

ORDER:

The Mayor Called the meeting to order at

ROLL CALL:

Robin Mozley
Chuck Highlands
Michelle Langdon
Chad Krawtz
Curtis Antoniak

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager: *Ethan Keedy*
Controller: *Nancy Peters*
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.

A moment of silence for

INVOCATION:

Tim Witt of the Faith Bible Church in Connellsville.

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

AGENDA:

A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Krawtz to amend the agenda to include the retirement of Chief Donald Johnston.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

A second motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Krawtz to include a motion to give the volunteers permission to decorate the amphitheater and the Second Street Bridge.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mozley and 2nd Krawtz to approve the minutes from November 9th, 2023

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (1): Langdon

Motion Passed

CITIZENS:

Barbara Thomas 325 North 1st Street- discussed her neighbor's property that has rats and other animals coming to invade her property. She feels the city should have done more to address this problem. The issue property is 323 North First Street.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Jeannette Holy Name Society (Placing Nativity set at City Hall)
Ernie Szakos (Curb Cut Request for 1001 Dithridge Street)

OFFICERS REPORTS:

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

BILLS:

A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by highlands to pay the bills.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mrs. Langdon- Michelle stated that the Garage is being insulated by the public works employees. We installed new LED Lights down at the midget Field house, She is also getting bids to repaint the brick at city hall. There will also be a new handicap opening installed in City council chambers to make it more accessible. She reminded everyone of the Christmas parade coming up.

Mr. Highlands- Mr. Highlands gave the monthly financial statements of the General Fund and Capital Reserve Fund. He stated that all the MMO Payments were made into the Pension funds. He thanked council and department heads for helping with creating a balanced budget which is on the agenda for tonight's vote.

Mrs. Mozley- She gave the monthly sanitation report from the City Foreman. Chief Frye gave the monthly fire department report and stated that calls have continued to increase but with the help of the call firefighters they were able to make everything work. Additional training has occurred, and the garage door had to be repaired.

Mr. Krawtz- He gave the monthly street department report.

Mr. Antoniak- Chief Donald Johnston gave the monthly police report. Mayor Antoniak gave the monthly CDBG Report that was provided by Urban Design Ventures. He stated that the Veterans day concert that will be happening is one of the greatest events in the City and thanked all the Veterans in the City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Mosley and 2nd by Landgon to introduce and conduct the first reading of **Ordinance 23-07 An Ordinance of the City of Jeannette, Westmoreland County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the tax rates for 2024 and appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of municipal government, hereinafter set forth, for 2024.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (1): Antoniak

Motion Passed

Michelle asked to amend the initial motion to lower the earned income tax down to 1.1% due to the no effect on the general fund and the sizable amount that is currently in our Act 205 account. Ethan stated that there should have been a discussion on this at the work session due to the research that would be needed to update council on what the end effects would be on the ACT 205 account. A second was made by Krawtz to amend the motion. Ethan stated that there is approx \$600,000-1million that will be needed to be moved from prior years OPEBS after the Auditor General office completes its audit. Michelle stated that the account should not be used as a savings account. Curtis said we had budget meetings, work sessions that never was discussed, He stated we hired Ethan, and he created the budget, I have faith in your work, We have not had to worry about layoffs, Mayor Antoniak stated that this was never mentioned during those meetings and is Grandstanding. Solicitor Witt explained the timeframe and process if the budget were to

be amended. He stated that we need to introduce the budget by the end of November, and if we do not we will not be in accordance by the 3rd class city code. Robin asked if we adopt the budget can we amend it. Solicitor Witt stated only the budget can be amended and the tax portion has to be completed by ordinance. Ethan Stated that we have a meeting scheduled already for November 28th that we can table this until that meeting and then have a discussion and introduce the budget then. However, will have to meet on December 26th the day after Christmas then to adopt the budget accordingly. A motion was then made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to Table the budget until November 28th. Ethan then asked if anything in the future were to come up if we could please discuss this at the work session to prevent this from happening at the voting meetings. Chuck Highlands stated he made a motion to accept the budget and why was that taken action On. Solicitor Witt then explained the process that amendments take precedent over the original motion and then the tabled motion gets voted on first, then the amendment motion would get voted on, if that fails we would go back to the original motion. Mrs. Mozley stated that we really don't know where we are right now with all these different motions.

2. A motion was made by Mosley and 2nd by Landgon to approve the request of the Jeannette Holy Name Society to place a Nativity set Infront of City Hall.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

3. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd by Krawtz to approve **Resolution 23-16 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Jeannette approving a revision to the FY 2021 CDBG Program Year.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

Michelle asked what the money was being moved for. Ethan explained the movement of money from the savings on Clay ave being moved to Clearance and Demo line item.

4. A motion was made by Mozley and 2nd Krawtz to approve payment to Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$2,420.00 for work on the 2024 Street Paving Project, money to be taken from American Rescue Plan Account.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

5. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Mozley to approve payment to Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$5,960.00 for work on Lowry Ave, money to be taken from the American Rescue Plan Account.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

6. A motion was made by Mozley and 2nd by Langdon to approve **Resolution 23-17 A Resolution of the City of Jeannette approving the submission of the State Wide Local Shares Account for the construction of the Jeannette Fire Station.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

7. A motion was made by Mozley and 2nd Highlands to approve the resignation of Rachel Ramsey from the Jeannette Recreation board.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

8. A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Langdon to Hire Jack Packe as a Patrolman for the City of Jeannette Police Department effective December 1st 2023 pending completion of all pre employment required paperwork. Salary to be set by the collective bargaining agreement.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

9. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd by Krawtz to approve **Resolution 23-18 A resolution of the City of Jeannette approving the submission of the State Wide Local Shares Account for the Reconstruction of the Second Street Bridge**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

10. A motion was made by Mozley and 2nd Krawtz to set the Reserve Pay for fireman at the existing Call firefighter rate, contingent on funds coming from the SAFER Grant at the rate of \$8.25.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

11. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd by Krawtz to hire Matt Jones and Tom Bankosh as Reserve Firefighters contingent on fund availability and coming from the SAFER Grant

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

- 12.** A motion was made by Mozley and 2nd Krawtz to approve **Resolution 23-19 A motion of the City of Jeannette approving the submission of the State Wide Local Shares Account for the purchase of a new recycling truck.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

- 13.** A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd by Krawtz to approve the curb cut request for Ernie Szakos at 1001 Dithridge Street.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

- 14.** A motion was made by Mozley and 2nd Krawtz to approve the bid in the amount of \$3,500.00 from Chroma Marketing for website design for the City of Jeannette.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

- 15.** A motion was Made by Mozley and 2nd by Langdon to authorize the Administrative Assistant to attend the classes to become a license notary at a cost of Order Total: \$506.50.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

16. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd by Mozley to approve the invoice from Urban Design Ventures in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the submission of the FY 2023 CDBG Application.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

17. A motion was made by Mozley and 2nd Krawtz to introduce **Resolution 23-20 A motion of the City Council of the City of Jeannette approving a revision to the FY 2022 CDBG Program Year.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

18. A motion was made by Mozley and 2nd by Langdon to approve the invoice from Franjo Construction in the amount of \$248,921.10 for work on the park improvement grant. Money to be taken from the CDBG Account.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

19. A motion was made was made by Langdon and 2nd by Krawtz

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

20. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Langdon Person to decorate the amphitheater and 2nd street bridge.

**Jeannette City Council
City Council Meeting
Minute**



**Thursday
November 9th, 2023
6:00 PM**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Langdon and 2nd by Krawtz

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

**Ethan Keedy
CITY MANAGER**