

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 31, 2016

City Council met in a stated session for the general transaction of business. Mayor Frank Janakovic called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. City Manager Melissa Komar offered the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following members of Council were present for roll call:

Mayor Janakovic, Mr. Johncola, Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich,
Mr. Vizza, Mr. Williams (7).

Interim City Manager Melissa Komar and Elizabeth Benjamin, Solicitor, were also present.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2017 BUDGET

Melissa Komar, Interim City Manager, presented the 2017 Budget. She thanked Stephen Keith, Finance Director, and the staff for working many hours to provide the 2017 Budget. She also thanked Renee Daly and Kathy for the CDBG portion of the budget. Mrs. Komar read the following into the record:

This balanced budget is presented and recommended. All funds proposed total expenditure of \$58,457,024.72 which is a decrease of \$1,984,031.28 or three percent less than the 2016 budget. The budget decrease is attributed mainly to the recognition of revenue previously budgeted that was not collected showing the entire Community Development Block Grant Appropriation in the budget. While the total budget did decrease, the total for taxes received is projected to decline as well. The total for property taxes will be based on the court's decision regarding Duke LifePoint. The trend of declining tax revenue will eventually reach a point that will prohibit the City from meeting its current level of core services. Details of each revenue and expense category will be defined throughout this budget.

We obviously do not know the outcome of the Duke LifePoint taxes, so therefore, we did not follow the 2016 collections. We are currently in negotiations with FOP and AFSCME, which can also affect the budget. We have included a 12 percent increase in healthcare, which is budgeted along with the attached fees through the brokerage and the healthcare agencies. The budget was developed with the assumption that the unfunded debt loan will be approved through DCED and Cambria County. The sewer upgrade provides approximately \$600,000 in revenue a month. And 2016, this year, was the peak for construction. So the PennVEST projects will decrease in 2017. And

an account is listed in the general fund. This was an account where we had to set for \$50,000 and we need to still create the account or fund per the recovery plan. The funds are set aside in the general fund but we'll have to create that account. Mrs. Komar stated the general fund is approximately \$10.9 million.

In answer to a question from Mr. Williams, it was noted that one mill is worth approximately \$130,000. Mrs. Komar answered additional questions from Council members.

There was discussion with regard to scheduling budget workshop dates and interview dates. The dates will be confirmed via emails to Council members. Monthly meeting dates were set for November 9, 2016, and December 14, 2016.

BILL NO. 41 OF 2016, AN ORDINANCE ESTIMATING THE AMOUNT OF REVENUES TO BE RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FROM VARIOUS SOURCES AND APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES FOR THE OPERATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS BUREAUS, DEPARTMENTS AND THE PAYMENT OF DEBT SERVICE OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY, 1, 2017.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Mr. Johncola, Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton,
Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mr. Williams (7).
Nays: None (0).

BILL NO. 42 OF 2016, AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES AND WAGES TO BE PAID ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND BUREAUS OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017.

Mr. Vizza made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Johncola, Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza,
Mr. Williams, Mayor Janakovic (7).
Nays: None (0).

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PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NONAGENDA ITEMS

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, Johnstown, addressed Council regarding his appointment and the appointment process discussed at the last meeting. Mr. DeBartola is wondering "what kind of motive is behind the appointment". He thanked Council for their consideration. He hopes the appointment is not an attack but a truce. Mr. DeBartola looks forward to serving the community as the "loudest voice".

Mrs. Stanton does not recall an attack on Mr. DeBartola. She stated for the record that "nobody's been attacked".

There being no further business, the special meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.