

Jeannette City Council
City Council Meeting

6:00 PM



ORDER:

The Mayor Called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

ROLL CALL:

Chuck Highlands
Michelle Langdon
Robin Mozley
Ron Smith (Absent with Cause)
Curtis Antoniak

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*

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

ABSENT WITH CAUSE

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 Councilman Ron Smith and his family during this difficult time.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Father Job Foote O.S.B. of the Sacred Heart and Ascension Church Parishes.

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

1. Tuesday May 10th 11:45am to discuss personnel matters.

AGENDA:

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

Yea (4): Highlands, Langdon, Mozley, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion carried

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Antoniak to accept the meeting minutes for April 14th 2022 as presented.

Yea (4): Highlands, Langdon, Mozley, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion carried

CITIZENS:

Joanne Billheimer: A Jeannette resident on Cedar Street thanked Council for their support in getting their new HVAC system installed into the Jeannette Public Library and explained that Donnelly had done an excellent job.

Sherri Mickey: A resident at the Jeannette Manor updated Council on a sewer pipe project occurring at the Jeannette Manor, which is creating problems for some residents as they are relocated. They were attempting to keep the residents calm during this transition. She additionally addressed Council regarding the contract between the Manor and City, in which Dough Chew and Gina Cerilli Thrasher are supporting the Jeannette Manor during this process.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Stephanie Austill “Green Education Foundation”
2. Father’s Heart Ministries (Amphitheater request)
3. Church of the Ascension (Closing of Georgia Lane)
4. George Croce (Linden Ave)
5. Ty Daniels (Jeannette Summerfest)
6. Cornerstone Ministries (Amphitheater request)

OFFICERS REPORTS:

A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Mozley to approve the officers reports as presented.

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

Nay (0):

Motion carried

BILLS:

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

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

Nay (0):

Motion carried

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mr. Highlands – Ethan Keedy gave the Finance Report and indicated that all taxes for the month were collected and the accounts balanced. Annual audits to occur soon and Mark Turnley is being given all of the necessary documents to begin the auditing process prior to his onsite visit. Eighteen (18) accounts reconciled and only four (4) more to reconcile to be caught up.

Mrs. Langdon – Nothing to report. She thanked Ron Smith for his service as being an asset to the City. He will be dearly missed.

Mrs. Mozley – No report for Sanitation. Three (3) dumpsters delivered to the Magee Parking Lot for the Trash Cleanup Week with a total of twelve (12) pulls for the week, and she foresaw performing more cleanup weeks in the future. Chief Bill Frye gave the Fire Department Monthly Report and addressed the Manor issue. A Knox Box has been ordered to be installed at the Jeannette Public Library. Management at the Manor has been responsive, but the agreement for inspections with the City has not been finalized. The project is a good thing for fire safety. Bill Whetzel read the Property Maintenance Report for the Month and also gave the Code Enforcement Monthly Report. Mrs. Mozley indicated item number 12 for Public Works Supplemental Help.

Mr. Smith (Absent with Cause)

Mr. Antoniak – Chief Johnston attended a memorial service on behalf of International Police Week honoring fallen officers, and he listed the fallen officers from the City. He continued to give the monthly Police Report. The Mayor thanked Ethan Keedy and Ed Antonacci for the \$800,000.00 awarded to the City with no matching funds required. A mock drill for safety in the Jeannette High School. The Jeannette Community Band will be holding a free concert at the Jeannette American Legion on May 29, 2022. Reports for CDBG for work performed with Walt Haglund of Urban Design Ventures. 40 Stop Signs to be ordered to replace degraded signs. \$6,600.00-\$6,800.00 a month for street lighting and the bill may increase.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to approve Fathers Heart Ministries request to use the amphitheater on May 21st, 2022 from 4pm-6pm pending the completion of a signed use agreement.

Yea (4): Highlands, Langdon, Mozley, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion carried

2. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Langdon to close Georgia Lane from Mill Street to Western Ave on Saturday July 9th and Sunday July 10th, 2022.

Yea (4): Highlands, Langdon, Mozley, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion carried

3. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to approve Cornerstone Ministries request to use the amphitheater on June 24th, 2022 from 5pm-10pm pending the completion of a signed use agreement.

Yea (4): Highlands, Langdon, Mozley, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion carried

4. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to approve Ty Daniels request to use Magee Ave lot and electricity on Saturday July 30th, 2022 for the "Jeannette Summerfest."

Yea (4): Highlands, Langdon, Mozley, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion carried

5. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Lngdon to accept the resignation letter from Eddie Cycak for City Foreman effective April 27th 2022

Yea (4): Highlands, Langdon, Mozley, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion carried

6. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Highlands to hire Benjamin Walker as the City Clerk effective May 15th, 2022 with an annual salary of \$37,852.00 condition on signing an employment agreement.

Yea (4): Highlands, Langdon, Mozley, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion carried

7. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to approve payment in the amount of \$1,007.50 to Antonacci Design Associates from the Capital Reserve for work on the Phase 2 flood project.

Yea (4): Highlands, Langdon, Mozley, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

- 8.** A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to approve the purchase of a Knox box for the Jeannette Public Library building in the amount of \$429.00.

Yea (4): Highlands, Langdon, Mozley, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion carried
- 9.** A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to hire Jacob Mumper as a call firefighter to serve a one-year training and probationary period following a successful physical and drug test.

Yea (4): Highlands, Langdon, Mozley, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion carried
- 10.** A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Langdon to approve the Sidewalk Permit, Acknowledgement, and Indemnification agreement between Sobel's Obscure Brewery LLC and the City of Jeannette, and authorize the City Clerk and mayor to sign all documents.

Yea (4): Highlands, Langdon, Mozley, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion carried
- 11.** A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to approve the bid of Jupina Landscaping to cut the dray dam site for a cost of \$1,168.00 per cut not to exceed 5 cuts.

Yea (4): Highlands, Langdon, Mozley, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion carried
- 12.** A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Highlands to hire Toby Cline, John Breegle, and Antonio Hall for supplemental help for the Public Works Department for the year 2022 with a start date of June 6th, 2022 and a hourly rate of \$17.70.

Yea (4): Highlands, Langdon, Mozley, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion carried
- 13.** A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to approve payment in the amount of \$22,867.40 to Donnelly Plumbing from CDBG.

Yea (4): Highlands, Langdon, Mozley, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion carried
- 14.** A motion Langdon and seconded by Mozley to approve payment in the amount of \$1,304.60 to Donnelly Plumbing from CDBG for additional work on the Jeannette Library Project.

Yea (4): Highlands, Langdon, Mozley, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

- 15.** A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Antoniak to approve payment to Urban Design Ventures in the amount of \$14,305.00 for CDBG work completed during the time span of November, 2021-March, 2022.

Yea (4): Highlands, Langdon, Mozley, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion carried

- 16.** A motion Antoniak and seconded by Highlands to approve payment to Urban Design Ventures in the amount of \$4,625.00 for CDBG-CV work completed during the time span of November, 2021-March, 2022.

Yea (4): Highlands, Langdon, Mozley, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion carried

- 17.** A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to hire Sheila Edgar as an independent contractor for a monthly cost of \$1,040.00 and approve the independent contractor agreement subject to review and approval by the City Solicitor.

Yea (4): Highlands, Langdon, Mozley, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion carried

- 18.** A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to introduce and approve **Resolution 22-11** (Bridge)

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,
APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT APPLICATION OF THE
COMMONWEALTH FINANCIAL AUTHORITY.**

Yea (4): Highlands, Langdon, Mozley, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion carried

- 19.** A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to introduce and approve **Resolution 22-12** (Demo)

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,
APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT APPLICATION OF THE
COMMONWEALTH FINANCIAL AUTHORITY.**

Yea (4): Highlands, Langdon, Mozley, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion carried

- 20.** A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Mozley to accept the resignation of Rich Ault from the civil service commission effective May 12th, 2022.

Yea (4): Highlands, Langdon, Mozley, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

21. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Highlands to appoint Kathy Tanyer to the Civil Service commission term to expire December 31st, 2024.

Yea (4): Highlands, Langdon, Mozley, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion carried

22. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Highlands to appoint Deana Colvin to the City of Jeannette Zoning Hearing board term to expire December 31st, 2023.

Yea (4): Highlands, Langdon, Mozley, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion carried

23. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Antoniak to approve the sale of 6th street and Columbia court to Glass City Properties LLC for \$1,211.00, conditioned upon the Tax Claim Bureau providing the purchaser information affidavit required under Act 33.

Yea (4): Highlands, Langdon, Mozley, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 PM.

Yea (4): Highlands, Langdon, Mozley, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion carried

Ethan Keedy
ACTING CITY CLERK