

JEANNETTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 13, 2014
6:00 P.M.

ORDER: Mayor Richard Jacobelli called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Avolio, City Solicitor; Edward L. Antonacci, City Engineer; Rich Ault, City Foreman; Joseph Matijevec, Fire Chief; Shannon Binda, Chief of Police; Diana M. Reitz, Community Development Coordinator

ABSENT WITH CAUSE: Cindy Booley, Assistant to the City Clerk; Rich Sanner, Property Maintenance Officer, Michael Nestico, City Treasurer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

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

Please continue to remain standing for a moment of silence to honor the passing of retired

Captain Francis Michael "Fritz" Simola who served 38 years in the Police Department from 1967 to 2005

AGENDA:

A motion was made by **Bedont** and seconded by **Clark** to accept the agenda as presented:

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Jacobelli, Bedont, Levander, Homan, Clark 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 **July 9, 2014** Regular Council Meeting.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

CITIZENS:

Chuck Highlands - 507 North 2nd Street – What will be the City Manager’s wages? Since he is under a contract with the City, is he an “at will” employee? What is the City Manager’s start date?

Suleiman Farraj – 312 N. 2nd Street – questioned the city again about purchasing the alley.

6:50 p.m. – Interrupted meeting: Swearing in of Bryan DeFelice

Restart meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Greg Hall Jr. – 114 ½ - 12th Street – requesting closure of portion of 12th Street to Mapleton Avenue for Block Party on August 23rd, 2014.

Leonard Lander –1116 Rankin Avenue – Thanked Fire Chief, City Foreman and Randy Highlands, EMS, for a quick response to a fire call at St. Vincent DePaul Store, 637 Clay Avenue.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by **Clark** and seconded by **Homan** to approve First Time Homebuyer #129.

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 **Clark** and seconded by **Bedont** to approve Job Development Loan Application #10, contingent upon financial commitment letter from Lending Institution.

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 **Homan** and seconded by **Levander** to adopt **Resolution #14-07:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO PENNDOT SYSTEMS REGARDING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT.

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 appoint **Jacob Milliron** as City Controller pending a background investigation.

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 **Homan** and seconded by **Levander** to hire **Robert Watkins** as a part-time firefighter pending passing a physical examination by the City's Physician.

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 **Bedont** and seconded by **Clark** to adopt a resolution appointing **Bruce Jamison** the City Manager for the City of Jeannette and authorizing the execution of an employment agreement with the Jeannette City Manager

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

The chair declared the motion carried.

7. A motion was made by **Bedont** and seconded by **Levander** to reappoint **Scott E. Avolio** and **Avolio Law Group LLC** as the City Solicitor at a monthly retainer of \$795/mo. and an hourly rate of \$110/hr. for services provided outside of the regularly scheduled public meetings of City Council.

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 **Bedont** and seconded by **Clark** to adopt(FIRST READING) an Ordinance of the City of Jeannette amending **Ordinance 13-05 and 14-01** by adjusting the compensation of the City Clerk, City Foreman, Community Development Coordinator and City Solicitor for the remainder of the calendar year 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

9. A motion was made by **Bedont** and seconded by **Clark** to approve the blocking off of 12th Street to Mapleton Avenue for a block party on August 23rd, 2014 from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m., pursuant to Police and Fire approval.

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 **Clark** to approve the request from Father's Heart Ministries for the use of the 3rd Street Parking Lot on Saturday, August 23rd, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to hold their 4th Annual Back-to-School Outreach event.

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)

11. A motion was made by **Levander** and seconded by **Clark** to approve the request from Father's Heart Ministries for the use of the 3rd Street Parking Lot on Friday, August 29th, 2014 and Friday, September 26th, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. to hold an Outdoor Service

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 **Homan** and seconded by **Bedont** to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 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.