

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, December 10, 2014

City Council met in a stated session for the general transaction of business. Mayor Frank Janakovic called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Acting City Manager, Carlos Gunby, offered the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following members of Council were present for roll call:

Mr. Gentile, Mayor Janakovic, Mr. Johncola, Mr. Mickel, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza (7).

Absent: None (0).

City Solicitor David Andrews, and City Engineer, Steve Sewalk were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Mickel made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johncola and ruled on by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Gentile, Mayor Janakovic, Mr. Johncola, Mr. Mickel, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza (7).

Nays: None (0).

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Donna Barber of 824 Sherman Street, Johnstown, came before Council to discuss her concerns with codes and harassment by the City. She presented her concerns at Council's last meeting, and Council had requested that she write a letter to Council.

Mayor Janakovic said that Council will address her letter through codes after everyone speaks. As to the harassment, he suggested that she speak with the Acting City Manager personally.

Charlene Stanton of 184 Sell Street, Johnstown, expressed three concerns regarding city government. Her first concern was on code enforcement. She noted Prospect properties that remain in violation of the City code ordinances. She made the original complaints on the properties in May and a magistrate hearing was held in August. The Defendant pleaded guilty and requested an

additional 45 days to bring the properties into compliance. She said the properties are still in violation three and a half months later. She asked what the next step was in holding the owner's responsible and what follow-up has been done on the offenses. She requested that a codes officer visit Prospect and prepare an accurate write-up on all units in violation. She also stated that the Cambria County Redevelopment Authority owns City properties that are in violation of the code ordinances. She does not understand why magistrate charges are not being pursued. She asked how Council can expect residents to be held accountable for their properties when others get a free pass.

Ms. Stanton then addressed garbage problems. She said there is illegal dumping taking place throughout the City. She suggested placing a notice on the City website or in the paper concerning the Cambria County Solid Waste Authority located in Ebensburg, which will take many items, such as TVs, microwaves, et cetera, free of charge. She said educating the public about the Authority may cut down on illegal dumping. She cited that under PA State law you must recycle. The City receives added revenue through recycling and grant money from the state.

Ms. Stanton's third concern was in regard to sewage. She noted the distribution of letters informing residents of the new requirements, but has not seen one. Some realtors are still telling clients that pressure tests must be conducted before selling their homes. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) says that is not correct. Many people are confused as to Council's mandate. She is also concerned as to why employees of EADS and the City engineers are going door to door in the West End asking for permission to enter homes to check lateral lines. She heard they were not showing any identification. She personally believes no one should let anyone into their homes without proper identification.

Lonnie Rietscha of 121 Davis Street, Coopersdale, wanted to discuss the former tennis courts in Coopersdale with Council. He stated the type of zoning change has the potential to set a precedent if granted for any residential property in the City. Not one Coopersdale resident has voiced being in favor on an official record for the zoning change. He also said the Planning Commission nor any other entity has been in favor of the request. He noted a family with a child that has a health condition would be aggravated if the change is permitted. He said the zoning change should have been sought prior to putting up a building and running the business. He respectfully asked Council to take his concerns into account and respect the Planning Commission's recommendations.

Attorney Leonard P. Vigna of 360 Stonycreek Street, Johnstown, has been asked to speak on behalf of many residents that are in opposition of the proposed zoning/classification change from R-1 to C-1 to the property at 138 Cooper Avenue. He also understood the proposal would also alter or change the definition of C-1 throughout the City. He reiterated the Planning Commission has already rejected the proposal and the public hearing was held on November 6, 2014. Many Council members were not in attendance. Summary packets of the proceedings will be presented. He strongly encouraged Council to review the information before voting. A petition was presented at the hearing for review of 72 residents that were not able to make the public hearing, all in opposition, all residents of the City. He concurred with Mr. Rietscha's concerns. The concerns are safety issues, noise issues and living conditions issues. He added that Coopersdale has historically been a residential neighborhood. The proposed business for the property is a landscaping business with heavy machinery that will create noise and dust. He and the residents do not believe the business is right for that particular location, and the change would have ramifications throughout the City in the future.

Joseph Warhul of 44 Clover Street, Johnstown, discussed his views on boards, commissions and authorities. He reported on the system of government with a city manager, a council, a mayor, many boards and authorities. He stated the system is flawed. He said that when local officers blame appointees for problems it leaves voters unable to hold elected individuals accountable for their decisions. He does not feel Council holds people accountable for their decisions. He noted a Shade Tree Commission appointed by the city government. He said the Commission has a Facebook page that does not allow all residents to comment freely. He informed the Solicitor that the Commission Chairman is on the government page soliciting donations in addition to restricting free speech to residents. He also does not understand why the government organization holds meetings at the Chairman's private residence. He noted that the Shade Tree Association and the Shade Tree Commission seemed more inclined than a government organization and a nonprofit organization should be. Rather than place blame or point fingers, he suggested that Council employ Article 3 Section C of the Home Rule Charter, which allows an entire board to be abolished. If not, Article 3 Section B can remove a member of a board, commission or committee.

Mr. Warhul had a list of Council's appointments coming up and pointed out that Council is lacking in people of color. He asked that minority candidates be given some consideration in fairness to the City of Johnstown.

REPORT BY THE CITY MANAGER

Acting City Manager, Carlos Gunby, noted the unfortunate five alarm fire earlier in the morning on Dorothy Avenue in the West End section of Johnstown. He urged all to keep those affected by the fire in their thoughts and prayers. The Red Cross is accepting donations on behalf of the fire victims.

Mr. Gunby met with Rosalie Danchanko, the Executive Director of the Johnstown Free Medical Clinic, the City, along with other emergency services around the City, and a shared services plan has been coordinated for City residents and within the region that will help in times of disaster and large events. He thanked the Johnstown Free Medical Clinic and the other emergency services representatives for coming together and putting together a new and improved plan for the City. Additionally, he congratulated the Johnstown Free Medical Clinic on their receipt of a \$225,000 grant that will help support continued efforts of the clinic to provide healthcare to all patients.

Mr. Gunby also stated that the City is in the process of finalizing offers for capital purchases. Costs came in at estimate. There are some applications and other items that still need to be completed.

The John B. Gunter Community Leadership Class of 2014-2015 has selected Roxbury Park as the proposed location for the 2015 revitalization project. Mr. Gunby fully supports the project and said the program does phenomenal work throughout the communities. The program raises the funds and does the work themselves.

Mr. Gunby attended the Prospect viaduct public meeting. He reiterated that the viaduct will remain a single lane operation throughout the project. There will be controlled traffic signals on both ends of the viaduct. There will be delays, but there will be daily access as well as a shuttle service from the bottom end to the top of the viaduct.

Mr. Gunby next mentioned that the Mayor and he had a positive meeting with the leadership of Conemaugh Hospital. The meeting had great discussion that opened doors for future collaboration and opportunities.

Mr. Gunby congratulated the Moxham and West End organizations for their light up nights. He recommended driving around the City to look at all of the lights.

REPORT BY MAYOR

Mayor Janakovic had the opportunity to attend the Veteran's Day Parade and to meet with Governor-Elect Wolf to discuss the needs in Johnstown. He hopes Johnstown will have a good connection from Johnstown to Harrisburg with the newly elected governor. He also had the opportunity to attend the Economic Summit where he had the chance to explore the operation of the businesses in the area. He attended the Chamber of Commerce meetings, the Discover Downtown and Regional Partnership meetings as well.

Mayor Janakovic then discussed a meeting on the City waterways. He noted the debris in particular areas of the City, acid water drainage, repair to walls, inlets, streams, et cetera. The Army Corps of Engineers will be visiting Johnstown to discuss the issues.

Mayor Janakovic echoed Mr. Gunby's comments on Conemaugh Hospital. He said it was a positive meeting on planning collaboration and fiscal matters to promote joint projects in the future. The hospital has offered Council a monthly or bi-monthly meeting as needed to look at the progress.

Mayor Janakovic attended a community leader's breakfast at the Johnstown Administrative offices. He commended the work of Immaculate Conception Church on Broad Street that are keeping the history alive. He also attended the Moxham playground tree lighting. He commended the efforts to make the playground a success.

Mayor Janakovic summarized a roundtable discussion with the Regional Partnership, the business community, the foundations, legislators, et cetera, looking at where the City is heading and what is taking place throughout the City. The City received a grant for \$1.9 million on the Conrad building. The train station received \$848,000 for a multi-modal and PennDOT grant. He noted that 24,000 people come in and out of the city through the train station each year. The parking garage received \$600,000 from the CFA and another \$555,000 through the multi-modal grant and PennDOT. The Iron Street project received \$1.2 million, \$850,000 and \$350,000 through the JRA program. A cop grant was received for two officers.

REPORT BY THE CITY SOLICITOR

City Solicitor, David Andrews, reported that labor negotiations for fire fighters take place on Tuesday, December 16, 2014. He will report back to Council following that session.

REPORT BY THE CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer, Steve Sewalk, passed out a hard copy of his report to Council. He highlighted some of the major projects. Construction is still proceeding in the Oakhurst area. Throughout the different areas, approximately 500 letters have been mailed out thus far referencing different issues such as downspout removals and lateral connections. He anticipates roughly an additional 500 letters to be sent to people in different areas, particularly the Woodvale/Prospect area. Construction will start in that area within the next month.

Regarding Ms. Stanton's earlier comments regarding employees not having identification, he said the employees do have I.D.'s. He will address the issue with the employees. He apologized to anyone offended.

The Moxham section Phase 1 PENNVEST should be awarded in January.

Mr. Sewalk then answered questions from Council as to the schedule of construction.

Mr. Gunby reported that there would be a special meeting on Wednesday, December 17, 2014, to discuss these issues. He said Council needs to discuss the sewer projects. Nothing has changed significantly to this point, but there are difficulties coming with paving roads. Paving is not included in PENNVEST. Council would need to come up with an additional \$3 million a year to continue paving roads throughout the City. Council is already paying PENNVEST debt. He then answered questions from Council.

REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Renee Daly, Economic Development Director, has been in discussions with Ms. Danchanko for her to present to City Council next month. She wished to explain the mission of the Johnstown Free Medical Clinic.

Ms. Daly also reported that there is one loan under review and the residential development has been incredibly busy. There were 73 code complaints in the

month of November. Of those, 24 were compliant after the notification within their proper timeframe, 13 have been notified and have not been compliant. Those 13 are owned by the County Redevelopment Authority. There is a meeting with the Authority on December 15, 2014 to discuss with their attorney what they need to do to be held accountable.

Mr. Gunby stated that the State of Pennsylvania is not required to maintain any property in the City of Johnstown. The City is working with the County to develop a plan and the funding dollars to ensure that the properties are maintained during the summer.

Ms. Daly added that 36 of the 73 code complaints were vacant and received a vacant letter. Six have been returned already. One person has called to say they are not vacant. One is deceased. Four have been returned with their \$500 fee and application. She stated there was 31 court hearings alone the week prior. Some were code violations and some were vacant properties. Of those, six were in compliance at the time of their date, five were continued, and 20 were found guilty. Those guilty pleas will equal \$14,725 back to the City. She is working with a follow up of unpaid fees and fines and contemplating going after them via a third party. She will present to Council in January or February on the matters. She then answered questions from Council on economic development.

REPORT OF POLICE CHIEF

Police Chief, Craig Foust discussed the cop grant. He has contacted the two guys on the civil service list and offered conditional employment. The police department is also pursuing private funds and donations to update technology.

REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Public Works Director, Darby Sprincz, thanked Mr. Gunby for his efforts with the lease program to obtain new equipment.

REPORT ON PRIOR YEARS AUDIT FINDINGS

Mr. Gunby reported on closing out the year and starting the process all over again.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Public Safety/Public Works Committee

No Report.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

On behalf of Mayor Janakovic and Council, Mr. Gentile thanked Don Buday, Steve Myers and John Stevens on giving their free time and labor on fixing and repairing the water leak that happened in the Public Safety Building.

Parking/Operations Committee

No Report.

Boards, Authorities and Commissions Committee

No Report.

Recreation Committee

Mr. Vizza noted that the Johnstown School District is hosting another Trojan Family Christmas on December 18, 2014, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Greater Johnstown High School. All of the kids of the school district are invited to come. There is caroling, crafts, food, and Santa Claus. Reservations may be made at 533-5601, extension 51220.

Mayor Janakovic said that the Christmas parade was a huge success despite the cold weather. He congratulated Discover Downtown and the business communities who contributed to make the parade possible.

Mrs. Mock added that Celebration Johnstown will again be downtown on New Year's Eve from 6:00-9:30 p.m. There will be fireworks. There will be free music. The churches are opened to the venues. The library will be opened. Ameriserv will be opened to see the Glosser Brothers and Penn Traffic display. The West End Improvement Group is involved, the Roxbury Civic Group, Discovery Downtown, and folks from Hornerstown.

Budget and Finance Committee

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Mrs. Mock said she is working with the Finance Committee on the budget.

Community and Economic Development Committee

No Report.

NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISONS

7th Ward

No Report.

Roxbury/8th Ward

Mr. Mickel reported that the Roxbury Civic Association in January has invited all the donors for the playground cameras to come to the meeting to be recognized and have a brunch afterwards.

Moxham/Hornerstown

No Report.

West End/Cambria City

Mr. Vizza appreciated the efforts of the fire department and the municipal fire fighters at the Dorothy Avenue fire.

Mrs. Mock thanked everyone that was involved with the West End parade. She thanked Rich Pletcher from the Fairfield Avenue Auto Exchange for donating the tree and the power for the lights.

Kernville

No Report.

Woodvale/Conemaugh Borough/Prospect

Mr. Johncola thanked Mr. Gunby for all of his efforts with the Prospect viaduct work. He thanked Mr. Sprincz for coming out and cleaning up the mess in Prospect. As far as the trash problem, he pointed out that the Public Works employees are picking everything up and keeping things clean the best they can.

Oakland

No Report.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

PETITIONS

None.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

1. BILL 28 AMENDING CHAPTER 874 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, TITLED "EARNED INCOME TAX" AND SECTION 874.021 TITLED "IMPOSITION OF ADDITIONAL EARNED INCOME TAX RATE ON THE CITY RESIDENTS AND NON-CITY RESIDENTS;" AND SPECIFICALLY AMENDING ORDINANCE 5138, PASSED FINALLY NOVEMBER 27, 2013 TO SET THE RESIDENT EARNED INCOME TAX RATE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015 AT 1.5% AND SET THE EARNED INCOME TAX RATE FOR NON-RESIDENTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015 AT 1.1%, CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL BY THE CAMBRIA COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

Mr. Mickel made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock and ruled on by the following vote:

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

2. BILL 29 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING ORDINANCE MAP CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 138 COOPER AVENUE, 21ST WARD, FROM R-1 TO C-1.

Mr. Mickel made a motion to table the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vizza and ruled on by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Johncola, Mr. Mickel, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mayor Janakovic (5).
Nays: Mrs. Mock (1).
Abstentions: Mr. Gentile (1).

3. BILL 30 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1042 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN REVISING AND EXTENDING REQUIREMENTS AFFECTING THE DISCHARGE OF STORMWATER INTO THE PUBLIC STORMWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM BY AMENDING AND CLARIFYING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES RELATED TO CONNECTIONS INTO THE SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM WITHIN THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN AS ENACTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 5126 PASSED FINALLY MARCH 27, 2013.

Mr. Mickel made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gentile and ruled on by the following vote:

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

4. BILL 31 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5141 PASSED JANUARY 8, 2014, AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN UNDERUTILIZED, BLIGHTED, OR DETERIORATED INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL, OR

OTHER BUSINESS PROPERTY; DEFINING ELIGIBLE AREAS;
SETTING A MAXIMUM EXEMPTION AMOUNT; AND AN
EXEMPTION SCHEDULE; AND PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR
SECURING AN EXEMPTION.

Mr. Gentile made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Vitovich and ruled on by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL READING (Prior Meeting)

1. BILL NO. 26 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 OF THE VARIOUS FUNDS, BUREAUS, DEPARTMENTS, THE PAYMENT OF DEBT SERVICE AND THE PENSION FUND OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2015, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FUND SECTIONS, AND THE RESPECTIVE FUNDS "BUDGET EXHIBIT A DETAILS"

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johncola and ruled on by the following vote:

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

2. BILL 27 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 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2015.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gentile and ruled on by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 9717

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE ACTING CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A CONTRACT FOR THE CONTINUATION OF POLICE SERVICES WITH THE JOHNSTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE SOLOMON, PROSPECT, COOPERSDALE & OAKHURST COMMUNITIES.

Mr. Mickel made a motion to take the resolution off the table to be considered at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gentile and ruled on by the following vote:

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

Council then discussed the resolution.

Mr. Mickel made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock and ruled on by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9718

2. A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE; PROVIDING FOR THE INTEREST RATE, MATURITY DATE, AND REDEMPTION PROVISIONS IN RESPECT OF THE NOTE; ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF 1ST SUMMIT BANK FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE NOTE; AUTHORIZING

THE PROPER OFFICERS TO EXECUTE ALL ACTS NECESSARY FOR ISSUANCE AND SECURING THE NOTE; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PREPARATION AND FILING OF ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AND REPEALING INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johncola and ruled on by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Johncola, Mr. Mickel, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mr. Gentile, Mayor Janakovic (7).

Nays: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 9719

3. A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO SUBMIT THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK ON BEHALF OF SIPPEL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC. TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN ORDER TO SUPPLY THE HIGHWAY RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE WOODVALE/PROSPECT SANITARY/STORM SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT KNOWN AS CONTRACT 2014-05.

Mr. Mickel made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and ruled on by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Mickel, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mr. Gentile, Mayor Janakovic, Mr. Johncola (7).

Nays: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 9720

4. A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO SUBMIT THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK ON BEHALF OF CONTINENTAL CONSTRUCTION, INC. TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN ORDER TO SUPPLY THE HIGHWAY RESTORATION AND

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MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE WOODVALE/PROSPECT
SANITARY/STORM SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT KNOWN AS
CONTRACT 2014-06.

Mr. Johncola made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and ruled on by the following vote:

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

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Janakovic noted the Land Bank Ordinance. He then took the opportunity to thank City Council, all of the friends and citizens who sent cards and flowers to him and visited the funeral home due to the passing of his mother. He really appreciated the gestures.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gentile mentioned that in between Baker's and the old McKee's Market there is a water buildup problem. He said the people waiting for the bus are getting splashed by the passing cars. He also noted a water problem down by the fire station on Fairfield Avenue. Mr. Sprincz said he would look into the issues.

Mrs. Mock then discussed the new island over by Washington Street. Mr. Sprincz told her that her issues were taken care of.

Mr. Gunby reminded everyone of the special meeting next Wednesday, December 17th. Ms. Cushing distributed a proposed 2015 meeting schedule to Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 9721

5. A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN RATIFYING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2015

Mr. Mickel made a motion to adopt the 2015 meeting schedule. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock and ruled on by the following vote:

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

Mr. Mickel commented that there have been some problems in the past with the handling of the American flag at City Hall, and that last week's pictures were posted that showed the flag not flying at all. Mr. Gunby said that there are now two groups of individuals responsible for flying the flag. The leader of the two groups is a Navy veteran, who is involved in every single downtown Johnstown veteran affairs function. The individual takes an extreme amount of pride in what he does, but mistakes can happen.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.