

ORDER:

The Mayor Called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

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 Clerk: *Vacant*
City Foreman: *Eddie Cycak*

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 the people of Ukraine.

INVOCATION:

Deacon Tim Witt of Faith Bible Church of Connellsville led the invocation.

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

1. Wednesday, March 30th 2022 at 9:00am and at 10am to discuss personnel Matters
2. Tuesday, April 12th 2022 at 12:00pm to discuss personnel matters
3. Thursday April 14th 2022 at 5:50pm to discuss personnel matters

AGENDA:

A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to accept the agenda as presented with the exception of item number 4.

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Highlands to approve the meeting minutes for the March 10th, 2022 and March 22nd, 2022 council meetings as presented.

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

CITIZENS:

Carole Babish: A Jeannette resident on Westmoreland Avenue and president of the Jeannette Business Association addressed Council with regard to the Amphitheater fees. She thanked Council for the reviewing of the fees, but expressed dissatisfaction and confusion with the proposed fee structure and believed that the fees actually increase

CITIZENS: (Continued)

the total cost for the JBA's events. She argued that, since the JBA does not sell anything and the vendors strictly sell on the streets, the organization's nonprofit status should entitle it to the decreased fees. She further stated that the monies collected for the event strictly pay for the event itself and advertising costs and that the half-time raffle goes to the non-profit organizations.

Joanne Billheimer: A Jeannette resident on Cedar Street and Jeannette Community Band member thanked Council for reassessing the amphitheater fees. The JCB is hoping to play during the Glass City Heritage Festival with the library sponsoring their performance, which may be possible with the newly addressed fees.

Kathy Tanyer: A Jeannette resident on Laura Street addressed Council regarding the purchasing of crosswalk signs, which was not, in her opinion, the best use of public funding and would be better suited for helping the businesses in the city. She noted that people disobey signs regularly and enforcement is near impossible.

Amy Gray: A Jeannette resident on Jefferson Avenue asked for an update on the Jeannette Hospital property.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter from Turtle Creek Watershed
2. Letter from Patricia Caralli

OFFICERS REPORTS:

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

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

BILLS:

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

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mrs. Mozley: Gave the Street Department Report; Gave the Sanitation Department Report; Recreation: Easter Egg Hunt to occur on Saturday, April 16, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM; Chief Bill Frye addressed Ms. Gray on the Jeannette Hospital, which is planned to be demolished with funds from Item No. 20. Chief Bill Frye gave the Fire Department Monthly Report; Bill Whetzel gave the Code Enforcement Report and addressed Council on a possible amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Highlands: Ethan Keedy gave the Finance Report; City Hall closed Friday, April 15, 2022.

Mrs. Langdon: City Garage doors replaced and all assets accounted for.

Mr. Smith: Absent with Cause

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: (Continued)

Mr. Antoniak: Chief Donald Johnston Jr. gave the Police Department monthly report; an evidence recording software program has been purchased and is being integrated into the system; Mayor addressed Ms. Tanyer regarding the crosswalk signs, as an incident recently occurred where someone passed away from a traffic collision in a crosswalk, so the signs are needed to make drivers pay attention. The signs will be in the middle of the road. The Driscoll Award has been awarded to Christopher Heminger, a Jeannette firefighter, for football and Sophia Marcelli for tennis. Former Jeannette Coach Roy Hall will be receiving the Ferrante Award. Chief Johnston is doing an outstanding job, and the Police Department will be beefing up traffic patrols over the next few months. Fourth and sixth graders wrote letters explaining what they love about Jeannette, and all were welcomed to view the letters, but to not take them. Senator Ward contacted the Mayor regarding the grant being awarded for a new Jeannette Fire Station, which is needed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Langdon to approve a letter of support for the Turtle Creek Watershed Association to obtain a Qualified Hydrologic Unit Classification for Turtle Creek.

Roll Call Vote

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

(0) NAY: None

Motion Carried

2. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Highlands to approve the resignation of Patricia Caralli from the Jeannette Zoning Hearing Board.

Roll Call Vote

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

(0) NAY: None

Motion Carried

3. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Highlands to accept the resignation of Nathan Bish as City Clerk effective April 14th, 2022.

Roll Call Vote

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

(0) NAY: None

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

4. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Highlands to approve the hiring of Rich Ault as a temporary, part time City Foreman at a rate of \$35.00 an hour effective April 18th, 2022, subject to all PMRS and related pension requirements and limitations and the execution of a temporary employment agreement approved by the City Solicitor.

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

5. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to approve reimbursement to Vince Pascarella and Michelle Langdon in the amount of \$35.00 each for the April 22nd Blight Summit registration fee.

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

6. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Highlands to approve the 2022 Amphitheater fees as follows for organizations and persons requesting use of the Amphitheater and/or the grass lot in front of the amphitheater as follows:
- a. Use fee of \$25.00 an hour for certified non-profit organizations based in or operating within the City of Jeannette who will not engage in any commercial activities (including, without limitation, the selling of event tickets or concessions or merchandise at the Amphitheater lot) relating to its use of the Amphitheater and/or the grass lot in front of the Amphitheater.
 - b. Use fee of \$75.00 an hour for all other persons or organizations.
 - c. \$30.00 charge for use of the electricity (in addition to any use fee) subject to additional assessment for excessive use of electricity.
 - d. \$100.00 charge for barricades to be used to obtain any street closures (in addition to any use fee)

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

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

7. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to approve \$218.77 to Luehm Candy Company for Easter candy with money coming from the Recreation account.

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

8. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Highlands to “To approve, appropriate, allocate, and add the sum of \$86,789.78 From the American Rescue Plan bank account to line item 02-400-105 thereby increasing such line item, for the payment to Motorola Solutions on the purchase of the fire department radios and to authorize the payment of the same.

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

9. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Highlands to approve \$610.00 to Timothy Witt for work on the Tree and Sediment Grant funds to be taken from the Capital Reserve account.

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

10. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Highlands to approve \$247.00 to Antonacci Design Assoc. for work on the Tree and Sediment Grant funds to be taken from the Capital Reserve Account.

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

11. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Langdon to approve \$4,012.50 to Antonacci Design Assoc. for work on the LSA Grants funds to be taken from the Capital Reserve Account.

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

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

- 12.** A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Langdon to approve \$1,706.25 to Antonacci Design Assoc. for work on the Phase 2 flood project funds to be taken from the Capital Reserve Account.

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

- 13.** A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Antoniak to approve the Police Chief to proceed with the civil service test for a Sergeant for the Jeannette Police Department.

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

- 14.** A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to approve the Fire Chief to proceed with conducting a civil service test to create an eligible fireman list.

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

- 15.** A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Chuck Highlands to hold a city-wide clean up week during the week of Monday May 2nd until Friday May 8th, 2022, thus consisting of 5 dumpsters being placed in Magee Lot and being emptied each day, they are full for a maximum of 25 dumpsters.

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

- 16.** A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to set up a spring leaf clean up schedule for the following dates: Wednesday May 11th Wednesday May 18th and Wednesday May 25th, 2022.

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

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

17. A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Mozley to accept the Community Development Block Grant consulting services from Urban Design Ventures.

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

18. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to appoint Chief Fiscal Officer Ethan Keedy the CDBG Coordinator between the City of Jeannette and Urban Design Ventures.

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

19. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Highlands to authorize to advertise bids for the 2022 Community Development Block Grant Demolition Program pending the completion of the ERR, the release of funds, all public hearings and necessary paperwork.

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

20. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to purchase a Stihl push lawnmower and 2 commercial Stihl trimmers from Norwin Rentals for a cost of \$1,643.92 funds to be taken from the Recreation account.

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

21. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Antoniak to authorize the preparation of a form to accept donations for benches and pavers.

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

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

22. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to donate \$500.00 to the Jeannette Historical Society.

Tim Witt's Point of Clarification: Fire Chief Bill Frye waived his ability to receive his COVID-19 bonus and requested that the funds be donated to the Jeannette Historical Society.

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

23. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Highlands to authorize Antonacci Design Associates to look at School and Elliot Street and prepare a cost estimate on restoration.

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

24. A motion to was made by Antoniak and seconded by Highlands "To approve, appropriate, allocate, and add the sum of \$2,944.67 From the American Rescue Plan bank account to line item 02-400-107, thereby increasing such line item, for the payment to Amazon on the purchase of Pedestrian cross walk signs and to authorize the payment of the same.

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

25. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Langdon to introduce and approve **Resolution 22-10**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2022 AS "FAIR
HOUSING MONTH" IN THE CITY OF JEANNETTE**

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

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

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

Number 22-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTNORELAND COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, UNDER THE LOCAL ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION TAX ASSISTANCE (LERTA) ACT, ESTABLISHING TAX EXEMPTIONS FROM PROPERTY TAX FOR CERTAIN DETERIORATED INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL, OR OTHER BUSINESS PROPERTY; DEFINING ELIGIBLE DETERIORATED AREAS; SETTING A MAXIMUM EXEMPTION AMOUNT AND AN EXEMPTION SCHEDULE; PROVIDING NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND A PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING AN EXEMPTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Tim Witt's Point of Clarification: LERTA is a tax abatement program for additional developments in the City. Taxes will be abated for a three (3) year period before returning onto the tax rolls. The County, the School District, and the City all have to approve and adopt the ordinance to enact the program by May 30, 2022.

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

27. A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Mozley to conduct the second reading of, and adopt

Ordinance Number 22-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 17-04, AS AMENDED, TO INCREASE THE VIOLATION TICKET FINE; REPEALING INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Roll Call Vote
(3) YEA: Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak
(1) NAY: Langdon
Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 PM.

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

Ethan Keedy
ACTING CITY CLERK