

**Jeannette City Council
City Council Meeting
Minutes**



**Thursday
October 12, 2023
6:00 PM**

ORDER:

The Mayor Called the meeting to order at

ROLL CALL:

Robin Mozley
Chuck Highlands
Michelle Langdon (Absent with Cause)
Chad Krawtz
Curtis Antoniak

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager: *Ethan Keedy*
Controller: *Nancy Peters*
Chief Fiscal Officer: *Ethan Keedy*
City Solicitor: *Timothy Witt*
Chief of Police: *Donald Johnston Jr.*
Code Enforcement: *Bill Whetzel*
Fire Chief: *William Frye*
City Engineer: *Edward Antonacci*

ABSENT WITH CAUSE

City Foreman: *Rich Ault*
City Treasurer: *Jacob Milliron*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

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

INVOCATION:

Tim Witt of the Faith Bible Church in Connellsville.

EXCEPTIONS TO OPEN MEETINGS (65 Pa.C.S.A. § 707):

AGENDA:

A motion was made by Krawtz and seconded by Antoniak to approve the agenda

Roll Call Vote

Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Absent (1): (Langdon)

Motion Passed

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Krawtz to approve the minutes from September 14th 2023

Roll Call Vote

Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Absent (1): (Langdon)

Motion Passed

CITIZENS:

Niles Slavin- 615 Harrison Ave- Pa Compensation bureau issues their mod and the City now has the lowest modification that the City has ever had. He thanked the department heads, Council, and Ethan for all the work to get this mod lower.

Matt Yanecko- Discussion on the Demolition of properties on Clay Ave. Stated that once these properties are gone, they will be almost impossible to rebuild and develop. He asked what the end goal was for these properties, and why tear them down when we could be looking at different ways in redevelopment of these properties. Are there any other options available to us instead of tearing them down?

Ryan Jennings- 502 Walters Street- Discussed the handicap accessibility of the City and City own properties. He discussed the Library and City Hall needing to become more handicap accessible. He stated that the improvements that are going on in the city (Park improvements and City Paving Projects) need to consider making them accessible as possible. He finds himself often times needing to go on the street with his wheelchair because the sidewalks are uneven and the ramps are not accessible.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter from American Legion Post 344 (Banners on 4th street)
Letter from American Legion Auxiliary (Request use of Magee Lot)
Letter from First Baptist Church (Extension on parking lot)
Letter from Planning Commission (Placing Plaque on City Hall bench)

OFFICERS REPORTS:

A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Highlands To approve the officers' reports as present.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Absent (1): (Langdon)

Motion Passed

BILLS:

A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Krawtz to pay the bills

Roll Call Vote

Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Absent (1): (Langdon)

Motion Passed

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mrs. Langdon- Absent

Mr. Highlands- Highlands gave an update on the general fund balance and the capital reserve balance. He stated that there are some agenda items for the MMO's that the city has to pay. He stated that the Auditor has been here and should be completed in a few months. He stated that the pension audit has completed and will update everyone shortly. He stated the budget meetings have begun and we are doing everything we can to prevent a tax increase.

Mrs. Mozley- Gave the sanitation report. Stated that we have had some issues with some of our trucks and that some residents might have seen a small delay in garbage pickup or even picked up earlier due to only having one truck on the road. She reminded the residents of the remaining leaf pick up dates. Chief Frye was absent, Mrs. Mozley gave the fire report for the month. Bill Whetzel gave the property maintenance report as well as the code enforcement report.

Mr. Krawtz- Gave the monthly Street Department Report.

Mr. Antoniak- Chief Johnston was absent, Mayor Antoniak gave the monthly police report. He thanked Lori Elias in the police department for all the work she did with the Civil Service testing and how important her position is here at the city. He thanked Ethan Keedy for all the jobs that he has been doing and for doing a great job moving this City forward. He stated he is excited to see we are hiring an administrative assistant. He gave the monthly CDBG monthly

report that was submitted by Urban Design Ventures. He discussed that some of the Buildings on Clay Ave just can not be fixed. Many people are purchasing them from out of state and just sitting on them and trying to sell them for a higher amount of money. However, some of the buildings that we are discussing that are beyond repair need to be demolished.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Mosley and 2nd Antoniak to approve the Jeannette American Legion permission to hang banners along 4th street pending approval from West Penn Power.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Absent (1): Landgon

Motion Passed

2. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Mozley to approve Jeannette American Legion Auxiliary permission to use Magee Lot for a food distribution dates to be determined if the organization is selected.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Absent (1): Landgon

Motion Passed

3. A motion was made by Mozley and 2nd Krawtz to approve Jeannette Planning Commission permission to place a bronze plaque on the bench at City Hall in memory of William Pacelli and Laura Smith

Roll Call Vote

Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Absent (1): Landgon

Motion Passed

4. A motion was made by Highlands and 2nd Krawtz to approve the sale of the property located at 531 South 5th street, Jeannette, Pa 15466 Tax Map No. 14- 01-16-0-517 to Renee Ager in the amount of \$1,219.00

Roll Call Vote

Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Absent (1): Landgon

Motion Passed

5. A motion was made by Mozley and 2nd Antoniak to approve the sale of the property located at ‘off of 14th street” Jeannette Pa 15644 Tax Map No 14-01- 11-0-068 to Dennis Theys Jr. in the amount of \$584.00

Roll Call Vote

Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Absent (1): Landgon

Motion Passed

6. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Highlands to approve payment to Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$4,157.50 for work done on the Lowry Ave Project, money to be taken from the American Rescue Plan Account.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Absent (1): Landgon

Motion Passed

7. A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Mozley to approve payment to Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$2,2230.00 for work done on the 6th Street Bridge Project, money to be taken from the Capital Reserve Account.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Absent (1): Landgon

Motion Passed

8. A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Krawtz to approve payment to Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$4,412.50 for work done on the Mapleton Water Project, money to be taken from the Capital Reserve Account.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Absent (1): Landgon

Motion Passed

9. A motion was made by Mozley and 2nd Antoniak to approve payment to Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$5,983.85 for work done on the School Street Paving Project, money to be taken from the CDBG Account.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Absent (1): Landgon

Motion Passed

10. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Highlands to approve payment to Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$2,440.00 for work done on the 2024 Street Reconstruction Project, money to be taken from the American Rescue Plan Account.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Absent (1): Landgon

Motion Passed

11. A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Mozley to enter into an agreement with Campbell Durrant P.C and the City of Jeannette for legal services.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Absent (1): Landgon

Motion Passed

12. A motion was made by Mozley and 2nd Antoniak to hire Andrea Beneke as an Administrative Assistant pending completion of all pre-employment paperwork, salary to be set by the collective bargaining agreement.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Absent (1): Landgon

Motion Passed

13. A motion was made by Highlands and 2nd Mozley accept the donation of 131 North 3rd Street Jeannette Pa 15644 tax map number (14-02-090-132) to the City of Jeannette and exonerate the City taxes on said property, pending exoneration by the Jeannette City School District and Westmoreland County.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Absent (1): Landgon

Motion Passed

14. A motion was made by Mozley and 2nd Krawtz to accept the donation of 133 North 3rd Street Jeannette Pa 15644 tax map number (14-02-09-0-133) to the City of Jeannette and exonerate the City taxes on said property, pending exoneration by the Jeannette City School District and Westmoreland County.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Absent (1): Landgon

Motion Passed

15. A motion was made by Mozley and 2nd Antoniak to approve the purchase of a 2023 32yard garbage truck from Mid Atlantic Waste System in the amount of \$331,125.00 money to be taken from the Capital Reserve account and repaid back by the General Fund on a 10 year amortization schedule.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak

Nay (0):

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16. A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Krawtz to approve payment to Dun Rite Construction for \$103,990.41 for work completed on the School Street Reconstruction Project, money to be taken from the CDBG Account.

**Roll Call Vote
Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Absent (1): Landgon
Motion Passed**

17. A motion was made by Highlands and 2nd Krawtz to approve Resolution 23- A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Jeannette approving and authorizing the submission of the FY 2023 CDBG Application.

**Roll Call Vote
Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Absent (1): Landgon
Motion Passed**

18. A motion was made by Mozley and 2nd Highlands to approve payment to Urban Design Ventures in the amount of \$86,030.00 for work completed on CDBG projects over the last 12-month period. Money to be taken from the CDBG Account.

**Roll Call Vote
Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Absent (1): Landgon
Motion Passed**

19. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Mozley to approve the Acknowledgement and indemnification agreement as well as an Excess Maintenance Road Protection and Repair Agreement between the City of Jeanette and NEXT LVL ENERGY pending approval of City Solicitor.

**Roll Call Vote
Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Absent (1): Landgon
Motion Passed**

20. A motion was made by Mozley and 2nd Krawtz to Approve Resolution 23- A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Jeannette approving the Fair Housing agreement.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Absent (1): Landgon

Motion Passed

21. A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Highlands to approve payment to Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System in the amount of \$27,853.00 for the 2023 non uniform MMO.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Absent (1): Landgon

Motion Passed

22. A motion was made by Mozley and 2nd Antoniak to approve payment to PNC in the amount of \$460,213.00 for the 2023 Police Pension MMO

Roll Call Vote

Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Absent (1): Landgon

Motion Passed

23. A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Krawtz to approve payment to PNC in the amount of \$70,542.00 for the 2023 Fire Pension MMO

Roll Call Vote

Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Absent (1): Landgon

Motion Passed

24. A motion was made by Highlands and 2nd Mozley to transfer \$63,157.86 from the ACT 205 Fund to the General Fund to help offset the cost of the 2023 MMOs.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak

Nay (0):

**Absent (1): Landgon
Motion Passed**

25. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Mozley to approve Resolution 23- **A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Jeannette approving a statement of goals in compliance with the national program for minority and women business enterprises, executive order 11625 City of Jeannette, Pa**

**Roll Call Vote
Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Absent (1): Landgon
Motion Passed**

26. A motion was made by Mozley and 2nd Krawtz to approve the City Manager to submit a 2023 Statewide LSA Grant for the City of Jeannette and allow the Mayor and City Manager to sign all necessary documents to submit the grant.

**Roll Call Vote
Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Absent (1): Landgon
Motion Passed**

27. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Highlands to approve the City Manager to submit a 2023 PennDOT Multimodal Grant for the City of Jeannette and allow the Mayor and City Manager to sign all necessary documents to submit the grant.

**Roll Call Vote
Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Absent (1): Landgon
Motion Passed**

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by was made by Mozley and 2nd Antoniak

**Roll Call Vote
Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak
Nay (0):**

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**Ethan Keedy
CITY MANAGER**