

ORDER:

The Mayor Called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM

ROLL CALL:

Robin Mozley
Chuck Highlands
Michelle Langdon
Chad Krawtz
Curtis Antoniak

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Clerk: *Benjamin D. Walker*
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 Treasurer: *Jacob Milliron*
City Foreman: *Rich 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 K-9 handler Jeremy Nichols and his K-9 recently deceased.

Councilman Chad Krawtz sworn in by Mayor Antoniak.

INVOCATION:

Pastor Anthony Murray of the Hopewell Baptist Church performed the invocation.

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

1. Tuesday, July 12th, 2022 at 12:30 PM to discuss personnel matters.

AGENDA:

A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Highlands to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Langdon to approve the meeting minutes for June 9th, 2022.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

CITIZENS:

Robert McLoughlin: A former Jeannette resident protested the proposed curfew ordinance on the agenda explaining his story of how a police officer helped him in his youth to stay away from gang activities.

CITIZENS: (Continued)

Kelly Render: A Jeannette resident living on 4th Street represented the Mosaic Church to protest the proposed curfew ordinance on the agenda saying that support services are needed in place of criminal arrests and increased fines.

Brandon Willcox: a Jeannette resident living on Arlington Avenue protested the proposed curfew ordinance on the agenda asking if community service was a better alternative to increased fines, as it may relieve the burden on low-income families.

Carole Babish: A Jeannette resident living on Westmoreland Avenue asked Council to reduce the fees for use of the Amphitheater for the Glass City Heritage Festival, as the nonprofit makes no money in the endeavor and utilizes only donor companies and there will be various activities for children in the community to partake in.

Dan (Elliott Group Representative): Requested the City to move the speed limit signs and update crosswalk paint on a street adjacent to the Elliott Group's facility on 901 North 4th Street.

Shawna Thompson: A Jeannette resident living on North 4th Street protested the proposed curfew ordinance as the fines and criminal records negatively reinforce behaviors, in which organizations exist to help children in need.

Rachel Ramsey: A Jeannette resident living on North 5th Street protested the proposed curfew ordinance saying that the City is punishing children in poverty and should be considering other alternatives.

Joanne Bilheimer: A Jeannette resident living on Cedar Street and representative of the Jeannette Public Library displayed a program in conjunction with the Westmoreland County Land Bank to rent backpacks with supplies pertaining to various topics in Pennsylvania to the children in the community. Saturday, July 16th, Mad Science to be at library, and all are welcome to attend. The library will additionally attend the Jeannette Summerfest on Saturday, July 30th.

Taunja Williamson: A Jeannette resident living on Cuyler Avenue protested the proposed curfew ordinance asking Council to consider the effect on children, particularly in relation to whether or not City officials have children in the City.

Alicia Booker: A Jeannette resident living on West Broad Street protested the proposed curfew ordinance saying that the children have nothing to do and nowhere to go in the City and that the ordinance targets children for monetary gain, in which a \$50.00 would leave her penniless for a week.

Sherry Mickey: A resident of the Jeannette Manor brought to Council's attention that the Manor is seeking money from the ARPA funds received by the County to help make the community safe. For instance, the owners of AB Ceramics have escorted tenants at night to avoid illicit activities.

CITIZENS: (Continued)

Kayla: A Jeannette resident living on Altman Road protested the proposed curfew ordinance indicating that she partnered with Mosaic Church in Jeannette to help the community's children and saying that the fines only worsen the situation.

Virginia Burns: A Jeannette Resident living on Cuyler Avenue protested the proposed curfew ordinance saying that a better solution is needed, such as community service or transforming empty lots into places for child activities in place of a fine and/or jailtime.

Angelie Clark: A student in the Jeannette Highschool protested the proposed curfew ordinance saying that the City should find a balance of control over the youth in the city.

Mr. Hunter: A lifetime Jeannette resident protested the proposed curfew ordinance illustrating the downhill trend of the town with abandoned buildings and crimes, such as an incident where his brother was shot on Cuyler Avenue. He stated that the curfew was a poor decision resulting in profiling from the Police Officers.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letters from Councilman Chad Krawtz (Acceptance Letter and Resignation from the Redevelopment Authority)
2. Letter from Father's Heart Ministries (Amphitheater Use Request)
3. Letter from Justin Bartowick (Request for appointment to the Redevelopment Authority)

OFFICERS REPORTS:

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

Roll Call Vote

Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

BILLS:

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

Roll Call Vote

Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mrs. Langdon: Grant to find a location for children to socialize in a safe environment for healthy development. A spring in one of the garage doors in the City Garage was broken and was repaired. The security doors to City Hall have been malfunctioning and someone is coming to check them out. The swings are down due to rust accumulation, and a picnic table was removed due to deterioration. The City has applied for a \$1.2 million grant for recreational properties.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: (Continued)

Mrs. Mozley: CFO, Mr. Keedy writing the recreation grant and Ms. Mozley, Mr. Keedy, and Mr. Whetzel toured the parks and made a list for each park. Update and add recreational facilities, such as a pickleball court and grills at the parks. Ms. Mozley gave the monthly sanitation report. Bill Frye gave the monthly Fire Dept. report and notified Council of an article regarding short staffing and the likelihood of a qualified response to 911 calls. Bill Whetzel gave the monthly Code Enforcement and Property Maintenance reports.

Mr. Highlands: 13 out of 25 businesses returned the necessary paperwork to receive the \$5,000.00 for commercial projects, and if action is not taken before August 1st, then the funds will expire for those who have not. Ethan Keedy gave the monthly finance report.

Mr. Krawtz: Gave the monthly Streets Dept. report.

Mr. Antoniak: Thanked CFO Ethan Keedy for cleaning up the Finance Dept. and applying for grants for projects in the City. The Curfew Ordinance stems from the City's responsibility to provide a safe environment for children, and the Mayor praised the City as a good, strong community. Chief Donald Johnston Jr. on updating the Curfew Ordinance last passed in 1943, in which the safety and welfare of the children to ensure that they get the help that they need. The ordinance is meant for multiple offenses to keep children from being involved in dangerous or criminal activities. Tim Witt explained that the Curfew Ordinance is meant to update the antiquated ordinance of 1943 for applicability and currentness to address repeat, problematic offenders. Municipalities are responsible for their own curfew ordinances, and at least 70% of municipalities across the state have a curfew ordinance. Constitutionality considered when preparing the ordinance with supportive measures that did not exist in the previous ordinance, in which no one will be going to prison for violating this ordinance but will be able to receive the appropriate supportive services. Chief Donald Johnston gave the monthly Police Report. The Mayor spoke on fireworks complaints in the City, in which only 9 complaints were called into 911, 5 of which were around Independence Day. The Mayor indicated that speeding will not be tolerated, and he further thanked the various boards, commissions, and organizations in the City. The Mayor promoted the Jeannette Food Truck Thursday Events.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Antoniak to approve the Father's Heart Ministries request to use the Amphitheater on August 6th, 2022 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM pending the completion of a signed use agreement.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

2. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to accept Chad Krawtz's resignation from the City of Jeannette Redevelopment Authority.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

3. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Krawtz to appoint Justin Bartowick to the City of Jeannette Redevelopment Authority for a term to end December 31, 2022.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

4. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to accept the bid from Lutterman Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$62,000.00 for demolition of six (6) properties located in the City.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

5. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Langdon to accept the bid from KGD Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$299,025.00 for the 2022 City of Jeannette South 7th Street and Clay Avenue Intersection and Curb and Sidewalk Reconstruction Project.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

6. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Krawtz to introduce and approve **Resolution 22-16**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, REAFFIRMING THE CITY'S ADHERENCE TO THE FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING ACT AND THE PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS ACT.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

7. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Krawtz to introduce and approve **Resolution 22-17**

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 ENTERPRISE, EXECUTIVE ORDER 11625, CITY OF JEANNETTE, PA.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

8. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to appoint Benjamin D. Walker as the City of Jeannette Fair Housing Officer.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

9. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Krawtz to appoint Ethan Keedy as the City of Jeannette Section 504 Officer.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

10. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Highlands to introduce and conduct the first reading of **Ordinance No. 22-06**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CURFEW FOR MINORS DURING NIGHT AND SCHOOL HOURS; REPEALING PRIOR ORDINANCES; ESTABLISHING UNLAWFUL CONDUCT OF MINORS, PARENTS, AND ESTABLISHMENT OPERATORS; DEFINING EXCEPTIONS TO UNLAWFUL CONDUCT; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; REPEALING ORDINANCE 109 AND INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (2): Highlands, Antoniak

Nay (3): Mozley, Langdon, Krawtz

Motion Failed

11. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Mozley to accept the Engineering Proposal from Antonacci Design Associates for the City's CDBG Program FY's 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

12. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to pay Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$8,477.50 from the Capital Reserve for work performed on the Tree and Sediment Grant.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

13. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Krawtz to pay Antonacci Design Associates \$970.00 from the capital reserve for work performed on the CDBG Competitive Grant.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

14. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to pay Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$5,180.00 from the Capital Reserve for work performed on Multimodal Grant.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

15. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to pay Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$14,094.47 from CDBG for work performed on the 7th and 8th Street Clay Avenue Project.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

16. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Krawtz to pay Butz Masonry Excavating in the amount of \$161,298.89 from the Capital Reserve for work performed on the Tree and Sediment Grant.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

17. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Highlands to pay Butz Masonry Excavating in the amount of \$10,001.24 from the Capital Reserve for work performed on the Tree and Sediment Grant.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

18. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Krawtz to pay Bearcom in the amount of \$11,065.46 from the American Rescue Plan for the Fire Department radios.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

19. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Molzey to pay Penn-Franklin News in the amount of \$1,653.00 from the CDBG Account for advertising for the CDBG projects.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

20. A motion was made by Krawtz and seconded by Mozley to pay Penn-Franklin News in the amount of \$569.00 from the American Rescue Plan for advertising for the 2022 North Second Street Storm Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

- 21.** A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Mozley to pay Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$793.50 from the American Rescue Plan for engineering services for the 2022 North Second Street Storm Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

- 22.** A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to pay Stanley Access Technologies in the amount of \$1,057.91 from the American Rescue Plan for work on the Tax Office Doors.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

- 23.** A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Krawtz to pay Oranges Auto Services in the amount of \$2,021.31 from the American Rescue Plan for work on Police Vehicle 1-6.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Highlands to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM.

Roll Call Vote

Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

Benjamin D. Walker

CITY CLERK