

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Wednesday, December 9, 2015  
Special Meeting

City Council met in a stated session for the general transaction of business. Mayor Frank Janakovic called the hearing to order at 5:30 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:

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

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Jack Williams, 360 Corinne Street, Johnstown, addressed Council by first thanking Attorney Andrews for responding to his letter of December 4, 2015. He noted his understanding is that the public hearing will not occur tonight, nor will final adoption of the amendment.

Attorney Andrews explained that the Special Meeting will consider the amendment to the budget. Then assuming that passes the budget, it will be put on for public inspection pursuant to the Charter. An advertisement will be placed tomorrow, December 10, 2015, in the Tribune-Democrat in order to meet the ten-day advertisement requirement. A Special Meeting with regard to adoption of the budget will be held on December 22, 2015.

Mr. Williams stated the Charter is clear in what is required with regard to the budget and Bill No. 25 as presented on November 10, 2015. He noted that Counsel has to announce what those amendments are by line item, description and the change, either decreasing or increasing. Another issue concerning Mr. Williams is the budget includes the \$1.1 million, the local service tax which has to be approved by the court. Act 199, which authorizes municipalities to raise that to \$156, stipulates how that money is supposed to be used. Mr. Williams asked Council to identify what portion of that would be going into the categories, noting specifically that it states 25 percent must go in to emergency services. He stated by his calculation that amounts to just less than \$300,000. He believes that Council has the obligation to let the public know if emergency services is going to be the recipient of such funds.

Attorney Andrews explained that the finance director will review the changes to the budget, which will be done publicly later in the meeting. He further explained that Council will comply with the statute with regard to expenditures.

Bethany Peracchino, Finance Director, read into the record the following budget changes: The amendment that occurred at the November meeting, the LST, was originally at \$1,375,000 decreased to \$1,117,500. So the \$257,500 reduction in revenue was due to the increase to the \$21,000 threshold for the LST. So in order to make up that revenue, there was mainly a reduction in the expenditures.

General Fund Revenue, to go line item by line item:

Business Licenses went from \$65,000 to \$70,000 in revenue which is a \$5,000 increase;  
Cable Television Franchise Fee went from \$240,000 to \$250,000, a \$10,000 increase;  
Public Safety Dye Test Certification went from \$10,500 to \$11,500, a \$1,000 increase;  
Fire Department Donations went from \$2,000 to \$3,500, which is a \$1,500 increase;  
Police Department Donations went from \$2,000 to \$3,500, a \$1,500 increase;  
Public Works Service Reimbursement went from \$2,500 to \$11,000, which is a \$8,500 increase.

And the other revenue, school, reimbursement went from \$55,000 to \$70,000, which is a \$15,000 increase. Those are all revenues that increased based on the 2015 actuals.

General Fund Expenses:

Legal Notices and Advertisement went from \$4,000 to \$2,500, which is a \$1,500 decrease;  
Premium Pay in Financial went from \$8,000 to \$1,000, which is a \$7,000 decrease;  
Overtime in Financial went from \$4,000 to \$1,000, which is a \$3,000 decrease;  
Stenographer Services went from \$2,500 to \$1,800, which is a \$1,700 decrease;  
Court Fees went tom \$2,000 to \$750, which is a \$1,250 decrease;  
Labor Negotiator went from \$65,000 to \$20,000, which is a \$45,000 decrease;  
Professional Services went from \$105,000 to \$100,000, which is a \$5,000 decrease;  
Insurance Deductible/Accidents Account went from \$3,000 to \$1,000, which is a \$2,000 decrease; Civil  
Service went from \$3,000 to \$2,000, which is a \$1,000 decrease;  
Government Organization Dues went from \$15,000 to \$9,000, which is a \$6,000 decrease;

- Police Premium Pay went from \$115,000 to \$110,000, which is a \$5,000 decrease;
  - Police Overtime went from \$70,000 to \$60,000, which is a \$10,000 decrease;
  - Police Gas and Oil went from \$52,000 to \$48,000, which is a \$4,000 decrease;
  - Police Repairs and Maintenance Equipment went from \$15,000 to \$12,000, which is a \$3,000 decrease;
  - Police Repairs and Vehicle Maintenance went from \$28,000 to \$22,000, which is a \$6,000 decrease;
  - Police Other Premium Pay went from \$1,500 to \$500, which is a \$1,000 decrease;
  - Police Other Overtime went from \$12,000 to \$9,000, which is a \$3,000 decrease;
  - Police Other Overtime Reimbursable went from \$2,000 to \$0, which is a \$2,000 decrease;
  - Police Other Communications/Telecommunications went from \$12,000 to \$10,500, which is a \$1,500 decrease.
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- Fire other premium pay went from \$70,000 to \$68,000, which is a \$2,000 decrease;
  - Fire Overtime by Workers' Compensation went from \$15,000 to \$4,000, which is an \$11,000 decrease;
  - Fire Gas and Oil went from \$20,000 to \$18,000, which is a \$2,000 decrease;
  - Fire Repairs and Maintenance for Vehicles went from \$28,000 to \$22,000, which is a \$6,000 decrease;
  - Highway Repairs and Maintenance went from \$4,500 to \$1,000, which is a \$3,500 decrease;
  - Highway Repairs and Maintenance Gas and Oil went from \$42,000 to \$38,000, which is a \$4,000 decrease;
  - Highway Tools and Equipment went from \$15,000 to \$8,000, which is a \$7,000 decrease;
  - Highway Safety Clothing went from \$5,000 to \$4,000, which is a \$1,000 decrease;
  - Highway Streetlights went from \$10,000 to \$8,000, which is a \$2,000 decrease;
  - Public Works Vehicle Repairs went from \$28,000 to \$22,000, which is a \$6,000 decrease;
  - Public Highway Reimbursable Streetlights went from \$0 to \$500, which is a \$500 increase;
  - Buildings And Grounds Overtime went from \$2,500 to \$1,800, which is a \$700 decrease;
  - Public Works Natural Gas went from \$28,000 to \$25,000, which is a \$3,000 decrease;

Building And Grounds Electric went from \$65,000 to \$60,000, which is a \$5,000 decrease;  
Buildings And Grounds Repair and Maintenance went from \$70,000 to \$65,000, which is a \$5,000 decrease;  
Mechanical Other Premium Pay went from \$1,200 to \$700, which is a \$500 decrease;  
Mechanical Other Overtime went from \$1,000 to \$500, which is a \$500 decrease;  
Mechanical Gas and Oil went from \$3,000 to \$2,000, which is a \$1,000 decrease;  
Mechanical Vehicle went from \$25,000 to \$22,000, which is a \$3,000 decrease.

Recreation Director's Office Supplies and Expense went from \$250 to \$0, which is a \$250 decrease;  
Recreation Travel went from \$250 to \$0, which is a \$250 decrease;  
Recreation Advertising went from \$500 to \$0, which is a \$500 decrease;  
Recreation Liability Insurance went from \$2,500 to \$1,800, which is a \$700 decrease;  
Other Parks Salary went from \$25,000 to \$24,000, which is a \$1,000 decrease;  
Other Parks Trophies and Awards went from \$2,000 to \$700, which is a \$1,300 decrease;  
Other Parks Playgrounds went from \$10,000 to \$6,000, which is a \$4,000 decrease;  
Roxbury Maintenance and Supplies went from \$10,000 to \$8,000, which is a \$2,000 decrease;  
Roxbury Electric went from \$11,000 to \$10,000, which is a \$1,000 decrease;  
Professional Services went from \$23,250 to \$15,000, which is an \$8,250 decrease;  
Community Development machinery/equipment lease went from \$2,000 to \$1,500, which is a \$500 decrease;  
Transfer to Recreation Point Stadium Operations Subsidy went from \$151,040 to \$127,440, which is a decrease of \$23,600 decrease.

Recreation Fund Revenue:

Gate Ticket Receipts increased from \$15,000 to \$18,000, which is \$3,000 increase;  
Point Stadium Advertising went from \$2,000 to \$3,000, which is a \$1,000 increase;  
Transfers from General Fund went from \$151,040 to \$127,440, which is a \$23,600 decrease in the recreation revenue.

Recreation Fund Expenses:

- Point Stadium premium pay went from \$1,000 to \$250, which is a \$750 decrease;
- Recreation Tournament Expenses went from \$8,000 to \$0, which is an \$8,000 decrease;
- Recreation Communication, Phone went from \$5,500 to \$5,000, which is a \$500 decrease;
- Recreation Advertisement, Legal Notices went from \$1,500 to \$500, which is \$1,000 decrease;
- Recreation Liability Insurance went from \$5,000 to \$2,500, which is a \$2,500 decrease;
- Recreation Electric went from \$40,000 to \$38,000, which is a \$2,000 decrease;
- Recreation Internet/Fire Monitoring went from \$1,600 to \$750, which is an \$850 decrease;
- Recreation Point Stadium repair and light maintenance went from \$14,000 to \$10,000, which is a \$4,000 decrease.

Mayor Janakovic added that these amendments were made specifically to make citizens who earn under \$21,000 ineligible to pay the LST tax.

Attorney Andrews explained that the final budget will be documented with the above line items adjusted.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 9790

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THIS COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE 2016 BUDGET AND BILL NO. 25 OF 2015, 2016 BUDGET RESULTING FROM THE INCREASE OF THE LST LOW INCOME TAX EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIRED \$15,000 A YEAR TO THE \$21,000 A YEAR.

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

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

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Stated Special Meeting, continued

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**