

**JEANNETTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY
August 12, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jacobelli at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Gabriel Homan, Mark Clark, Ron Smith, Gabriel Homan, Richard Jacobelli

ABSENT WITH CAUSE: Ron Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Nestico, City Manager; Scott Avolio, City Solicitor; Edward L. Antonacci, City Engineer; Shannon Binda, Chief of Police; Rich Ault, City Foreman; Rich Sanner, Property Maintenance Officer, Joseph Matijevic, Fire Chief; Jacob Milliron, City Controller; Michelle Langdon, City Treasurer; Diana Reitz, Community Development Coordinator

ABSENT WITH CAUSE: Rich Sanner, Diana Reitz

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

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

Moment of silence for Mr. Frank Madonna who passed away and was a long-time member of the Jeannette Fire Department.

AGENDA:

A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Homan to accept the agenda as presented

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Homan, Clark, Levander, Jacobelli 4

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 July 20, 2015 Meeting.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Homan, Clark, Levander, Jacobelli 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

CITIZENS:

- **Jason Rigone** – Director of Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corp. – Provided project schedule; bids on demolition of Monsour Update.
- **Kim Ward- Senator** – Presentation of Proclamation – Thank you by Ward to City and Council.
- **Charles Highlands** – North Second Street – Paving Project Start Date? – Levander will address in report. – Balance of MMO: Mayor paid 2014; 2015 not yet due. \$880,000 due this year; raise rates on bags.
- **Frank Faulk** – Blair Street – May he use alley to park? Yes.
- **Janice Smarto** – Pennsylvania Blvd. – Comments on Rental Ordinance.
- **James Broker** – Unhappy about garbage bag elimination; wants city to avoid knee jerk reaction.
- **Richard Wandler** – 804 Elliott Street – Wants the city to fix his road; wants the garbage bags to be biodegradable; Ridge Road has all trash picked up; Foreman Rich Ault explained that is Penn Township.
- **Veronica Agona** – Concerned with neighbors around Frothingham with regard to trash/litter; Wants to know if private homeowners are subject to the same regulations as landlords; Why do we pay school taxes?; Told to attend School Board Meeting.

CITIZENS (continued):

- **Pam Cochella** – Gaskill Avenue – Signs on Omnova/Chambers fence have been removed; L/T 25 mile radius good; is there a restriction on how many properties may be owned by one landlord before a manager is required; How close are we to hiring a full-time code enforcement officer? (The Mayor answered “some time next year”.
- **Bruce Busato** – 614 Division Street – irate over the Landlord/Tenant Ordinance (he did not read the ordinance but is very upset over it.)
- **Juanita Sanders Clarkson** – 526 S. 6th Street – Wants playground to be gone; firecrackers at playground; drug sales; Drinking/fighting at same three houses on order of neighborhood; kids burn dogs with cigarettes; FDJ Pump Issue.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter to Fire Department regarding Mr. Madonna
2. Letter from Scott Avolio regarding Child Abuser Clearance and Background Checks
3. Letter of resignation from Donna Wolfe.
4. Letter requesting to block Clay Avenue – Ministerial Alliance

OFFICER REPORTS:

A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Homan to accept the officer’s reports.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Homan, Clark, Levander, Jacobelli	4
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.

BILLS:

A motion was made by Homan and seconded by Clark to pay the bills as presented:

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Homan, Clark, Levander, Jacobelli	4
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mr. Homan: EIT - \$28,000 - 401K Total Jan – June \$122,000 current
205 - \$66,000 - \$887,000 Total Jan – June \$384,000 current
93.3% collected for Property Taxes
Wants to address budget overtime issues.

Mr. Clark: Senior Citizen picnic at Altman Park
Watch children at West Jeannette Park

Mr. Smith: Not present

Mr. Levander: 8 Catch Basins repaired; 2 days of Line painting; basin cleaning; Police Department and Manager cleared cars from Streets.

Mr. Jacobelli: Statement about Union concessions; City Demographics by Civic Research Alliance.
Chief – 513 Incidents; 19 Traffic Violations; 21 Criminal arrests; 3,054 Incidents for the Year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Homan and seconded by Levander to adopt Bill No. 15-04 as **Ordinance 15-04:**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REGULATING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF RENTAL PROPERTY COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AND LOCAL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR A SYSTEM OF INSPECTIONS, THE ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF OCCUPANCY LICENSES AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Homan, Clark, Levander, Jacobelli 4
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Homan and seconded by Levander to regretfully accept the resignation of Donna Wolfe effective August 21, 2015. Donna has been employed for the City of Jeannette for the past 36 years.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Homan, Clark, Levander, Jacobelli 4
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

2. A motion was made by Levander and seconded by Homan to permit the Jeannette Ministerial Alliance to block off the 400 and 500 Blocks of Clay Avenue for a Prayer Gathering on October 4, 2015 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Jeannette Ministerial Alliance must present to the Office of the City Manager a Liability Insurance Policy naming the City of Jeannette as additional insured no later than ten days before the event.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Homan, Clark, Levander, Jacobelli 4
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

3. A motion was made by Homan and seconded by Clark to approve **Resolution #15-04:**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A 15% PLEDGE CONTRIBUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,381.00 BY THE CITY OF JEANNETTE TOWARD THE OVERALL COST OF THE FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT IMPLEMENTED THROUGH THE PA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-FLOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Homan, Clark, Levander, Jacobelli 4
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

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4. A motion was made by Levander and seconded by Clark to approve the agreement with the Westmoreland County Transit Authority to provide public mass transportation service to the City of Jeannette from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. The local share assessment to be paid by the City for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 shall be \$6,590.00.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Homan, Clark, Levander, Jacobelli 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Homan and seconded by Levander to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Homan, Clark, Levander, Jacobelli 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.