize a letter of intent to the Department of Community and Economic Development for (1) Technical assistance for Financial Policies (2) City Manager Selection Process and (3) Personnel Handbook. .

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Clark, Levander, Homan 4

NAY: Bedont 1

The chair declared the motion carried.

9. A motion was made by **Homan** and seconded by **Levander** to authorize the Solicitor to prepare a City Manager Ordinance

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Levander, Homan 3

NAY: Clark, Bedont 2

The chair declared the motion carried.

10. A Motion was made by **Levander** and seconded by **Bedont** to authorize the enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the Westmoreland County Land Bank and to participate in the Land Bank program, policies and procedures of operation.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Clark, Bedont, Levander, Homan 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

11. A Motion was made by **Bedont** and seconded by **Homan** to submit an application to the Regional Traffic Signal Program for LED conversion of the traffic signals.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Clark, Bedont, Levander, Homan 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

12. A Motion was made by **Homan** and seconded by **Levander** to direct the City Clerk to advertise for City Controller.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Clark, Bedont, Levander, Homan 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: (continued)

13. A motion was made by **Clark** and seconded by **Homan** to direct the City Clerk to advertise for Part Time Parking Lot Attendants.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Clark, Bedont, Levander, Homan 5
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

14. A Motion was made by **Clark** and seconded by **Levander** to approve the request for PHOMOAS LLC to block off the 500 Block of Clay Avenue on Saturday, April 26, 2014 for the purpose of the "Riding Season Kick Off" Party from 11:00 a.m. to approximately 9:00 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Clark, Bedont, Levander, Homan 5
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

15. A Motion was made by **Bedont** and seconded by **Clark** to grant permission to the Jeannette Circles Initiative to use the Parking Lot on Magee Avenue to hold a Farmer's Market starting as early as Thursday, July 17th, 2014 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and running every Thursday through early October.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Clark, Bedont, Levander, Homan 5
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

16. A Motion was made by **Levander** and seconded by **Clark** to advertise for applicants to take the Police Department Civil Service Test.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Clark, Bedont, Levander, Homan 5
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

17. A Motion was made by **Homan** and seconded by **Levander** to direct the City Clerk to advertise for applicants to take the Fire Department Civil Service Test and to add two Junior Firemen: Josh Smail - Danny Brecht.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Clark, Bedont, Levander, Homan 5
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion was made by **Clark** and seconded by **Bedont** to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Clark, Bedont, Levander, Homan	5
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.