

ORDER:

The Mayor Called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Ron Smith
Robin Mozley
Chuck Highlands
Nancy Peters
Curtis Antoniak

ALSO, PRESENT:

Chief Fiscal Officer: *Ethan Keedy*
City Solicitor: *Timothy Witt*
Chief of Police: *Donald Johnston Jr.*
City Treasurer: *Jacob Milliron*
Code Enforcement: *Bill Whetzel*
Assistant City Foreman: *Ed Cycak III*
Fire Chief: *William Frye*
City Engineer: *Edward Antonacci*

ABSENT WITH CAUSE

Controller: *Sheila Galando*
City Clerk: *Nathan Benjamin Jay Bish*
City Foreman: *Richard Ault*

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:

Pastor Bob Ross of the Heritage Baptist Church

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

December 9, 2021 at 5:30 for personnel issues

AGENDA:

A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Peters to accept the Agenda as presented.

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Mozley, Highlands
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Peters to accept the Minutes for November 10, 2021 and November 23, 2021 Council Meetings as presented.

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Mozley, Highlands
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

CITIZENS:

CFO Ethan Keedy presented the details of the refunding of general obligation bonds to Council

Joann Berkheimer on 434 Cedar Street spoke about the Jeannette Community Band's Christmas Concert, which took place on December 7, 2021. She also wanted to update City Hall that the Jeannette Public Library will host a story time session at 7:00 PM on Saturday, December 11, 2021. She also informed everyone that the Jeannette Historical Society has calendars ready for the new year.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter from Nancy Peters
Letter from Jeff Means
Letter from Bill Pacelli
Letter from Crisann Lowstuter
Letter from Judy Soles
Letter from Laura Smith
Letter from Jeffery Shotts
Letter from Ernie DiMartino

OFFICERS REPORTS:

A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Peters to accept the officers' reports as presented.
Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Mozley, Highlands
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

BILLS:

A motion was made by Peters and seconded by Smith to pay the bills for the month.
Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Mozley, Highlands
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mrs. Peters: Ethan Keedy gave the finance report and updated Council on the meetings to occur to plan for the LERTA program. The budget has been prepared, locks have been changed, the 2018 audit has been resolved, and the City has been approved for a bridge grant. Jake Milliron gave the Treasurer's Report with revenues of \$326,011.76, expenses of \$374,824.53, and a total current balance of \$554,264.90.

Mr. Smith: Gave the streets report and gave a good sendoff for Richard Ault's retirement. A tree was hauled as well.

Mrs. Mozley: Gave the sanitation report and stated that Rich Ault will be missed. Bill Frye gave the fire report.

Mr. Highlands: Gave the buildings report, as a small leak in the restroom of the fire department. He additionally expressed his appreciation for Rich Ault.

Mr. Antoniak: Chief Johnston gave the Police Report. The Mayor thanked Nancy Peters for her time as Councilwoman, and he expressed concerns about the motion for business programs and the motions 26-34 for not being paid. The Mayor additionally explained that Mr. Lordi, the CEO of the Elliott Group has promised support for the new dash and body cameras for the Police Department for the first two years.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Smith to authorize and instruct the City Clerk, Chief Fiscal Officer, and City Solicitor to create an application, criteria, and draft guidelines for a business relief grant using American Rescue Plan funds in accordance with the current American Rescue Plan guidelines for further consideration by City Council.”

Roll call vote
(2) Yea: Mozley, Highlands
(3) Nay: Smith, Peters, Antoniak
Motion Failed

2. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Peters to approve and advertise the list of dates for 2022 Council, Additional, and Work Session meetings.

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Mozley, Highlands
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

3. A motion to Sale of 810 Western Ave to Quasar Enterprises LLC for \$2,200.00.

No motion was made, Motion failed

4. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Smith to approve the purchase of 315-317 Clay Avenue (tax maps 14-01-16-0-242 & 14-01-16-0-243) to Craig Chinn for \$5,000, contingent on Mr. Chinn’s closing on 400 Clay Avenue.

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Mozley, Highlands
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

5. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Peters to appoint Jeffery Means to the Jeannette Redevelopment Authority for a five-year term starting January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2026.

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

6. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by to appoint Bill Pacelli to the Jeannette Planning Commission for a four-year term starting January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2025.

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Smith, Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

7. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Peters to appoint Crisann Lowstuter to the Jeannette Zoning Hearing Board for a three-year term starting January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2024.

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Smith, Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

8. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Peters to appoint Jeffery Shotts to the Jeannette Civil Service Commission for a term starting January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2024.

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Smith, Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

9. A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Mozley to approve the resignation of Laura Smith from the Jeannette Planning Commission effective December 6, 2021.

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Smith, Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

10. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Smith to conduct the second reading and adopt of **Ordinance**

Number 21-06

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE TAX RATES FOR 2022 AND
APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC
PURPOSES OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT, HEREINAFTER SET FORTH, FOR 2022**

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Smith, Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

11. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Smith to introduce and conduct the first reading of **Bill**

Number 21-07

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING THE PROVISIONS OF THE
NEIGHBORHOOD BLIGHT RECLAMATION AND REVITALIZATION ACT (ACT 90 OF 2010)
PROVIDING FOR PERMIT DENIAL AND ASSET ATTACHMENT.**

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Smith, Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

12. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Smith to approve the order of new radios, associated communications equipment, and installation fees for the Jeannette Fire Department with the order not to exceed \$120,000.00 to be paid from ARP funds

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Smith, Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

- 13.** A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Mozley to approve **Resolution 21-14**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE SETTING CERTAIN FILING, APPLICATION, AND OTHER FEES FOR THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, THE CITY OF JEANNETTE PLANNING COMMISSION, AND THE JEANNETTE ZONING HEARING BOARD.

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Smith, Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

- 14.** A motion was made by Peters and seconded by Mozley to authorize Judy Soles and Francine Gibbon to decorate the Elliot Group Amphitheater for Christmas from December 12, 2021 until January 7, 2022.

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Smith, Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

- 15.** A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Smoth to approve the leasing agreement between the City of Jeannette and Motorola Solutions for the use of police body cameras and dash cameras for the City of Jeannette Police Department.

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Smith, Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

- 16.** A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Mozley to authorize the incurrence of nonelectoral indebtedness in a principal amount of \$2,770,800 to be evidenced by its General Obligation Note Series of 2022 (the "Note"). The Note is being issued in order to (i) currently refund all of the City's outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2016 (the "2016 Bonds") presently in the outstanding principal amount of \$2,670,000, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption which is April 1, 2022, and (ii) pay the costs and expenses of preparing and issuing the Note (the "Project").

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Smith, Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

17. A motion to approve the sale of 705 St Clair Ave to Quasar Enterprises LLC for \$ 1,117.00.

No motion was made, Motion failed

18. A motion to approve the sale of 610 Clay Ave to Quasar Enterprises LLC for \$3,100.00.

No motion was made, Motion failed

19. A motion was made by Attoniak and seconded by Peters to approve the sale of Tax Map ID # 14-01-11-0-094 to Donald Christofano for \$1,200.00.

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Smith, Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

20. A motion to approve the sale of 125 South 13th Street to Spenola Ammamoo for \$ 5,050.00.

No motion was made, Motion failed

21. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Smith to pay Antonacci Design Associates \$7,185.00 for work on the Tree and Sediment Grant to be paid from capital reserve.

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Smith, Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

22. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Smith to pay Antonacci Design Associates \$650.00 for work on the tree and sediment grant to be paid from Capital reserve.

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Smith, Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

23. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Smith to approve and implement the 2022 Fire Department Training protocols.

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Smith, Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

24. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Highlands to reimburse the CDBG account \$1,260.00 for the purchase of the Hot Spots to be paid from the Capital Reserve.

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Smith, Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

25. A motion was made by Peters and seconded by Smith to approve the agreement with Bill Whetzel to assist Connellsville with their UCC fees.

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Smith, Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

26. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Peters to pay Urban Design Ventures \$4,000.00 for work on the 2021 CDBG Application to be paid from the CDBG account.

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Smith, Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

27. A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Antoniak to pay Urban Design Ventures \$4,500.00 for planning and consulting services on the 2019 CDBG contract to be paid from the CDBG account.

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Smith, Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

- 28.** A motion was made by Peters and seconded by Smith to pay Urban Design Ventures \$6,006.25 for Administrating and planning services on CDBG contracts to be paid from the CDBG account.

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Smith, Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

- 29.** A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Smith to pay Urban Design Ventures \$4,000.00 for work on the 2020 CDBG Application to be paid from the CDBG account.

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Smith, Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

- 30.** A motion was made by Peters and seconded by Smith to pay Urban Design Ventures \$4,500.00 for planning and consulting services on the 2020 CDBG-CV contract to be paid from the CDBG account.

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Smith, Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

- 31.** A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Smith to pay Urban Design Ventures \$5,000.00 for work on the 2020 CDBG-CV Application to be paid from CDBG account.

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Smith, Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

- 32.** A motion was made by Peters and seconded by Smith to pay Urban Design Ventures \$4,500.00 for planning and consulting services on the CDBG contracts to be paid from the CDBG account.

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Smith, Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

- 33.** A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Smith to pay Urban Design Ventures \$4,500.00 for planning consulting services for the 2018 CDBG Contract to be paid from the CDBG account.

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Smith, Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

- 34.** A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Smith to pay Urban Design Ventures \$18,365.00 for CDBG administration consulting services to be paid from the CDBG account.

Roll call vote
(5) Yea: Smith, Mozley, Highlands, Peters, Antoniak
(0) Nay:
Motion Passed

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mozley a seconded by Peters to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 PM.

Nathan Benjamin Jay Bish
CITY CLERK