

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, June 10, 2015

City Council met in a stated session for the general transaction of business. Mayor Frank Janakovic called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. City Manager Carlos Gunby offered the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Janakovic noted that previous to the start of the meeting, a workshop with Wessel was completed with regard to the 2014 audit.

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).

City Solicitor, Elizabeth Benjamin and City Manager, Carlos Gunby, were also present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Vizza made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 21, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickel and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Gentile, Mayor Janakovic, Mr. Johncola, Mr. Mickel, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza (6).

Nays: None (0).

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, Johnstown, addressed Council with regard to city government and difficulties with finding work in the community. He urged City Council to be supportive of the community by searching for industries and businesses interested in coming to Johnstown.

Mr. DeBartola discussed the Sandyvale Wine Festival and expressed his concerns for people parking on graves.

He related the game of chess to certain local politicians who consider themselves masters at chess by "pitting people against one another and making accusations that are untrue." Mr. DeBartola questioned whether the people's best interests are being considered.

Mr. DeBartola voiced a special thank you to Jack Williams "for his costly disruption" and to Charlene Stanton, "Ms. Uncongeniality herself."

Mayor Janakovic stated that later on in the meeting during New Business he will be delivering the proclamation that had been requested.

REPORT BY THE CITY SOLICITOR

City Solicitor, Elizabeth Benjamin, reported that certification was received with regard to the referendum to amend Ordinance 4654, and she has proceeded to move accordingly. She referred to a sign-in sheet of three individuals, who signed up to speak publicly, namely Mr. DeBartola, Mr. Taranto and Ms. Stanton. She noted that each would have five minutes to speak.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR CONTINUED

Joseph Taranto, 426 Park Avenue, Johnstown, distributed copies of Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania, From Blight to Bright, Kauffman Foundation's Guidelines for Local and State Government to Promote Entrepreneurships, Penn State Extension's Economic and Community Development Office, Your Community Plans and Projects Relating to the Community That You Want.

Mr. Taranto noted his pleasure to see the resubmission of the inspection proposal from JHA on the agenda again. He urged all members to seriously consider the proposal. He discussed the importance of appointed and elected officials being on the "same page." Mr. Taranto suggested contacting educators from the Penn State Extension Office to come "put on an educational series." He asked Councilmembers to review his submitted publications. Mr. Taranto asked why "Council is creating issues for people who are running events in the City rather than supporting them?"

Mayor Janakovic stated he as well as other Councilmembers participate in and support all events.

Charlene Stanton, 184 Sell Street, Johnstown, addressed Council with regard to the Hornerstown area and lighting at the Wood Street Playground. She noted Jack Williams had drafted a petition requesting that Council to approve the installation of a streetlight at the location. Ms. Stanton urged Council to approve, without delay, the installation of the light.

Ms. Stanton spoke of two vacant blighted properties, one across from the Wood Street Playground and one on Franklin Street. She requested that Council at least have the grass cut on the properties.

Ms. Stanton asked why Councilwoman Mock is engaging in "undignified and disrespectful chatter on the Internet," and stated she found her actions "reprehensible and disgraceful." She submitted copies of Mrs. Mock's Facebook postings and the blighted properties she had previously mentioned. Ms. Stanton offered to submit a copy of the petition for the Wood Street streetlight if necessary.

Mrs. Mock noted it is a good idea to place a streetlight at the Wood Street location. She also stated the Seventh Ward Civic Association is still a viable entity and is looking forward to working with them concerning grant monies for the installation of cameras.

Mayor Janakovic noted his understanding from previous Council meetings is that a petition is not required, but simply a call to Penelec with a pole number. Mr. Gunby stated a request to City Hall and Public Works is all that is necessary; but if additional resources are needed, Council would have to pass a resolution. He felt 90 percent sure this matter could be handled internally.

Mr. Johncola remarked about speakers who come up and make accusations about Councilmembers who are "doing their job, doing their best, and getting ridiculed for it."

REPORT BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Carlos Gunby welcomed the NAACP youth members to their first Council meeting. He commented on the outstanding participation with regard to the previous week's diversity training for employees and expressed his hopes that the training will continue in the future.

Mr. Gunby congratulated the Chamber of Commerce and all of its partners on a successful 25th Showcase for Commerce.

He noted applications for multiple grants in excess of \$5 million are currently being undertaken, including emergency services grants and grants to further the City's economic growth.

The City Manager previously had the opportunity to speak with Katy McGinty, Chief of Staff for Governor Wolf's Office, regarding blight and infrastructure issues. Mr. Gunby received a "heartfelt" thank you note from her stating how much she enjoyed her stay here in Johnstown.

Mr. Gunby stated the East Coast Baseball League will be playing an abbreviated season at the Point Stadium starting June 22nd, 2015.

Mr. Gunby is working with the Police Department and the Johnstown School District with regard to finalizing programming for the Summer of 2016. The City Manager discussed developing a plan to reintroduce the summer work program.

He noted there are currently 900 blighted properties in the City that need demolished with an average cost of \$10,000 per property. He asked Council to support his two-fold solution of paying youth to help maintain those blighted properties until each one is taken care of.

Mayor Janakovic noted there are programs currently available through grants.

Mr. Vitovich asked if some of the blighted properties could be boarded up. Mr. Gunby noted ongoing efforts and stated there are at least 200 pieces of plywood in the basement of City Hall that are replaced every other week. He explained the resources just are not available to demo all the blighted properties.

REPORT BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Janakovic discussed business community involvement as previously mentioned by Mr. DiBartola. The Mayor and Mr. Gunby spent time with Senator Casey and described in detail the issues that the City is facing. He mentioned his meeting with Ms. McGinty, Governor Wolf's Chief of Staff, with regard to discussion of issues such as blight, pension debts, drugs, sewage, and Act 47. Mayor Janakovic stated everything is being done by the City, but state and federal support is needed with regard to the Act 47 status.

Mayor Janakovic noted his attendance at the Murtha Breakfast. He stated grants were the highest ever, \$2.5 billion to DRS and other awards to JWF and others.

The Mayor visited the JWF, GapVax and Gautier sites. He noted Council's efforts in the community and "not just passing resolutions and ordinances but out there trying hard."

The Mayor attended a luncheon with the John B. Gunter group. He thanked this group, the Chamber of Commerce, and Jack Cavanaugh for their volunteer work.

Mayor Janakovic noted that 400 people registered for the Taste and Tour event recently held downtown.

He noted his attendance with Senator Casey at a ribbon cutting ceremony with regard to the county's first natural gas bus. The Mayor noted that natural gas stations will be set up when vehicles are converted.

The Mayor spoke of the PITTch Fest held at UPJ to help start businesses.

Mayor Janakovic, Chief Foust, and Chief Kovacic attended the opening of the fallen heroes' memorial park at the intersection of Chandler Avenue and Garfield Street.

He noted his attendance at the Johnstown Free Medical Clinic's Dispensary of Love ceremony in which \$400,000 in free medication was donated.

Mayor Janakovic expressed thanks to the Johnstown Housing Authority for the addition of lights and cameras throughout the City.

The Mayor noted UPJ and Carnegie Mellon will be conducting a study of our community to develop a plan concerning the needs of the city.

Mayor Janakovic and Mr. Gunby attended a Johnstown Kraft Hockeyville committee meeting. He noted further information will be forthcoming with regard to the September 29, 2015, Penguins/Tampa Bay Hockey Game.

It was noted an Air Force Band free concert will be held at the PNG Park on June 30, 2015.

Mr. Gunby congratulated Reverend Clyde Williams, Jr., for being placed as the new pastor of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

REPORT BY THE CITY SOLICITOR

Elizabeth Benjamin, City Solicitor, reported certification was received as a result of the May 19, 2015, election relative to the referendum. She stated from this evening forward Council will be accepting courtesy of the floor public comments either verbal or written notice in advance of the meeting along with a sign in sheet available at the start of each meeting.

There was discussion with regard to submitting ordinances after each meeting to the publisher, which will then be codified and placed on the website.

REPORT BY THE CITY ENGINEER

Steve Sewalk distributed a copy of his report to all Councilmembers. He referred to the miscellaneous repair contract currently out for bids for the Haynes Street Bridge Project.

He noted a punch list of projects to be completed in the Roxbury area, and construction is ongoing in the Oakhurst area. He explained the Woodvale/Prospect Project is approximately 70 percent complete.

Mr. Sewalk stated that over 600 letters have been sent out regarding the First Phase of the Moxham Project.

With regard to the Morrellville Section, he reported that submissions were made to PennVEST in May with a decision due on July 22nd, 2015. Mr. Sewalk noted letters will be sent to that area of the city in the near future. He noted Cambria City/Coopersdale will start next spring.

The Woodvale/Oakhurst laterals project will soon commence. He noted JRA is currently replacing interceptors on Woodvale Avenue, Laurel Avenue. Those residents will be contacted.

Downspout violation enforcements continue.

With regard to the Main Street East Parking Garage, Mr. Sewalk noted design is proceeding with regard to the repair project.

Regarding the Lincoln Street Garage, he noted a cracked beam has been shored up, and it is safe to park there. Mr. Sewalk noted difficulties with obtaining a company to make the repairs there.

Mr. Sewalk stated that grant applications have been submitted with regard to channel work in the Moxham area near Russell and also on D Street in the West End. DEP will be conducting its annual inspection June 11 and June 12, 2015, on the channels.

Mr. Gentile questioned when the sewer lids would be addressed. Mr. Sewalk is currently working with the contractors. There was discussion concerning damage to properties during construction. Mr. Sewalk noted photos and videos are taken before each project starts. There was discussion regarding maintenance bond periods.

Mr. Sewalk stated letters go out to residents before a project is started in their area. He further stated that the residents can also contact EADs with their concerns.

Mr. Sewalk noted a DEP meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

REPORT OF POLICE CHIEF

Chief Craig Foust provided an update with regard to grant applications. He noted some of the current federal applications are for vest/body armor and body cameras. Chief Foust also discussed a grant application program for Narcan, which is an emergency drug administered for overdoses.

He discussed the plans in place for Thunder in the Valley.

Chief Foust noted foot patrols will run downtown from June until October. He stated PA State Police will provide assistance on the weekends.

Mr. Gunby expressed thanks to Lieutenant Colonel Evans from the PA State Police, Acting Commander at this point, for working with the Police Department.

REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF

Chief Anthony Kovacic reported that he received \$2,000 from The Harmony Club in the Eighth Ward for the purchase of high visibility, water resistance outerwear for the firemen.

The Chief commented that the annual hose testing will be conducted at the City's West End Fire Station.

Chief Kovacic noted a new emergency reporting software program will be available at the next Council meeting in July. He noted that civil service testing for firefighting will be held in July.

The Chief will present a PowerPoint to City groups with regard to fire-related issues, starting first with the West End Improvement Group.

There was further discussion with regard to the Lee Initiatives \$10,000 grant previously discussed at the last meeting.

Mr. Sprincz noted the person chosen as the new mechanic at the City garage has declined the position, so the application process will begin again.

REPORT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Renee Daly, Economic Development Director, provided an update with regard to Roxbury Place. She stated the Buckeye Group application was denied for low income housing credit. She further stated the group will pursue future funding applications. Ms. Daly will provide further updates.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE/NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Vitovich invited all Councilmembers to stop by to see the improvements at the Berkley Hills Golf Course.

Mr. Vizza visited the Wood Street Playground and saw the kids safely playing under adult supervision, which he stated was nice to see.

Mrs. Mock will be working with the Seventh Ward Civic Association to obtain grants to have cameras installed. She noted cameras are currently being installed in the West End area.

Mrs. Mock noted that West End Ambulance has pictures of the Public Safety Memorial Park that will be placed in the West End.

Mayor Janakovic commended the West End Improvement Group for the gardens on D Street and Laurel Avenue.

Mr. Gentile requested an update with regard to the basketball rims for the Skatepark. Mr. Sprincz noted the rims are ready to be installed. Mr. Gentile asked Ms. Daly to provide an update with regard to properties at 305 and 309 Strayer Street.

With regard to equipment, Mr. Sprincz noted the sweeper will arrive mid-September, and the recycling bin truck ordered will be built starting at the end of June. He stated the backhoe is currently onsite and in use and he is awaiting word on the bucket truck.

Mr. Johncola mentioned baseball season is in effect at Roxbury Park and the Point Stadium.

Mr. Mickel had no report with regard to the Roxbury Civic Group. He did mention that beautification projects are being undertaken at the Roxbury Park. Mr. Mickel recognized the citizens "hanging out" nightly at Park Avenue and Wood Street trying to improve safety at those playgrounds.

Mr. Mickel stated on behalf of some concerned citizens, he met with Bill Horner and Ernie Peterson, who are in charge of Sandyvale Memorial Park, with regard to people parking on graves. He stated both gentlemen will do everything possible to keep parking off of places where people are interred.

Mr. Mickel thanked the Johnstown Housing Authority for increased use of cameras and lighting.

Mr. Vizza also commended JHA for their efforts, but commented that property inspections should also be done at the Prospect Homes. Mr. Vizza attended a service honoring Sylvia King at Christ Centered Community Church.

Mr. Gunby discussed the possibility of starting a junior first-aid class in the City.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Janakovic noted the following communications:

1. Code complaint from Charlene Stanton.
2. Code complaint from Jack Williams.
3. JHA Inspection letter (Resubmission).

PETITIONS

None

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

None

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL READING (Prior Meeting)

BILL NO. 8 OF 2015, AN ORDINANCE OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 5170, WHICH INCLUDES AMENDING THE FY 2014 CDBG PROGRAM TITLED "SEWER LATERAL REPLACEMENT" TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FUND SECTIONS.

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

Mr. Gunby noted this ordinance amends the 2014 budget. He stated for timeliness and guideline purposes something must be done with these funds now or the funds will be lost.

The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0).

BILL NO. 9, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 5170, WHICH INCLUDES AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 AND FISCAL YEAR 2014 CDBG PROGRAM TITLED "ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT EXPENSES, CODE ENFORCEMENT GRANT EXPENSES, REHAB DELIVERY GRANT EXPENSES, PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS OF GRANT EXPENSES AND PUBLIC SERVICE TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FUND SECTIONS.

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

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

Nays: None (0).

BILL NO. 10, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 5165, PASSED JANUARY 14, 2015, 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 PROCEDURE FOR SECURING AN
EXEMPTION.

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

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

BILL NO. 11, VACATING ROBB AVENUE BETWEEN HAYNES STREET AND
THE VACATED ABANDONED ALLEY FORMERLY KNOWN AS
ROBERTS PLACE AT THE REAR OF 306-301 HAYNES STREET IN
JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AS A PUBLIC THOROUGHFARE.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 9749

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,
PENNSYLVANIA, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ON
BEHALF OF THE CITY AND THE COMPREHENSION BOARD AN
AGREEMENT WITH THE BOGDAHNS GROUP OF 4901 VINELAND
ROAD, SUITE 600, ORLANDO, FLORIDA, 32811, FOR INVESTMENT
CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE COMBINED PENSION FUND FOR
THREE YEARS AT THE RATE SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT.

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

Mr. Gunby explained he had been previously monitoring investment goals and policies. He noted the above resolution will authorize the group to become investment advisors for the City of Johnstown.

The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 9750

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS
NECESSARY TO SUBMIT THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK ON
BEHALF OF KUKURIN CONTRACTING, INCORPORATED, TO THE
PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN ORDER
TO SUPPLY THE HIGHWAY RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE
BOND FOR THE MOXHAM SANITARY/STORM SEWER SEPARATION
PROJECT, PHASE ONE, KNOWN AS CONTRACT 2015-02.

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

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

Nays: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 9751

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,
PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE
THE NECESSARY STEPS TO CREATE YOUNG LUNGS AT PLAY
TOBACCO-FREE ZONES AT ALL LOCAL CITY-OWNED FACILITIES,
INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CITY PARKS AND
PLAYGROUNDS.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9752

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,
PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY
MANAGER TO SUBMIT LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARD (LBPHC)
GRANT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT FOR THE AMOUNT OF (UP TO AND INCLUDING)
TWO MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED, TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND
DOLLARS (\$2,825,000).

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johncola
and passed 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. 9753

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN AUTHORIZING THE CITY
MANAGER TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR
GRANT THROUGH THE PA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO ASSIST WITH FLOOD MITIGATION
EFFORTS PERTAINING TO SAM'S RUN IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$494,737.10.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gentile
and passed 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. 9754

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO ASSIST WITH FLOOD MITIGATION EFFORTS PERTAINING TO ST. CLAIR RUN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$365,456.40.

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

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

Nays: None (0).

OLD BUSINESS

1. Land Bank Ordinance

Mr. Gunby noted now that the County will be participating in the land bank also, plans are moving forward to establish a county-wide land bank with city-separated funds to handle its own properties, but utilization of the county to maintain powers necessary to do what is needed.

Mr. Mickel brought up for discussion that at the last meeting Mr. DiBartola asked Council to consider an ordinance with regard to discrimination. Mr. Mickel noted that in his opinion discrimination is not a local issue but a state or federal issue.

Attorney Benjamin explained it is certainly something to adopt and consider as a policy consideration and noted that typically in the history of developing anti-discrimination statutes it has been seen coming somewhat more so from the top down. She did not necessarily disagree that many local units will be taking the initiative in that regard, right or wrong.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Janakovic presented a proclamation to Mr. DiBartola. He read it into the record as follows:

WHEREAS, the Keystone Alliance Gay Life Newsletter celebrated its 15th Anniversary on September 1st, 2014, and for celebrating diversity and helping society to become more inclusive in embracing everyone, including those of diverse sexual orientations and for promoting the thought of freedom of the mind and spirit to aid in the well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people everywhere. And for promoting the healing of divisiveness in our community and against hatred and bigotry. And City Council is personally committed to ensure all citizens in the community are accorded their dignity, human rights, and safety. The City Council, the City of Johnstown proclaims its support to the efforts of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender members of the Greater Johnstown Community and supports all people who struggle for equality and justice.

NOW THEREFORE, The City Council of the City of Johnstown proclaims its support for the Keystone Alliance Gay Life Newsletter and the Greater Johnstown GLBT Community. Frank J. Janakovic, Mayor of the City of Johnstown.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.