

JEANNETTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
JULY 9, 2014
6:00 P.M.

ORDER: Mayor Richard Jacobelli called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Cindy Booley, Assistant to the City Clerk; Scott Avolio, City Solicitor; Edward L. Antonacci, City Engineer; Rich Ault, City Foreman; Rich Sanner, Property Maintenance Officer, Joseph Matijevec, Fire Chief; Shannon Binda, Chief of Police; Michael Nestico, City Treasurer

ABSENT WITH CAUSE: Diana M. Reitz, Community Development Coordinator

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

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Bedont, Levander, Homan 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by **Homan** and seconded by **Bedont** to accept the minutes of the **June 11, 2014** Regular Council Meeting.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Bedont, Levander, Homan 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

CITIZENS:

Mile Serago –408 Beal Street – Dead-set against volunteer fire department – 4 years – adamantly vote “no” to all volunteers -

Joe Dezinski –114 S. 14th Street – Porch on Fire – Against Volunteer Fire Department – Flood Project – Bricks causing back-up – Ed Antonacci answered regarding project.

Chuck Highlands - North 2nd Street – In depth report of finances.

Ryan Highlands – Westmoreland Avenue – 181 Calls – Jacobelli – 400 Calls (1) - \$200,000 – \$250,000 – less than \$100,000 – 70 licensed ambulances – 121 AED Calls – 61 Ambulance Assists – 8 Ambulances – (7-3) – Mayor: Hempfield Township should be turned down.

6:25 –

Bertolino – State - Delta Development – reduce the force and use volunteers – nowhere does Bertolino see it in the Delta Group report – Cut taxes 5 mills? – Mayor - yes

Kenneth Brinton, Jr.- (6:38 p.m.) 100 Harrison Avenue speeding on Harrison Avenue (thorn in Sanner’s side – owners live in Las Vegas) – revise current occupancy ordinance...

Gretta Free 607 Lewis Avenue – Speeding on Lewis Avenue – on 600 block- Petition on Lewis for 25 people so far – Stop Sign..

Mrs. Louis Cavalier – 600 Lewis Avenue – massive coronary – our guys revived her.

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CITIZENS: (continued)

Pam Kochella - Gaskill Avenue – Midway St. Clair – house fire – lost all belongings- keep paid Fire Department – Full time Code Enforcement Officers... 6:48 p.m.
Kathy Tanver – 803 Laura Street -5-year plan – Keep Paid Fire Department
Veronica Agona – Frothingham Avenue – Motorbikes – never contacted Police Department 6:52 p.m.
Alan Love – 913 Ellsworth Avenue – Never called back – write tickets – 380 calls
Corey Hall – 910 Ellsworth Avenue – P/T Firefighters – would not have to add – Arnold – 1 square mile
Bill Gaskin - 96 – 795 Incidents – Volunteers
Jeff Shotts – 1122 Grandview Drive – Fire Department
Jason Stevenson – 716 Cowan Avenue – bags not taken on Cowan Avenue
Lou Izzo – Regional Fire Department & Police Department – Mayors dad started auxiliary – son trained Mark Clark 7:15 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter of thanks from Father Joseph Sredzinski on flower baskets.
2. Letter from Dr. Matthew Hutcheson, Superintendent of Schools.
3. Letter of thanks for the baskets on Clay Avenue.
4. Letter from Randy Highlands regarding Fire Department.
5. Letter requesting handicap parking spaces at Mimi’s Kitchen.
6. Letter requesting appointment to Controller – Agona.
7. Letter requesting curb cut – 18 East Gaskill Avenue.
8. Letter from Jeannette Midgets to block off street.
9. Letter of resignation from Dennis Pape.
10. Letter from Cristianos Pizzeria requesting two Parking Spaces.
11. Letter from Qua Spa requesting a handicap parking space.
12. Letter from Then Nest requesting two Parking Spaces.
13. Letter from Ernie DiMartino regarding the Fire Department.
14. Letter from Omnova, FCMeyers and 3 other’s regarding the 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 **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.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mr. Levander: Thanked Officers Justin Scalzo and Dennis Pape - -140,000 – 6 months – garbage residential 125,000

Mr. Homan: Work session/council – 600# Gorilla in the room - 11,854.00 O.T. – referendum – just a vote.

Mr. Clark: Thanked Officers Justin Scalzo and Dennis Pape- Cleanups July 16 & 23rd – 5:00 p.m. Altman – Sr. Citizens Picnic – July 31st – Altman Field

Mr. Bedont: Thanked Officers Justin Scalzo and Dennis Pape – 100,000 toward Tan Loan – Rev – 190,000 more

Mr. Jacobelli – 6-months –

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by **Homan** and seconded by **Levander** to adopt Bill 14-04 as

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, Homan 2
NAY: Clark, Bedont, Levander 3

The chair declared the motion **FAILED**.

2. A motion was made by **Bedont** seconded by **Homan** to adopt Bill 14-05 as

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”

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, , Bedont, Levander, Homan 4
NAY: Clark 1

The chair declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by **Levander** and seconded by **Bedont** to approve First Time Homebuyer #128.

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)

2. A motion was made by **Homan** and seconded by **Levander** to ratify the placing of a “**No Parking**” Sign above the Vincent R. Aiello Building on Michigan Avenue.

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 grant permission to cut the curb at 18 East Gaskill Avenue pending the approval of City Engineer, Edward Antonacci and Code Enforcement Officer Ed Howley.

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 **Clark** to grant permission to the Jeannette Midgets Athletic Association to block off the street between 11th and 12th Street on July 26, 2014 between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. for a Community Family Day for the youth of the community.

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 accept the resignation of **Dennis M. Pape** as police officer for the City of Jeannette effective July 7th, 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.

6. A Motion was made by **Levander** and seconded by **Homan** to approve the hire of **Joshua Westfall** for the Public Works position pending a background check.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Bedont, Levander, Homan 4
NAY: Clark 1

The chair declared the motion carried.

7. A motion was made by **Levander** and seconded by **Bedont** to approve the hire of **Clark Pecoraro** for the Public Works position pending a background check.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Clark, Bedont, Levander, Homan 4
NAY: Clark 1

The chair declared the motion carried.

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8. A motion was made by **Homan** and seconded by **Jacobelli** to authorize the hire of a full-time Police Officer.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, , Homan, Bedont 3

NAY: Clark, Levander 2

The chair declared the motion carried

9. A motion was made by **Bedont** and seconded by **Homan** to adopt **Resolution No. 14-06:**

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: Jacobelli, Clark, Bedont, Levander, Homan 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried

10. A motion was made by **Homan** and seconded by **Levander** to award the bid for the “2014 Street Reconstruction Project” to **El Grande Industries** at a cost of **\$156,332.75.**

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 **Bedont** and seconded by **Homan** to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 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.