



**CITY OF JEANNETTE  
COUNCIL MEETING**  
Council Chambers  
Wednesday, June 14, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.  
MINUTES



**ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jacobelli at 6:10 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Charles Highlands, Gabriel Homan, Ron Smith, Robin Mozley, Richard Jacobelli

**ALSO**

**PRESENT:**

DEPARTMENT	NAME	PRESENT
CITY MANAGER	MICHAEL L. NESTICO	X
CITY SOLICITOR	REPRESENTATIVE	X
CITY ENGINEER	EDWARD L. ANTONACCI	X
POLICE SERGEANT	DONALD JOHNSTON	X
CITY FOREMAN	RICH AULT	X
FIRE CHIEF	VANCE PHILLIPS	X
CITY TREASURER	JACOB MILLIRON	X
DEPUTY CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	MICHELLE LANGDON	X
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	DIANA REITZ	X

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:**

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

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Homan, Smith, Mozley, Jacobelli      5  
 NAY: None      0  
 The chair declared the motion carried.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Smith to accept the Minutes of the May 10, 2017 and May 22, 2017 Meetings.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Homan, Smith, Mozley, Jacobelli      5  
 NAY: None      0  
 The chair declared the motion carried.

**CITIZENS:**

**Ed Sam – JBA Representative** – Wants to represent all businesses even if they are not JBA members. Spoke about Ed Steen as Elvis for a show at the Event Center at the American Legion in Jeannette at \$15 per ticket. Also mentioned shows in August - Chuck Corby and the Quiet Storm – for \$15. They need your support and asked the Mayor and Council to buy 50 of the Elvis tickets. Mayor and Council told him they would talk to him afterward.



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**John Scalzitti – owner of Bella Mimi’s** Clay Avenue, Jeannette, PA – He has a problem with Punch and Jrs. being open and the murder there a few weeks ago. His business dropped by 50% since that incident; they party outside of Punch and Jrs. On Saturday night; how can we get rid of Punch and Jrs.? Punch and Jrs. will be out of there in 90 days. Also commented on the building next to him that was owned by Frank Trigona. The room was ripped off from a storm. Ed Howley was helping him.

**Dennis E. Lee – Guy Street** – Interested in purchasing Trinity Haven at 204 North First Street.

**Sharon Bush – Scott Avenue** – Thank you to the fire and police departments for getting rid of the homeless man living in the woods by her house. They found a meth lab.

**Carmelena Merola** – Wants to have a tent meeting in the Magee Parking Lot for all local churches. Michael will coordinate the request.

**Mrs. Sternick – 717 North Third** – Wants to know if there will be a charge for the lot for the above religious event?

**Kathy Tanyer – 803 Laura Street** – Commented on getting narcan for K-9 Areas; commented on Punch and Juniors and said the information is sitting on Pecks desk; Thanked Fire and Police Departments for helping with the Memorial Day Service.

**Bruce Busato – 614 Division Street** – commented on the Chestnut Street wall leaning.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Living Word Congregational Church – Request Magee Parking Lot on 9/9/17

**OFFICER REPORTS:** A motion was made by Homan and seconded by Highlands to accept the Officer Reports.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Homan, Smith, Mozley, Jacobelli	5
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**BILLS:** A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Smith to pay the bills for the month of May.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Homan, Smith, Mozley, Jacobelli	5
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Manager Announcements:

- June 17, 2017 – JBA Event at American Legion
- June 20, 2017 – 10:00 a.m. Blight Task Force Meeting
- June 28, 2017 – 5:30 p.m. NPP Meeting
- July 3, 2017 – Large Item Week (Trash Schedule?)
- July 5, 2017 – 5:30 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting
- July 10, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. City Council Work Session



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July 10, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. Jeannette Redevelopment Authority Meeting

July 11, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. Recreation Commission Meeting

July 12, 2017 – 5:00 p.m. Health Board Meeting

July 12, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. City Council Agenda Meeting

**Highlands** – to Michael Nestico regarding improvements. Thrift King will be selling City Garbage Bags.

**Homan** – gave financial report. Michelle Langdon gave a report on the Budget.

**Smith** – Street Improvement Report

**Mozley** – Nothing on the Library; walking track at Altman to be paved tomorrow.

Vance Phillips of Fire Dept. – 338 Incidents so far in 2017; Vacant structure fire; Hazmat Incident with Meth Lab; Occupancy Permit/Chestnut Street; Thanks to Gombach for motor vehicles for training in fire dept.; June 29, 2017 the Gas Company will be training for Gas well fires.

**Jacobelli** - from Sgt. Johnston in the Police Department – 502 Incidents in May; need training in meth lab finding; mentioned Punch and Juniors Bar and Pecks office.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A motion was made by Mosely and seconded by Highlands to opt out of the Urban County Community Development Block Grant Program Fiscal Years 2018 - 2020 with the County of Westmoreland.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Homan, Smith, Mozley, Jacobelli	5
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.

2. A motion was made by Homan and seconded by Highlands to maintain and restrict the Act 205 Earned Income Tax Collections for payment of pension contributions for all City pensions in a Fund separate from the General Fund.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Homan, Smith, Mozley, Jacobelli	5
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.

3. A motion was made by Homan and seconded by Mozley to approve the Demolition and Site Clearance Pilot Program for property owners in the City of Jeannette by setting aside \$10,000 to fund a series of five (5) grant opportunities.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Homan, Smith, Mozley, Jacobelli	5
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.



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4. A motion was made by Jacobelli and seconded by Homan to enter into an intergovernmental partnership cooperation agreement with the Jeannette Redevelopment Authority for the purchase and sale of blighted properties whereby proceeds would be split between the City of Jeannette and the Jeannette Redevelopment Authority.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Homan, Smith, Mozley, Jacobelli	5
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.

5. A motion was made by Jacobelli and seconded by Homan to divide the Local Services Tax revenue collections in equal shares to the Jeannette Fire Department, Jeannette Police Department and Jeannette E.M.S., effective January, 2018

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Homan, Smith, Mozley, Jacobelli	4
NAY: None	0
ABSTAIN: Highlands	

The chair declared the motion carried.

6. A motion was made by Homan and seconded by Mozley to authorize Fire Chief Vance Phillips to advertise for the hiring of part-time firefighters residing outside of the City.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Homan, Smith, Mozley, Jacobelli	5
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.

7. A motion was made by Jacobelli and seconded by Homan to authorize the purchase audio/video and technology upgrades for City Council Chambers in the amount of \$16,971.79, said amount to paid from the 2016 GO Bond funds.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Homan, Smith, Mozley, Jacobelli	5
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.

8. A motion was made by Homan and seconded by Smith to authorize the purchase of security solutions for the municipal building and city garage in the amount of \$34,856.17, said amount to be paid from the 2016 GO Bond funds.



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 NAY: None      0  
 The chair declared the motion carried.

9. A motion was made by Jacobelli and seconded by Homan to authorize Lawrence Bourquin and Antonia Bogden to acquire the property bearing Tax Map No. 14-01-12-0-076 known as 824 Scott Avenue currently held in repository status by the Westmoreland County Tax Claim Bureau.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Homan, Smith, Mozley, Jacobelli      5  
 NAY: None      0  
 The chair declared the motion carried.

10. A motion to authorize REGNUM, LLC to acquire the property bearing Tax Map No. 14-01-16-0-091 known as 517 Clay Avenue currently held in repository status by the Westmoreland County Tax Claim Bureau.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Homan, Smith, Mozley, Jacobelli      5  
 NAY: None      0  
 The chair declared the motion carried.

11. A motion was made by Homan and seconded by Highlands to authorize the City Manager to acquire the property bearing Tax Map No. 14-01-16-1-009 known as 709 Bullitt Avenue currently held in repository status by the Westmoreland County Tax Claim Bureau.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Homan, Smith, Mozley, Jacobelli      5  
 NAY: None      0  
 The chair declared the motion carried.

12. A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Homan to authorize the City Manager to acquire the property bearing Tax Map No. 14-01-16-2-091 known as 305 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street currently held in repository status by the Westmoreland County Tax Claim Bureau.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Homan, Smith, Mozley, Jacobelli      5  
 NAY: None      0  
 The chair declared the motion carried.



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13. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Homan to authorize the City Manager to acquire the property bearing Tax Map No. 14-02-09-0-130 known as 129 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street currently held in repository status by the Westmoreland County Tax Claim Bureau.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Homan, Smith, Mozley, Jacobelli      5  
NAY: None      0  
The chair declared the motion carried.

14. A motion was made by Homan and seconded by Smith to authorize the City Manager to acquire the property bearing Tax Map No. 14-02-13-0-117 known as 112 Good Street currently held in repository status by the Westmoreland County Tax Claim Bureau.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Homan, Smith, Mozley, Jacobelli      5  
NAY: None      0  
The chair declared the motion carried.

15. A motion to authorize the City Manager to acquire the property bearing Tax Map No. 14-02-13-0-117 known as 112 Good Street currently held in repository status by the Westmoreland County Tax Claim Bureau. (DUPLICATE)

16. A motion was made by Homan and seconded by Highlands to authorize the City Manager to acquire the property bearing Tax Map No. 14-03-04-0-012 known as 806 ½ Western Avenue currently held in repository status by the Westmoreland County Tax Claim Bureau.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Homan, Smith, Mozley, Jacobelli      5  
NAY: None      0  
The chair declared the motion carried.

17. A motion was made by Homan and seconded by Highlands to authorize the City Manager to acquire the property bearing Tax Map No. 14-03-04-0-014 known as 808 ½ Western Avenue currently held in repository status by the Westmoreland County Tax Claim Bureau.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Homan, Smith, Mozley, Jacobelli      5  
NAY: None      0  
The chair declared the motion carried.



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18. A motion to authorize the City Manager to acquire the property bearing Tax Map No. 14-02-09-0-524 known 204 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street currently held in repository status by the Westmoreland County Tax Claim Bureau. **MOTION NOT CARRIED.** Someone interested. Trinity Haven

19. A motion was made by Homan and seconded by Highlands to authorize the City Manager to acquire the property bearing Tax Map No. 14-02-09-0-250 known 205 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street currently held in repository status by the Westmoreland County Tax Claim Bureau.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Homan, Smith, Mozley, Jacobelli 5  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.

20. A motion was made by Homan and seconded by Smith to authorize the City Manager to acquire the property bearing Tax Map No. 14-01-16-0-380 known 716 Chambers Avenue currently held in repository status by the Westmoreland County Tax Claim Bureau.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Homan, Smith, Mozley, Jacobelli 5  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.

21. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Smith to approve the request by Treasurer Jacob Milliron for exoneration of the following sanitation accounts:

0137-0	Lloyd Smith Jr	300 13 <sup>th</sup> Street	\$597.60	Vacant since 2011
4563-0	Ryan Marsolo	215 S. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street	\$873.00	Vacant since 2013
1115-0	David Taylor	600 Clay Avenue	\$784.80	Vacant since 2015
0082-0	Anthony Martucci	117 12 <sup>th</sup> Street	\$403.20	Vacant since 2010
0418-0	JMB Home	917 Arlington Avenue	\$775.80	Vacant Since August 2009
0013-0	JMB Home	124 11 <sup>th</sup> Street	\$775.80	Vacant since March 2010

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Homan, Smith, Mozley, Jacobelli 5  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.

22. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Homan to award the demolition and site clearance bid for 501 and 507-509 Clay Avenue to KCA Demolition in the amount of \$187,000, said funds to be paid from the 2016 GO Bond funds.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Homan, Smith, Mozley, Jacobelli 5  
NAY: None 0  
The chair declared the motion carried.



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**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Homan and seconded by Highlands to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Highlands, Homan, Smith, Mozley, Jacobelli	5
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.

City Manager