

Thursday November 10, 2022 6:00 PM

#### **ORDER:**

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

## **ROLL CALL:**

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

#### ALSO, PRESENT:

City Clerk: Benjamin D. Walker 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

Controller: Nancy Peters 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 Bob Ross of the Heritage Baptist Church of Jeannette

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

- 1. Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM to discuss contracts under negotiation.
- 2. Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 11:30 AM to conduct an appeal hearing for determination of demolition of a property in the City.

#### **AGENDA:**

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

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

Yea (4): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak Nay (0): Motion Passed

# **MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to approve the meeting minutes for October 13, 2022 as presented.

# **Roll Call Vote:**

Yea (4): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak Nay (0): Motion Passed

# **CITIZENS:**

 Joanne Billheimer: A resident living on Cedar Street announced some events to occur at the Jeannette Public Library. The Jeannette Community Band to hold a Jazz Session on Saturday and an art walk to occur earlier in the day. Sobel's Obscure Brewery to have a live group as well.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Jeannette Holy Name Society request for a nativity scene.



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# **COMMUNICATIONS: (Continued)**

- 2. John A. Steiner Paper Alley Vacation Request.
- 3. John A. Cramer Request for Reappointment.

## **OFFICERS REPORTS:**

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

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

#### **BILLS:**

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

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

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Mrs. Mozley:** Gave the monthly Street Department report and monthly Sanitation Department report. Chief Bill Frye gave the monthly Fire Department report. Bill Whetzel gave the monthly Code Enforcement and Property Maintenance reports. Bill Whetzel indicated that the railroad company would share the cost for work performed on the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge. Leaf pickup to continue each Wednesday until December 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Mr. Highlands:** Gave the monthly Finance Department report. Also indicated that the Small Business Assistance Grant Program has been paid out and is now closed. There is additionally a budget ordinance on the agenda, and there is currently a payroll audit occurring through the IRS.

**Mrs. Langdon:** Oakford Park was donated for redevelopment through a multi-county cooperative endeavor. There is additionally a Sparkle of Christmas Parade to occur on Saturday, November 26, 2022 at 2:00 PM.

Mr. Krawtz: Absent with cause.

**Mr. Antoniak:** Chief Donald Johnston gave the monthly Police Department report and indicated that there are suspicions of arson for the Division Street fires. John Ryan Jr. to be hired as a Patrolman in the Police Department, and the body and dash cameras are to be operational soon. The Recreation Board is going to be reformed in the City, and the Mayor thanked the Collective Bargaining Units for approving the new CBA's. Veterans thanked for their service and acknowledged due to Veteran's Day occurring on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Happy Thanksgiving!

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

No unfinished business at this time.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to approve the agreement between the City of Jeannette and the Westmoreland County Transit Authority subject to review and approval by the City Solicitor.

**Roll Call Vote:** 

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



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**NEW BUSINESS: (continued)** 

Nay (o): Motion Passed

2. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Langdon to approve the Jeannette Holy Name Society's request to display a nativity scene at City Hall from November 26, 2022 to January 15, 2023 subject to review by the City Solicitor.

**Roll Call Vote:** 

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

Nay (0):

**Motion Passed** 

3. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Highlands to approve the new Office Workers 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 (4): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak

Nav (o):

**Motion Passed** 

**4.** A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to hire Jay Smith as a full-time call fire fighter pending successful completion of a NFPA physical and drug test to be paid for by the 2018 SAFER Grant.

**Roll Call Vote:** 

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

**5.** A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Highlands to hire Jonathan Ryan Jr. as a Patrolman in the Jeannette Police Department with a start date of January 1, 2023.

**Roll Call Vote:** 

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

Nay (0):

**Motion Passed** 

**6.** A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Highlands to promote Lieutenant Brad Shepler to the position of Captain in the Jeannette Police Department effective January 1, 2023.

**Roll Call Vote:** 

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

Nay (0):

**Motion Passed** 

7. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to appoint John Cramer to the Jeannette Zoning Hearing Board for a three-year term starting January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2025.

**Roll Call Vote:** 

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

Nay (0):

**Motion Passed** 



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# **NEW BUSINESS: (continued)**

8. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to approve the 2022 updates to the Jeannette Fire Department Rules and Regulations.

**Roll Call Vote:** 

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

Nay (o):

**Motion Passed** 

9. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Antoniak to introduce and adopt Resolution 22-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE COVID-19 ARPA SMALL WATER & SEWER OF THE COMMONWEALTH FIANCIAL AUTHORITY.

**Roll Call Vote:** 

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

Nay (0):

**Motion Passed** 

 A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Mozley to introduce and adopt Resolution 22-29 (Paving School Street)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTEAPPROVING A REVISION TO THE FY 2022 CDBG APPLICATION.

**Roll Call Vote:** 

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

Nay (0):

**Motion Passed** 

11. A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Mozley to introduce and conduct the first reading of **Bill No.** 22-07 (Tax Rates and Budget FY 2023)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE TAX RATES FOR 2023 AND APPROVING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT, HEREINAFTER SET FORTH, FOR 2023.

**Roll Call Vote:** 

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

Nay (0):

**Motion Passed** 

**12.** A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to pay Urban Design Ventures, LLC \$875.00 for work performed on the City's CDBG Programs in April 2022 from the CDBG account.

**Roll Call Vote:** 

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

Nay (0):

**Motion Passed** 

13. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Langdon to pay Urban Design Ventures, LLC \$32,535.00 for work performed on the City's CDBG Programs from May 2022 thru September 2022 from the CDBG account.

# **Roll Call Vote:**

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



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## **NEW BUSINESS: (continued)**

Nay (o): Motion Passed

**14.** A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Highlands to pay Antonacci Design Associates \$1,427.50 for work performed on the ARP Sewer and Water Grant from the Capital Reserve.

**Roll Call Vote:** 

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

Nay (0):

**Motion Passed** 

**15.** A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Highlands to pay Antonacci Design Associates \$225.00 for work performed on the North Second Street Storm Sewer Rehabilitation Project from the American Rescue Plan Account.

**Roll Call Vote:** 

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

Nay (o):

**Motion Passed** 

16. A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Langdon to pay Antonacci Design Associates \$957.50 for work performed on the South 7<sup>th</sup> Street & Clay Avenue Intersection and Curb and Sidewalk Reconstruction Project from the CDBG Account.

**Roll Call Vote:** 

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

Nay (0):

**Motion Passed** 

17. A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Langdon to pay KGD Contracting, Inc. \$36,375.30 for work performed on the South 7<sup>th</sup> Street & Clay Avenue Intersection and Curb and Sidewalk Reconstruction Project from the CDBG account.

**Roll Call Vote:** 

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

Nay (o):

**Motion Passed** 

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Langdon to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 PM.

**Roll Call Vote:** 

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

Nay (0):

**Motion Passed** 

Benjamin D. Walker
CITY CLERK