

**ORDER:**

The Mayor Called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

**ROLL CALL:**

**Chuck Highlands**  
**Michelle Langdon**  
**Chad Krawtz**  
**Robin Mozley**  
**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 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.

**INVOCATION:**

Pastor Dawn Sherwood of the First Presbyterian Church led the invocation.

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

1. Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 12:55 PM to discuss City Agreements in progress and at 2:50 PM to discuss Ordinance language and contracts under negotiation.

**AGENDA:**

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

**Roll call Vote:**

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

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Krawtz to approve the Meeting Minutes for July 14, 2022 and July 26, 2022.

**Roll call Vote:**

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

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

**CITIZENS:**

**Mike Deluzio:** A Jeannette resident living on Arlington Avenue addressed Council on the North End Playground regarding the weeds that are growing and encroaching onto his property, and wanted an update on how the City intends to handle the problem. He further asked for police patrols for issues with young people at the playground.

**Tina Deluzio:** A Jeannette resident living on Arlington Avenue addressed Council regarding an incident, in which the police were called in response to banging on the back door and windows as harassment from youth around her home. Videos were taken of the incident.

**Susan Pavis:** Jeannette resident living on Arlington Avenue addressed Council on the North End Playground requesting a curfew sign, police patrols, and remediation of the weeds on the property.

**CITIZENS: (Continued)**

**Brandon Wilcox:** A Jeannette resident living on Arlington Avenue thanked Council for allowing the Food Truck Thursday Events to occur, and further inquired as to the revisions to the proposed Curfew Ordinance.

**Sherry Wood:** A Jeannette resident living in the Jeannette Manner informed Council of the improvements being made to the units in the building. She further indicated that women in the building are taking steps to arm themselves with pepper spray, as there were some security issues in the door to the alleyway, and she had names of vandals to give to the police.

**Justin Vestrand:** Representative of Exelos, the City's IT provider, addressed Council by indicating a distinct breakdown in communications between his company and the City.

**Kathie Tanyer:** A Jeannette resident living on Laura Street thanked everyone for the Jeannette Summerfest as a successful event.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Jodie Henderson Street Closure Request
2. Thank you letters from Charter Oak Church youth for use of Altman Park
3. Letter from the Jeannette Historical Society (Time Capsule)
4. Letter from the Westmoreland Food Bank (40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Hunger Action Month)

**OFFICERS REPORTS:**

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

**Roll call Vote:**

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

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

**BILLS:**

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

**Roll call Vote:**

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

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Mr. Highlands:** Gave the monthly finance report. Mr Highlands further indicated that 4 businesses that have not turned in the necessary paperwork to receive their \$5,000.00 for COVID assistance. Lowry Avenue sidewalk reconstruction, curbing, and paving for next year's schedule, as well as the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge.

**Mrs. Langdon:** Encouraged people to submit items to be placed into the time capsule. No smoking signs for the Amphitheater.

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

**Mrs. Mozley:** Addressed the issue on the North End Playground by indicating the tour of the City Parks for a recreation grant to cover the costs to remediate the weeds. Tim Witt addressed the changes to the proposed curfew ordinance: community service, fee reductions, and guidelines on detaining delinquents. Mrs. Mozley additionally gave the monthly sanitation report. Bill Frye gave the Fire Dept. monthly report and indicated that there will be a demolition hearing for multiple blighted properties in the City. Bill Whetzel gave the monthly Code Enforcement and Property Maintenance reports.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS: (Continued)**

**Mr. Antoniak:** Chief Donald Johnston gave the monthly Police report. Thanked Ed Antonacci for his work on the flood projects in the City. The Mayor addressed paving requests as only so much can be done at a given time. The Mayor discussed the possibility of a merger between the Jeannette School District and the Hempfield Area School District citing US News statistics on the situations facing the children in these districts. A merger, according to the Mayor, would benefit the children with more activities and resources available for their needs, which should draw families into Jeannette. The state Dept. of Education no longer steps into merger situations, so a vote from the School Board would be required to begin the process.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None at this time

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to authorize the City Clerk to advertise to change the Council Work Session dates to the second Wednesday prior to the Regular Council Meeting to occur at 1:00 PM.

**Roll call Vote:**

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

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

2. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Krawtz to approve the new Fire Collective Bargaining Agreement, consistent with the final proposal approved by both parties, subject to final revisions and approval by the Mayor and the City Solicitor.

**Roll call Vote:**

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

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

3. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Antoniak to permit the closure of Jefferson Avenue from Broad Street to Vine Street on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 for the annual Jefferson Avenue Block Party pending approval from the Fire Chief and Chief of Police for safety and payment of the road blocking fee.

**Roll call Vote:**

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

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

4. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Langdon to authorize the Chief of Police to apply for the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency (PCCD), 2023-2024 Medical Marijuana Act Enforcement Grant.

**Roll call Vote:**

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

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

**NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)**

5. A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Antoniak to authorize the purchase of ballistic vests from Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 to be paid from the American Rescue Plan account.

**Roll call Vote:**

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

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

6. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon 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 (5): Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Mozley, Antoniak**

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

7. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to introduce and adopt **Resolution 22-20**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE SETTING THE APPLICATION, FILING, AND PERMIT FEES FOR CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION, BUILDING, OCCUPANCY, AND DEMOLITION PERMITS WITHIN THE CITY OF JEANNETTE.

**Roll call Vote:**

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

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

8. A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Mozley to introduce and adopt **Resolution 22-21**

DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE TO FOLLOW THE SCHEDULES AND PROCEDURES FOR DISPOSITION OF RECORDS AS SET FORTH IN THE MUNICIPAL RECORDS MANUAL APPROVED ON DECEMBER 16, 2008 (AS AMENDED JULY 23, 2009, MARCH 28, 2019).

**Roll call Vote:**

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

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

**NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)**

9. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Antoniak to pay Robinson Pipe Cleaning \$3,200.00 from the American Rescue Plan account for work performed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street/Green Street Storm Sewer Project.

**Roll call Vote:**  
**Yea (5): Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Mozley, Antoniak**  
**Nay (0):**  
**Motion Passed**

10. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Krawtz to pay Penn-Franklin News \$347.00 from the CDBG account for advertising for CDBG projects.

**Roll call Vote:**  
**Yea (5): Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Mozley, Antoniak**  
**Nay (0):**  
**Motion Passed**

11. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Langdon to pay Antonacci Design Associates \$135.00 from the Capital Reserve for work performed on the Tree and Sediment Removal Grant.

**Roll call Vote:**  
**Yea (5): Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Mozley, Antoniak**  
**Nay (0):**  
**Motion Passed**

12. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Langdon to pay Antonacci Design Associates \$2,835.00 from the Capital Reserve for work performed on the Multimodal Transportation Grant estimates.

**Roll call Vote:**  
**Yea (5): Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Mozley, Antoniak**  
**Nay (0):**  
**Motion Passed**

13. A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Mozley to pay Antonacci Design Associates \$1,027.50 from the Capital Reserve for work performed on the CDBG Competitive Grant.

**Roll call Vote:**  
**Yea (5): Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Mozley, Antoniak**  
**Nay (0):**  
**Motion Passed**

14. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Highlands to pay Antonacci Design Associates \$1,712.50 from the American Rescue Plan account for work performed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Sewer Project.

**Roll call Vote:**  
**Yea (5): Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Mozley, Antoniak**  
**Nay (0):**  
**Motion Passed**

15. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Krawtz to authorize Ethan Keedy to apply for the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission Regional Traffic Signal Program Grant.

**Roll call Vote:**  
**Yea (5): Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Mozley, Antoniak**  
**Nay (0):**  
**Motion Passed**

**NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)**

16. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Krawtz to authorize Ethan Keedy to apply for the Local Shares Account Grant for the local Bridge Project, and the Paving of Clay Avenue Project.

**Roll call Vote:**  
**Yea (5): Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Mozley, Antoniak**  
**Nay (0):**  
**Motion Passed**

17. A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Langdon to authorize Ethan Keedy to apply for the Keystone Community Program for Façade Projects and the paving of Clay Avenue Project.

**Roll call Vote:**  
**Yea (5): Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Mozley, Antoniak**  
**Nay (0):**  
**Motion Passed**

18. A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Antoniak to authorize the City Clerk and Chief Fiscal Officer to advertise a Request for Proposals for IT services in the City of Jeannette.

**Roll call Vote:**  
**Yea (5): Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Mozley, Antoniak**  
**Nay (0):**  
**Motion Passed**

19. A motion was made by Krawtz and seconded by Mozley to authorize the City Clerk to advertise a public hearing for demolitions in the City of Jeannette to occur on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 9:00 AM.

**Roll call Vote:**  
**Yea (5): Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Mozley, Antoniak**  
**Nay (0):**  
**Motion Passed**

20. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Krawtz to adjust the Amphitheater use fee for the Glass City Heritage Festival to occur on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM to the nonprofit rate of \$25.00 per hour use condition upon a signed use agreement.

**Roll call Vote:**  
**Yea (5): Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Mozley, Antoniak**  
**Nay (0):**  
**Motion Passed**

21. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to permit the Jeannette Historical Society to place a time capsule in front of Jeannette City Hall in the designated time capsule location on Saturday, September 24, 2022 during the Glass City Heritage Festival to be retrieved and opened after twenty-five (25) years.

**Roll call Vote:**  
**Yea (5): Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Mozley, Antoniak**  
**Nay (0):**  
**Motion Passed**

**Jeannette City Council  
City Council Meeting  
Minutes**



**Thursday  
August 11, 2022  
6:00 PM**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Krawtz and seconded by Mozley to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM.

**Roll call Vote:  
Yea (5): Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Mozley, Antoniak  
Nay (0):  
Motion Passed**

**Benjamin D. Walker**  
*CITY CLERK*