

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Special Meeting  
Thursday, April 28, 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. Interim 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, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza (5).

Absent: Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Williams (2).

Mayor Janakovic indicated for the record that Mrs. Stanton and Mr. Williams provided emails stating they were unable to attend.

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

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Joseph Warhul, 44 Clover Street, Johnstown, addressed Council with regard to Resolution Number One regarding electrical upgrades in Central Park by Church and Murdock. Ms. Komar indicated the two bids received were \$52,900 and \$65,645. Mr. Warhul indicated that every time he has asked for police protection or a pothole to be filled or leaves to be picked up he was told there was no funding or manpower, but now there's \$52,000 available to upgrade the electric. He asked Council to consider tabling the resolution as this is an expense "the taxpayers should not be footing the bill for." Mr. Warhul commented regarding the noon "special meetings" at which there is not full public participation. He had further commented as to the City determining "what it wants" as opposed to "what it needs."

Mayor Janakovic commented that currently Penelec has cut the electricity in the park. He stated it is a need. Mrs. Komar indicated the contractor will need to start the work by June 10th, 2016, in order to be completed for Thunder in the Valley.

Mr. Warhul noted the public needs to be informed of expenses before Council votes to spend money for them.

Mrs. Mock contacted Senator Toomey's office and Representative Barbin's office regarding the matter. She asked both offices to investigate the matter further and inquire whether the City can be reimbursed for the expense.

Mayor Janakovic noted his decision is also based on safety. Mr. Johncola also stated that Council has an obligation to keep the City facilities safe.

#### ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READ

1. AN ORDINANCE OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE ORDINANCE 5192 FISCAL YEAR 2016 CITY OF JOHNSTOWN BUDGET TO INCLUDE THE SEWAGE LATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND DEMOLITION IN UDAG.

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

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Mr. Johncola, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich,  
Mr. Vizza (5).

Nays: None (0).

#### RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Janakovic made a motion to amend the following resolutions to replace "City Manager" with "Interim City Manager". The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Johncola, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza,  
Mayor Janakovic (5).

Nays: None (0).

#### Resolution No. 9843

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CHURCH AND MURDOCK ELECTRIC, INC. AWARDED CONTRACT 2016-12 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CENTRAL PARK ELECTRICAL UPGRADES PROJECT IN THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN.

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

Yeas: Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mayor Janakovic,  
Mr. Johncola (5).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 9844

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,900,000.00 TO BE USED TOWARDS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INNER CITY SEWER SYSTEM IN THE 8TH WARD OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN.

Mr. Vizza made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.

Interim City Manager Komar clarified that this resolution is to apply for PennVEST money in order to receive grants for the 8th Ward prior to moving forward with that portion of the project.

Yeas: Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mayor Janakovic, Mr. Johncola,  
Mrs. Mock (5).  
Nays: None (0).

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.