

ORDER:

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 06:00 pm

ROLL CALL:

Ron Smith (*Absent with Cause*)
Robin Mozley
Chuck Highlands
Nancy Peters
Curtis Antoniak

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Clerk: *Nathan Benjamin Jay Bish*
Chief Fiscal Officer: *Ethan Keedy*
City Solicitor: *Timothy Witt*
Chief of Police: *Donald Johnston Jr.*
City Treasurer: *Jacob Milliron*
Code Enforcement: *Bill Whetzel*
City Engineer: *Edward Antonacci*
City Foreman: *Rich Ault*
Fire Chief: *William Frye*

ABSENT WITH CAUSE

Controller: *Sheila Galando*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

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

INVOCATION:

The invocation was conducted by Bob Ross of the Heritage Baptist Church in Jeannette

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

No Exceptions at this time

AGENDA:

A motion was made by Peters and seconded by Mozley to accept the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote
(4) YEA: Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) NAY: None
Motion Carried

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Peters to accept the meeting minutes from the June 10, 2021 and June 22, 2021 council meetings as presented

Roll Call Vote
(4) YEA: Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) NAY: None
Motion Carried

CITIZENS:

Recognition of Ryan Highlands
Swearing in of Chief of Police Donald Johnston Jr
Swearing in of Chief Fiscal Officer Ethan Keedy

Tanya Williamson: Son was murdered and it has yet to be solved. For a year the signs have been posted along clay avenue asking for justice. Racist signs have been placed otop of or next to the existing signs. Son was not a perfect person but he apologized for everything he did before he was murdered. Consulted with officers and lawyers regarding the posting of signs so she knows she did it right. Please leave the signs up.

Marissa McGowan: Neighbor is facing severe issues and has been 302d but nothing has happened. Has been found making “false accusations” before so nothing that was said to the authorities could be accepted. That shouldn’t matter, some people don’t get the help they need but they should.

Benita Hughy: Has lived in Jeannette their entire life and their granddaughter in the Jeannette school as well. Wants to make June 10th Jesus Day. Answer the “Call” of Jesus. Public respect for all in the community. Make Jeannette great again. Breagle could help make Jeannette a green area but he needs some assistance. Could CDBG help him?

Bruce Bruzado: Called the mayor on the phone but never received a call back, wasn’t planning on yelling at the mayor and just wanted to talk. The wall behind his property on chestnut street is being filled in. Water is coming into his garage and if that wall falls then the damage to the property would be extensive. Understands that the CFO is looking for grants but who is going to pay for the damages if the wall collapses? Just wants to keep what he has.

Chris Miller: 731 Sellers Ave, sellers avenue is a nice avenue except for three houses that are right next to each other. The people on the street try to keep their properties nice but these three properties are eye sores. One of the houses is a dumpsite for garbage and furniture. It’s a fire hazard with red Xs spray painted on them by the fire department. These houses are bringing down the property values for the whole street. Kids try to get in them all the time, some could get hurt badly. Houses are full of raccoons that come out through the roofs of one of the buildings. Raccoons carry rabies kids may get bitten and hurt. How would you like it if this was on your street.?

Lauran Wagner: Fully behind what Chris Miller was stating. These houses on Sellers Ave need demoed so the property values on the rest of the street go up. These houses make them feel unsafe in their own homes. There are ticks everywhere and it is harming the animals. Rats and raccoons are ripping up the garbage bags in the area so we have to clean it and spend more money rebagging the garbage. Something needs done.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter from Jodie Caperelli

OFFICERS REPORTS:

A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Highlands to accept the officer’s reports as presented.

Roll Call Vote
(4) YEA: Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) NAY: None
Motion Carried

BILLS:

A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Highlands to pay the bills for the month.

Roll Call Vote
(4) YEA: Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) NAY: None
Motion Carried

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mr. Smith: Absent with cause, the mayor gave a response to the wall situation brought up by Bruce in the citizens portion. Unfortunately, there is not much that can be done about the wall at this time. The city is buying time with its current course of action.

Mrs. Mozley: Gave the sanitation report, Bill Fry gave the Fire Department report. Chief Frye responded to the problem properties on sellers avenue. Unfortunately, they are bank foreclosures and the banks refuse to take care of the properties that they foreclose on. If there is no owner than there is little than can be done to clean them up. The properties on sellers avenue are on the list for demos but there are other properties that are worse off and more dangerous. Bill Whetzel gave the code enforcement report

Mr. Highlands: Gave building report, the fire department is flooding when there is rain so we will be turning this into the insurance company. Hopefully it can be repaired soon.

Mrs. Peters: Jake Treasurers Report, city is well on track at this time. Ethan gave the Finance Report, all accounts have been reconciled up to July.

Mr. Antoniak: Chief Johnston gave the monthly Police Report. Mayor responded to the posters along clay avenue. Placing them along clay avenue with permission is not a criminal act and the city has not been removing them. No officer has caught anyone trying to remove the signs or adding new ones. There is a new officer working for the city Matt Painter. There will potentially be another new officer going to be hired at the next meeting. Have report on community development department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Mozley to approve the request from Jodie Caperelli for a street closure on Jefferson Avenue on October 9, 2021 from 04:00 pm to 10:00 pm subject to approval by the Fire Chief and the Chief of Police.

Roll Call Vote
(4) YEA: Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) NAY: None
Motion Carried

2. A motion was made by Peters and seconded by Antoniak to approve the resolution and Joint Petition in the Slavin Tax Assessment Appeal case currently pending before the Court of Common Pleas; to authorize the City Solicitor to execute the same on behalf of the City; and to authorize City officials and employees to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the same.

Roll Call Vote
(4) YEA: Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) NAY: None
Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS: Continued

3. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Antoniak to approve the request from Sobel's Obscure Brewery to construct a code compliant handicap entrance on the side walk located at 500 Clay Avenue Jeannette PA 15644 subject to review by the Code Enforcement Officer.

Roll Call Vote

(4) YEA: Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak

(0) NAY: None

Motion Carried

4. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Highlands to approve the Cornerstone Ministry's requested use of the Elliot Group Amphitheater on Sunday August 22, 2021.

Roll Call Vote

(4) YEA: Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak

(0) NAY: None

Motion Carried

5. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Antoniak to conduct the final reading and adopt **Ordinance Number 21-04**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 15-04, KNOWN AS THE CITY OF JEANNETTE REGULATED RENTAL UNIT OCCUPANCY ORDINANCE BY DELETING AND MODIFYING PORTIONS OF SUCH ORDINANCE RELATING TO NOTICES; REQUIRING CARBON MONOXIDE AND SMOKE DETECTORS; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Roll Call Vote

(4) YEA: Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak

(0) NAY: None

Motion Carried

6. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Mozley to introduce and conduct the first reading of **Bill Number 21-05**

AN ORDINANCE OF JEANNETTE CITY, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ELECTING TO AMEND ITS NON-UNIFORM PENSION PLAN ADMINISTERED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW; AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY ALL PROVISIONS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW AS AMENDED AND AS APPLICABLE TO MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES.

Roll Call Vote

(4) YEA: Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak

(0) NAY: None

Motion Carried

7. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Peters to approve **Resolution 21-04**
A Resolution Proclaiming Saturday July 31, 2021 as John Howard Day

Roll Call Vote

(4) YEA: Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak

(0) NAY: None

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS: Continued

8. A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Antoniak to approve **Resolution 21-05**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF JEANNETTE UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS (SLFRF) TO A SEPARATE ACCOUNT AND AMENDING THE 2021 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE TO ADD AND REFLECT SUCH REVENUE.

Roll Call Vote

(4) YEA: Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak

(0) NAY: None

Motion Carried

9. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Peters to approve **Resolution 21-06**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE ESTABLISHING THE BUSINESS REGISTRATION FEE FOR BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX PURPOSES

Roll Call Vote

(4) YEA: Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak

(0) NAY: None

Motion Carried

10. A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Mozley to approve **Resolution 21-07**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE APPROVING THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF A CREDIT CARD APPLICATION AND THE ISSUANCE OF A CREDIT CARD, AND AUTHORIZING USE OF SUCH CREDIT CARD.

Roll Call Vote

(4) YEA: Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak

(0) NAY: None

Motion Carried

11. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Mozley to direct the CFO to apply for the PennDOT 2021 Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Programs and to submit any and all required documents.

Roll Call Vote

(4) YEA: Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak

(0) NAY: None

Motion Carried

12. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Peters to approve the list of dates for the 2022 City of Jeannette Budget for September 30, October 5, October 7, October 26, and October 28, 2021 all at 1:00 pm

Roll Call Vote

(4) YEA: Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak

(0) NAY: None

Motion Carried

13. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Peters to direct the City's Code Enforcement Officer Bill Whetzel to obtain the relevant Health Certification related to his position.

Roll Call Vote

(4) YEA: Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak

(0) NAY: None

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS: Continued

- 14.** A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Mozley to pay Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$ 5,399.07 for work on the Brush Creek Tree and Sediment Removal Project to be paid from the Capital Reserve.

Roll Call Vote

(4) YEA: Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak

(0) NAY: None

Motion Carried

- 15.** A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Peters to pay Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$ 4,097.50 for work on the Lowry Sidewalk Project to be paid from the Capital Reserve

Roll Call Vote

(4) YEA: Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak

(0) NAY: None

Motion Carried

- 16.** A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Peters to pay Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$ 1,872.50 for work on the Sixth Street Bridge Project to be paid from the Capital Reserve

Roll Call Vote

(4) YEA: Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak

(0) NAY: None

Motion Carried

- 17.** A motion was made by Peters and seconded by Antoniak to pay Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$ 515.00 for work on the 2020 CDBG Side Walk Project to be paid from the CDBG fund

Roll Call Vote

(4) YEA: Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak

(0) NAY: None

Motion Carried

- 18.** A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Peters to pay \$18,413.15 KGD Contracting for work on the 2020 CDBG Side Walk Project to be paid from the CDBG fund.

Roll Call Vote

(4) YEA: Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak

(0) NAY: None

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Antoniak to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM

Roll Call Vote

(4) YEA: Peters, Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak

(0) NAY: None

Motion Carried

Nathan Benjamin Jay Bish

CITY CLERK