

**JEANNETTE CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY  
November 18, 2015  
6:00 P.M.**

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

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

**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.*

*Presentation to the City of Jeannette Fireman and Jeannette EMS for recognition regarding recent medical emergency.*

**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, Levander, Clark, Smith, Jacobelli 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Levander to accept the Minutes of the October 26, 2015 Meeting.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**CITIZENS:**

**Jeff Anzovino** – Deluzio and Company – Planning meeting for 2015 Audit – First time in 12-15 years.

**Chuck Highlands** – North Second Street – Asking about Land Bank acquiring property of Perkie Meadows.

**Jill Sorrels** – Keynote Café – Wanted to describe her business to council and invite all to attend her art and music venue; commend Reitz, Howley for assistance in getting into her new building; Arts Council.

**John Scalzitti** – Bella Mimi’s Restaurant – Commend Reitz for Sixth Street Project; Commend JPD for efforts on Avenue; Complain about high taxes; Complain about Stirling Motors.

**Darryl Lender** – 530 North Sixth Street – upset about trash fee increase.

**Randy Highlands** – Westmoreland Avenue – Discussion about Jeannette EMS Service; Must be used for emergency services.

**Curt Antoniak** – Western Avenue – Commend Reitz on Clay Avenue Project and stated that taxes are not just a city issue, but school taxes are the problem.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Letter requesting curb cut. - Roadman
2. Letter requesting reappointment to the Zoning Hearing Board – Caralli
3. Letter from Jeannette EMS – Randy Highlands

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**OFFICER REPORTS:**

A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Smith to accept the Officer Reports.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Mr. Homan:** Thanked Officer Phillips and Chief Binda for attending the Cub Scout Gathering; update on finances; discuss adding funding to budget (in six months) for infrastructure/demolitions.

**Mr. Levander:** Discussed adding funding to paving projects; commend Reitz on CDD Projects; echo Antoniak statements regarding taxes are high because of school.

**Mr. Clark:** Thanks to Tanyer and Galante for Christmas/Light up items.

**Mr. Smith:** Detailed Tonnage; Recycling is Mandatory; Leaf Collection still has two weeks; biodegradable bags.

**Mr. Jacobelli:** Thanked all departments; discussed pension information from auditor – general roundtable; press release by Manager.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A motion was made by Levander and seconded by Clark to approve the curb cut at 324 Silvis Street pending the approval of Ed Howley, Code Enforcement Officer and Ed Antonacci, City Engineer.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

2. A motion was made by Homan and seconded by Smith to hire Frank Balistreri as a Full Time Police Officer for the City of Jeannette Police Department.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

3. A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Homan to approve the contract with Sunoco Pipeline for single line easement.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried. \_

4. A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Smith to consent to the transfer of Perkie Meadows property to the land bank.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

5. A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Levander to approve an agreement with Hoffman's Boarding Kennels for Stray Feline Service and Stray Dog Service.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

6. A motion was made by Homan and seconded by Levander to conduct the first reading of **Bill No. 15-07** to be Ordinance No. 15-06:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING ARTICLE 343, BY DECREASING THE RATE OF SUBSECTION 343.021 TITLED "ADDITIONAL IMPOSITION RATE UNDER ACT 205 OF 1984, THE PENSION STANDARD AND RECOVERY ACT" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO (.85%) .85 OF ONE PERCENT FOR RESIDENTS AND TO (0%) ZERO PERCENT FOR NON-RESIDENT WORKERS.**

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

7. A motion was made by Homan and seconded by Levander to amend the agenda to adopt **Resolution No. 15-10:**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND/OR CITY ENGINEER TO EXECUTE THE HIGHWAY RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE BOND AGREEMENT.**

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- A motion was made by Homan and seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.