

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, August 30, 2016
Scheduled Special Meeting

City Council met in a stated session for the general transaction of business. Mayor Frank Janakovic called the meeting to order at 12:02 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).

Mrs. Stanton was absent due to vacation. Mr. Williams was absent due to scheduling.

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

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None.

Mayor Janakovic noted the Councilmembers are in favor of keeping prayer at the City Council meetings despite what is read outside of this venue. The ordinance had been previously tabled so there could be no further discussion regarding the matter. He encouraged Council to keep prayer within the meeting.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READ

BILL NO. 30 OF 2016, AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 5193 PASSED FINALLY ON DECEMBER 22, 2015 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, 2016.

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

Mrs. Komar explained the two positions, Economic Development Coordinator position and Fiscal Officer position, are now overseeing the Sewer Lateral Assistance Program for residents, which is grant funded. She noted the Economic Development Coordinator, who wrote the documents, has moved

on and the position has never been filled. Mrs. Komar stated thus far 54 loan applications have been completed.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to amend the Department of Community and Economic Development required appropriation title from \$414,242.00 to \$417,742.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Mr. Johncola, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich (4).

Nays: Mr. Vizza (1).

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to vote on the ordinance as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johncola and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Johncola, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mayor Janakovic (4).

Nays: Mr. Vizza (1).

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 9872

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FOR AN ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND SIXTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$126,062.00).

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

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

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 9873

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO SUBMIT THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK ON BEHALF OF GREENLAND CONSTRUCTION, INCORPORATED TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF

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TRANSPORTATION IN ORDER TO SUPPLY THE HIGHWAY
RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE ROXBURY
SANITARY/STORM SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT PHASE 1
CONTRACT 2013-04.

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

This resolution relates to the tie-ins on the upper end of Franklin Street.

It was noted that since Greenland finished, the original contract one crew, consisting of different personnel, has been performing most of the work.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Resolution No. 9874

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA,
AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR STATEMENTS OF
INTEREST FROM ENGINEERING FIRMS TO PROVIDE DESIGN AND
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REGARDING ALL FEDERALLY FUNDED
TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.

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

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

Resolution No. 9875

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO EXTEND THE CURRENT
AGREEMENT WITH URBAN DESIGN VENTURES FOR HUD

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CONSULTING FIRM FOR 45 DAYS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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

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

Nays: None (0).

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NONAGENDA ITEMS

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, Johnstown, addressed Council with regard to the Revitalize Johnstown and the City cleanup scheduled for Sunday, September 18, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. He invited the Councilmembers to the event to assist with the cleanup. A truck will also be provided.

Mayor Janakovic stated that approximately 400 to 500 students from UPJ participated in a recent cleanup of the downtown, West End and Moxham areas. He thanked all for their participation.

Mark Pasquerilla stated he had written a prayer for Council but will save it for another day. He is looking forward to the workshop.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

A workshop will be held following the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.