Jeannette City Council City Council Meeting Minutes



Thursday
June 8, 2023
6:00 PM

ORDER:

Councilman Chuck Highlands called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL:

Chad Krawtz Robin Mozley Chuck Highlands Michelle Langdon Curtis Antoniak (Absent with Cause)

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Clerk: Benjamin D. Walker City Solicitor: Timothy Witt Chief of Police: Donald Johnston Jr. Code Enforcement: Bill Whetzel City Engineer: Edward Antonacci

ABSENT WITH CAUSE

Controller: Nancy Peters Chief Fiscal Officer: Ethan Keedy City Foreman: Rich Ault City Treasurer: Jacob Milliron Fire Chief: William Frye

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 Laura Smith.

INVOCATION:

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

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

None at this time.

AGENDA:

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

Roll Call Vote Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon Nay (0): Motion Passed

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Krawtz and seconded by Mozley to approve the Council Meeting Minutes for May 11, 2023.

Roll Call Vote Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon Nay (0): Motion Passed

CITIZENS:

No citizens chose to speak.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. Jason Rigone Memorandum Central Westmoreland Planning District
- 2. Repository Sale Letters
- 3. AECOM/TC Energy Request for Developments
- 4. First Baptist Church Email North 3rd Street Parking Lot

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OFFICERS REPORTS:

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

Roll Call Vote Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon Nay (0): Motion Passed

BILLS:

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

Roll Call Vote Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon Nay (0): Motion Passed

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

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

Mrs. Mozley: Gave the monthly Sanitation Dept. Report (no landfill totals – not provided by the landfill), spoke on the Jeannette Cleanup Week, the cost to the City, and how outside parties dumped trash and left the parking lot a mess. Steps were taken to address safety concerns at the Altman Park Ballfield. Additionally gave the monthly Fire Dept. Report. Bill Whetzel gave the monthly Code Enforcement and Property Maintenance Dept. reports. No response for Norfolk Sothern on the underpass issue.

Mr. Highlands: Gave the monthly Finance Dept. Report, indicated that the City is awaiting the IRS for documents to complete the 2022 financial audit. Additionally touched on the Worker's Compensation audit.

Mrs. Langdon: Reported that the Federal Pacific panels in City Hall have been replaced and passed inspection. The parts for the boiler system have been obtained, and the repairs will occur soon.

Mr. Antoniak: Absent with Cause. Chief of Police Donald Johnston Jr. gave the monthly Police Dept. report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Krawtz to approve the sale of 606 Division Street, Jeannette, PA 15644, Tax Map No. 14-01-16-0-486 to the Westmoreland County Land Bank for \$500.00.

Roll Call Vote Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon Nay (0): Motion Passed

2. A motion was made by Krawtz and seconded by Langdon to approve the sale of 514 Clay Avenue, Jeannette, PA 15644, Tax Map No. 14-01-16-0-099 to the Westmoreland County Land Bank for \$500.00.

Roll Call Vote Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon Nay (0): Motion Passed

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3. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to authorize the Fire Chief to apply for the PA Fire Commissioner's Municipal Fire Departments Grant.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

4. A motion was made by Krawtz and seconded by Mozley to hire Nathan Boettner as a probationary call firefighter following successful completion of a SAFER physical and drug screening.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nay (o):

Motion Passed

 A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Highlands to conduct the second reading of and adopt Ordinance 23-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 15-04, AS AMENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR INSPECTIONS BY SEARCH WARRANT; TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF "MULTIPLE-UNIT DWELLINGS"; CHANGING THE TERM OF LICENSES; TO PROVIDE FOR A MODIFIED INSPECTION SCHEDULE FOR REGULATED RENTAL UNITS; PROVIDING FOR IMMEDIATE ENFORCEMENT FOR FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES IN OCCUPANCY; REPEALING INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

 A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to conduct the second reading of and adopt Ordinance 23-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 96-03, AS AMENDED, TO ADD A DEFINITION OF "DUMPSTER" AND TO PROVIDE FOR LIMITED USE OF AN INDEPENDENT SOLID WASTE HAULERS; REPEALING INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to introduce and adopt Resolution.23-07

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE SUPPORTING REIMAGINING OUR WESTMORELAND AND ADOPTING REMAKING OUR WESTMORELAND – A PLAN FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

8. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to approve paying Salandro's Refuse invoice number 55998 in the amount of \$10,695.00 from budget line item 427-317 for the Jeannette Cleanup Week dumpsters.

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Roll Call Vote Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon Nay (0): Motion Passed

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 PM.

Roll Call Vote Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon Nay (0): Motion Passed

Ethan KeedyACTING CITY CLERK