

JEANNETTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
June 11, 2014
6:00 P.M.

ORDER: Mayor Richard Jacobelli called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Cindy Booley, Assistant to the City Clerk; (Mike Korn filling in for) Scott Avolio, City Solicitor; Edward L. Antonacci, City Engineer; Rich Ault, City Foreman; Joseph Matijevic, Fire Chief; Shannon Binda, Chief of Police; Michael Nestico, City Treasurer, Diana M. Reitz, Community Development Coordinator

ABSENT WITH CAUSE: Rich Sanner, Property Maintenance

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 **Levander** and seconded by **Bedont** 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 **Homan** and seconded by **Levander** to accept the minutes of the **May 14, 2014 Regular Council 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:

Chuck Highlands—507 N. 2nd Street – Floodplain – 6th Street – Flood Insurance – Infrastructure/on 6th Street, 312 N. 2nd Street, Jeannette – Commented on Abandoned Houses – Congrats, job well done on 6th Street.

Rich Highlands – S. 5th Street - Garbage on streets – go back to old way.

Phil Mickens Good Street – Should have been dedicated to Mickens – sign ordered – Formal Dedication

Sharon Bush- Scott Avenue – Thanked Mr. Sanner – cleaning up property – paved.

Jason Manolis 200 Block of Good Street - Machinery fell over hill. Talk to Ed Antonacci and Mike Korn after the meeting.

Kathie Tanver – 803 Laura Street – Garbage Bags on sidewalk at Day Care – Commercial Account. – Thanked Michael J. Minyon, Jr. as Council Person and City Clerk

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COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Resignation Letter from Zoning Board – Lowstuter .
2. Appointment to Zoning Board – Tanyer .
3. Request for Block Party – Duncan and Gordon.
4. Request for Parking Spaces for Farmer’s Market.
5. Letter of appreciation to Public Works Personnel.

OFFICER REPORTS:

A motion was made by **Levander** and seconded by **Homan** 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 **Levander** 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.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mr. Levander: Engineer/Foreman – Paving – Intersection – Thanked Edward Antonacci and Diana M. Reitz – Thanked Michael J. Minyon, Jr.

Mr. Homan: Joe – 359 Incidents – more than last year – Classes –Volunteer Fire Department – No Personal Crusade – Pleasure to work with 3 men

Mr. Clark: Nancy Peters – No Community Days for 2014.- City Parks Open – 15 children – lunch – June 16 – for 6 weeks - Amy Guzik

Mr. Bedont: Real Estate Taxes – EIT 500,000 – Personnel Shortage – Thanked Michael J. Minyon, Jr. -

Mr. Jacobelli – Thanked NPP for Flowers & Flags – Trash Bags –Drug Problem – All Over – 42 Average Deaths on Drugs – overdoses – Illegal prescription Drugs – 46 Heroin Deaths.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by **Levander** and seconded by **Homan** to authorize the exoneration of real property taxes due for tax years 2004 through 2007 for the property located at the corner of Penn Avenue and Fourteenth Street, Tax Map #14-01-11-0-077.

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.

2. A motion was made by **Homan** seconded by **Bedont** to award the Demolition Project 2014 #1 to **RITENOUR AND SONS, INC., 508 REIDMORE ROAD, SOUTH CONNELLSVILLE, PA 15425**, in the amount of **\$38,200.00**.

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 **Bedont** and seconded by **Levander** to approve **Resolution #14-04:**

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE AUTHORIZING THE HOUSING CONSORTIUM COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND

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 **Levander** and seconded by **Homan** to approve **Resolution #14-05:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING A MINOR BUDGET REVISION TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM YEAR

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** seconded by **Homan** to direct the Community Development Coordinator to go out to bid for the conduit and lateral work remaining for the 300 and 400 Block of South Sixth Street.

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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NEW BUSINESS: (continued)

6. A Motion was made by **Levander** and seconded by **Bedont** to accept the resignation of **Cris Lowstuter** from the City of Jeannette Zoning Board.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Clark, Bedont, Levander, Homan 5
NAY: 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

7. A Motion was made by **Homan** and seconded by **Bedont** to appoint **Kathy Tanyer** to the City of Jeannette Zoning Board to fill the unexpired term of **Cris Lowstuter**, said term to expire on December 31, 2014.

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 grant permission to block a section of 13th St. and Mapleton Avenue on Saturday, June 14, 2014 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a block party, pending the approval of Police Chief, **Shannon Binda** and the Fire Chief, **Joe Matijevic**.

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

9. A motion was made by **Homan** and seconded by **Levander** to approve Garbage exonerations as presented to City Council by City 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

10. A motion was made by **Levander** and seconded by **Homan** to ratify the hiring of **John Jupena** as a Parking Lot Attendant.

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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11. A motion was made by **Homan** and seconded by **Levander** to grant permission to allow for 15 parking spaces in the Magee Avenue Parking Lot for the Farmer's Market to be held every Thursday until October, 2014.

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 **Bedont** and seconded by **Homan** to accept the "2013 Audit" 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

13. A motion was made by **Bedont** and seconded by **Jacobelli** to terminate **Michael J. Minyon, Jr.**, City Clerk, effective May 27th, 2014.

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 **Levander** and seconded by **Homan** to terminate **Shawn Hart**, effective May 27, 2014.

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 **Homan** and seconded by **Levander** to conduct the first reading of **Bill 14-04** to be Ordinance 14-04:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, DIRECTING THE WESTMORELAND COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PLACE A QUESTION ON THE BALLOT TO DECIDE IF THE CITY SHALL DISBAND ITS "PAID FIRE FORCE" IN FAVOR OF "VOLUNTEER FIRE PROTECTION".

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, , Levander, Homan 3

NAY: Clark, Bedont 2

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16. A motion was made by **Bedont** and seconded by **Levander** to conduct the first reading of ***Bill 14-05*** to be Ordinance 14-05:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE ESTABLISHING THE STANDARDS OF ACT 44 OF 2009 RELATING TO THE POLICE PENSION PLAN BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION ENTITLED “DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN” or “DROP”.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Bedont, Levander, Homan 4
NAY: Clark, 1
The chair declared the motion carried

17. A motion was made by **Bedont** and seconded by **Levander** to obtain a City of Jeannette Credit Card which will be paid monthly.

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

18. A motion was made by **Bedont** and seconded by **Homan** to transfer the ***PLGIT Liquid Fuels*** Account to ***First Niagara Bank***

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

19. A motion was made by **Levander** and seconded by **Bedont** to place an order for garbage bags to ***Colonial Bags*** in Carol Streams, Illinois.

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

20. A motion was made by **Levander** and seconded by **Bedont** to approve the sale of lot on Magee Avenue, Tax Map No. 14-01-12-0-517, owned by the ***Jeannette Redevelopment Authority*** to ***Francine Gibbons***.

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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21. A motion was made by **Homan** and seconded by **Levander** to authorize *Edward Antonacci*, City Engineer, to solicit for bids for the **“2014 Street Reconstruction Project”**.

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

22. A motion was made by **Levander** and seconded by **Bedont** to authorize the hiring of two probationary employees for the **“Public Works Department”** at a rate of **\$13.70** per hour.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Bedont, Levander, Homan 4

NAY: Clark, 1

The chair declared the motion carried

23. A motion was made by **Homan** and seconded by **Levander** to postpone resident’s use of the ***Jeannette City Garbage Bags*** effective immediately until July 1, 2014.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion was made by **Levander** and seconded by **Homan** to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 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.