

**JEANNETTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY
September 9, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

ORDER: The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Richard Jacobelli at 6:05 p.m.

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

ABSENT WITH CAUSE: Mark Clark

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

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

AGENDA: A motion was made by Levander and seconded by Homan to accept the agenda as presented.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Smith, Homan, Levander, Jacobelli 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Levander and seconded by Smith to accept the minutes of the August 12, 2015 Meeting.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Smith, Homan, Levander, Jacobelli 4

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

CITIZENS:

- Questions and Answers presented by Mark Shuster of TurnKey Taxes, Inc.

**Mark Clark entered meeting at 6:22 p.m.*

- **Clifford Adams** – 6 South 15th Street – commended the Police Department “In General”
- **John Yakovich** – 504 Mill Street – Issues with row house flooding/water back-up on Orange Avenue, S. 5th, S. 67th/Longo Market
- **Sharon Bush** – Scott Avenue – Does not agree with rate increase; Renters should have to pay their share; complaint about abandoned buildings including 1009 Scott and 1016 Scott.
- **John Scalzitti** – Bella Mimis – comment on Trigona Properties; High grass at school on Fourth Street; comments on the court hearing with owner of Stirling Motors; City Lot has cars without plates.
- **Cris Lowstuter** – 205 George Street – Approves of the garbage bags; Look for a happy medium with rate increase situation.
- **Curt Antoniak** – 708 Washington Avenue – By eliminating bags, small bags will be an issue; there will be an issue with contracting out of garbage service.
- **Kathy Tanver** – 803 Laura Street – Clean up Cities gateways/NPP Assistance; Liquor tax possible?
- **Leonard Lander** – 1116 Rankin Avenue – Issues with people dumping trash illegally.
- **Richard Wise** – 922 Ellsworth – Wrong about trash bags; come with him for a day on trash department.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter from Recreation Board regarding Halloween Parade
2. Letter from Recreation Board regarding Christmas Parade
3. Letter regarding Keynote Café and closing Bullitt Avenue for miniature festival.
4. Letter requesting to fill vacant position on Recreation Board – Bob Tanyer
5. Letter requesting Rosary Rally in City Parking Lot.

OFFICER REPORTS:

A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Levander to accept the officer's reports.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

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: Clark, Smith, Homan, Levander, Jacobelli 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mr. Clark: Halloween Parade – 10/28; Trick or Treat Night – 10/29/15 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Christmas Parade – 12/2/15; Wheeling Trip – 9/16/15:

Mr. Smith: Sanitation Tonnage; Large Item Free pick up ends in September; Please recycle. Chief Joe Matijevic's report – 519 Incidents; 28 Inspections and 10 Re-inspections.

Mr. Homan: Gave Finance Report

Mr. Levander: Street Department fixed five Catch Basins; ran sweeper for two days and also the chipper; painted school zones; no mechanical issues this past month.

Mr. Jacobelli: Gave Report; Chief Shannon Binda – 476 incidents; 6 non-traffic; 18 arrests.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Levander to approve Façade Application #12.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: (continued)

2. A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Homan to schedule the Jeannette Halloween parade for Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.; Trick or Treat Night for Thursday, October 29, 2015 from 6:00 to 8:00p.m.; and the Christmas Parade for Wednesday, December 2, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

The chair declared the motion carried.

3. A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Smith to permit Keynote Café to block off part of Bullitt Avenue for a Miniature Festival on Sunday, October 11, 2015 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

The chair declared the motion carried.

4. A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Homan to permit the Catholic Churches of Jeannette the use of the Magee Avenue Parking Lot on Saturday, October 10, 2015 from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. for a Rosary Rally.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

The chair declared the motion carried.

5. A motion was made by Levander and seconded by Homan to adopt **Resolution #15-05:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING, EMPOWERING AND DIRECTING THE PROPER OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH BERKHEIMER WHEREUNDER BERKHEIMER IS RETAINED AS THE EXCLUSIVE TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE COLLECTION OF CERTAIN TAXES FOR THE TERM HEREIN DEFINED, TOGETHER WITH SUCH EXTENSIONS AS MAY BE AGREED UPON, SAID TAX ENACTMENT HAVING BEEN ADOPTED UNDER AND PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE PENNSYLVANIA LOCAL TAX ENABLING ACT.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

The chair declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: (continued)

6. A motion was made by Homan and seconded by Clark to adopt **Resolution #15-06:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING, EMPOWERING AND DIRECTING THE PROPER OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH TURNKEY WHEREUNDER TURNKEY IS RETAINED AS THE EXCLUSIVE TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE COLLECTION OF CERTAIN TAXES FOR THE TERM HEREIN DEFINED, TOGETHER WITH SUCH EXTENSIONS AS MAY BE AGREED UPON, SAID TAX ENACTMENT HAVING BEEN ADOPTED UNDER AND PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE PENNSYLVANIA LOCAL TAX ENABLING ACT.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

The chair declared the motion carried.

7. A motion was made by Levander and seconded by Clark to adopt **Resolution #15-07:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF the City of Jeannette, Westmoreland County, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING, EMPOWERING AND DIRECTING THE PROPER OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD TO APPOINT A LIAISON BETWEEN IT AND BERKHEIMER, THE DULY APPOINTED COLLECTOR OF LOCAL TAXES FOR THE DISTRICT, FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF SHARING CONFIDENTIAL TAX INFORMATION WITH THE DISTRICT FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

The chair declared the motion carried.

8. A motion was made by Homan and seconded by Jacobelli to conduct the first reading of **Bill No. 15-05** to be Ordinance No. 15-05:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 96-3 ELIMINATING THE MANDATORY USE OF CITY OF JEANNETTE GARBAGE BAGS FOR GARBAGE AND RUBBISH DISPOSAL AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 10-11 INCREASING THE RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE COLLECTION FEES AND AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF COLLECTION FEES BY SUBSEQUENT RESOLUTION.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

The chair declared the motion NOT carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

The chair declared the motion carried.