

ORDER:

The Mayor Called the meeting to order at 6:03 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.
A moment of silence for Bill Pacelli, Chair of the Jeannette Planning Commission, now deceased.

INVOCATION:

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

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

1. Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 9:00 AM to discuss contracts under negotiation.
2. Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 11:00 AM to discuss contracts under negotiation.

AGENDA:

A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Langdon 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 Mozley and seconded by Highlands to approve the meeting minutes for November 10, 2022.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

CITIZENS:

No citizens chose to speak.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letters from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity (Alley repair/ Handicap parking).
2. Letter from Justin Bartowick (JRA)
3. Letter from Richard Radomski (ZHB)
4. Letter from Judy Soles (JPC)

COMMUNICATIONS: (Continued)

5. Letter from Joe Carle (JPC)
6. Letters for Change of Assessment (1007 Thompson St.)
7. Letter from Cris Lowstuter (Civil Service Commission)

OFFICERS REPORTS:

A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Krawtz 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 Mozley and seconded by Highlands 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 Dept. report and happily announced that the budget ordinance on the agenda for approval did not raise taxes for 2023. The IRS audit was still underway with documents being requested to complete the process. Ethan Keedy indicated that the required use of requisition forms and a credit card should streamline the supply order process for 2023.

Mrs. Langdon: Thanked everyone for the success of the Sparkle of Christmas parade. Thanked the Mosaic Church After School Program for the tree decorations in the lobby of City Hall. Additionally thanked the Public Works Dept. for the lovely tree placed in front of City Hall. Lastly indicated that Item Number 33 on the agenda should be tabled.

Mr. Krawtz: Gave the monthly Streets Dept. report and indicated that plans were being made for street paving projects in 2023.

Mrs. Mozley: Gave the monthly Sanitation Dept. report. Chief Bill Frye gave the monthly Fire Dept. report and indicated that there will be a public demolition determination hearing on January 10, 2023 as indicated on the agenda. Bill Whetzel gave the monthly Code Enforcement and Property Maintenance reports and stated that he had been in contact with a Jason Beacon with the Railroad Company for the design of the canopy under the underpass on 4th Street.

Mr. Antoniak: Chief Donald Johnston gave the monthly Police Dept. report. The Mayor happily announced the hiring of John Ryan Jr. effective January 1, 2023. The Mayor additionally thanked Cris Lowstuter for her services on the Civil Service Commission. The Mayor also thanked Sharon and Harry Bush for the cookies that they gave to the departments in the City. The Historical Society's calendars are lovely and excellent to obtain. The Mayor asked for prayers for his upcoming surgery in Shadyside Hospital to remove cancer found in his body, and he also wished everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Krawtz and seconded by Mozley to appoint Justin Bartowick to the Jeannette Redevelopment Authority for a term to begin on January 1, 2023 and end on December 31, 2026.

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

2. A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Mozley to appoint Richard Radomski to the Jeannette Zoning Hearing Board for a term to begin on January 1, 2023 and end on December 31, 2025.

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

3. A motion was made by Krawtz and seconded by Langdon to appoint Judy Soles to the Jeannette Planning Commission for a term to begin on January 1, 2023 and end on December 31, 2026.

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

4. A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Krawtz to appoint Joe Carle to the Jeannette Planning Commission for a term to begin on January 1, 2023 and end on December 31, 2026.

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

5. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to appoint Cris Lowstuter to the Jeannette Civil Service Commission for a term to begin on January 1, 2023 and end on December 31, 2026.

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

6. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Krawtz to approve a new agreement between the City of Jeannette and Comcast for two years of internet service in the City.

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

7. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Krawtz to authorize the City Clerk to advertise the schedule for the Jeannette City Council Meetings to occur in 2023.

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

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

8. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Highlands to authorize the City Clerk to advertise a public demolition hearing to occur on January 10, 2023 at 9:00 AM.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

9. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Krawtz to introduce and adopt **Resolution 22-30**

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

10. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Krawtz to introduce and adopt **Resolution 22-31 (Act 57 of 2022- Effect of Failure to Receive Tax Notice).**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE REQUIRING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO WAIVE ADDITIONAL CHARGES FOR REAL ESTATE TAXES.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

11. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to introduce and adopt **Resolution 22-32 (Home Depot Credit Card)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE APPROVING THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF A CREDIT CARD APPLICATION AND THE ISSUANCE OF A CREDIT CARD, AND AUTHORIZING USE OF SUCH CREDIT CARD.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

12. A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Langdon to conduct the second reading of and adopt **Ordinance 22-08 (Setting 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 (5): Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Mozley, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

- 13.** A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Highlands to introduce and conduct the first reading of **Bill No. 22-08 (Noise Ordinance)**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NOISE RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS AND DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS AND ABATEMENT; REPEALING INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (1): Langdon

Motion Passed

- 14.** A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Antoniak to introduce and conduct the first reading of **Bill No. 22-09 (Zoning Amendment)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-07, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, AS AMENDED; TO MAKE "WAREHOUSING AND DISTRIBUTION, GENERAL" A USE BY SPECIAL EXCEPTION IN ANY DOWNTOWN (D) DISTRICT; TO MAKE "WAREHOUSING AND DISTRIBUTION, LIMITED" A USE BY SPECIAL EXCEPTION IN ANY DOWNTOWN (D) DISTRICT; TO REQUIRE SWIMMING POOL ENCLOSURES; TO ENABLE RESIDENTIAL FRONT YARD PARKING IN CERTAIN ZONING DISTRICTS; TO REDUCE THE MAXIMUM CURB CUT WIDTH; TO PROVIDE NOISE REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS; AND TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "FOOD TRUCK" TO PLACE ADDITIONAL OPERATION AND PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (2): Highlands, Antoniak

Nay (3): Langdon, Krawtz, Mozley

Motion Failed

- 15.** A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Langdon to introduce and conduct the first reading of **Bill No. 22-10**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A RECREATION BOARD FOR THE CITY OF JEANNETTE.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

- 16.** A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Krawtz to purchase four (4) 6-yard dumpsters not to exceed \$7,500.00 to be paid from the American Rescue Plan account.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

17. A motion was made by Krawtz and seconded by Mozley to accept the transference of the property located on 522 Scott Avenue, Jeannette, PA 15644 Tax Map No. 14-01-12-0-413 to the City and to subsequently exonerate the taxes owed to the city pending exoneration by the county and the school district.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

18. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Antoniak to authorize Patrolman Derek Manley to attend the State Police Commercial Vehicle Safety Training for Commercial Vehicle Enforcement.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

19. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Highlands to approve the agreement between the City and the Westmoreland County Housing Authority for additional police services for WCHA communities.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (1): Antoniak

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

Motion Failed

20. A motion was made by Krawtz and seconded by Langdon to approve the construction of a canopy in the City's Right of Way by JPEM Enterprises, LLC, owner of Miller's Coffee Shop on the property located on 107 South 2nd Street, Jeannette, PA 15644, Tax Map No. 14-01-16-0-286 pending a signed encroachment agreement and contingent on an approved variance to the Zoning Ordinance by the Zoning Hearing Board.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

21. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to accept the regional PPE bid from Kaza Fire Equipment, in the amount of \$584,132.00 to be paid from the 2021 FEMA AFG Grant funds.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

22. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Krawtz to accept the region PPE washing and drying equipment bid from 3 Rivers Fire Equipment in the amount of \$105,900.00 to be paid from the 2021 FEMA AFG Grant funds.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

- 23.** A motion was made by highlands and seconded by Krawtz to authorize the Code Enforcement Officer to waive demolition permit fees for the following projects performed by the Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authority:

- a. Demolition of 425 South 5th Street, Tax Map No. 14-01-16-3-015
- b. Demolition of 509 Lavelle Street, Tax Map No. 14-01-16-0-569
- c. Demolition of 500 Western Avenue, Tax Map No. 14-01-16-0-401
- d. Demolition of 420 Chestnut Street, Tax Map No. 14-03-04-0-033
- e. Demolition of 428 Chestnut Street, Tax Map No. 14-03-04-0-031
- f. Demolition of 8 Vale Street, Tax Map No. 14-01-11-0-159
- g. Demolition of 1056-1058 Penn Avenue, Tax Map No. 14-01-12-0-507
- h. Demolition of 1704 Penn Avenue, Tax Map No. 14-01-11-0-143
- i. Demolition of 110-112 South 11th Street, Tax Map No. 14-01-12-0-511
- j. Demolition of 1513 Tennessee Lane, Tax Map No. 14-01-11-0-179
- k. Demolition of 18 South 13th Street, Tax Map No. 14-01-11-0-112
- l. Demolition of 1211 Penn Avenue, Tax Map No. 14-01-11-0-119
- m. Demolition of 1205 Penn Avenue, Tax Map No. 14-01-11-0-122
- n. Demolition of 718 Chambers Avenue, Tax Map No. 14-01-16-0-382
- o. Demolition of 1708 Penn Avenue, Tax Map No. 14-01-11-0-139
- p. Demolition of 511 South 5th Street, Tax Map No. 14-01-16-0-526
- q. Demolition of 123 South 11th Street, Tax Map No. 14-01-11-0-279
- r. Demolition of 122 South 11th Street, Tax Map No. 14-01-16-0-001

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

- 24.** A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Krawtz to refund Gerald H. Eicher \$211.53 for overpayment of 2022 taxes for the property located on 1007 Thompson Street, Jeannette, PA 15644 Tax Map No. 14-02-06-0-311.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

- 25.** A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Krawtz to refund Gerald H. Eicher \$179.86 for overpayment of 2021 taxes for the property located on 1007 Thompson Street, Jeannette, PA 15644 Tax Map No. 14-02-06-0-311.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

- 26.** A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Krawtz to increase the hourly rate of part-time firefighters from \$7.25 to \$8.25 effective January 1, 2023.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

27. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Langdon to pay Antonacci Design Associates \$645.00 from the Capital Reserve for work performed on the Phase 2 Flood Project.

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

28. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to pay Antonacci Design Associates \$560.00 from the Capital Reserve for work performed on the Storm Sewer Grant.

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

29. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Krawtz to pay Antonacci Design Associates \$1,055.00 from the Capital Reserve for work performed on the FEMA Grant.

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

30. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to pay Antonacci Design Associates \$327.50 from the Capital Reserve for work performed on the Mapleton Water Grant.

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

31. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Mozley to pay Antonacci Design Associates \$3,625.00 from the Fire Station Building Fund account for work performed on the Fire Station Building project.

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

32. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Highlands to pay KGD Contracting, Inc. \$186,345.70 from the CDBG account for work performed on the 2022 City of Jeannette South 7th Street and Clay Avenue and Curb and Sidewalk Reconstruction Project.

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

33. A motion to donate \$12,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan account to the Jeannette E.M.S. to be used for the purchase of new ambulances.

A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to table the motion.
Motion Tabled

**Jeannette City Council
City Council Meeting
Minutes**



**Thursday
December 8, 2022
6:00 PM**

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 PM.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

Benjamin D. Walker

CITY CLERK