

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, March 8, 2017

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.

Arch Liston, City Manager, offered the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

An Executive Session with regard to litigation and a Workshop with Wessel and Company were held prior to the commencement of the meeting.

The following members of Council were present for roll call:

Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza,
Mr. Williams (6).
Absent: Mr. Johncola.

City Manager Arch Liston and Elizabeth Benjamin, Esquire, City Solicitor, were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve the February 8, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza,
Mr. Williams (6).
Nays: None (0).

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, HONORS, RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

Mayor Janakovic read the following proclamation into the record:

WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis is a neurological disease of the central nervous system affecting 2.3 million people worldwide. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Pennsylvania Keystone Chapter, reports that in our state more than 23,000 people are living with MS, a disease that generally strikes people in the prime of their life and often causes debilitating symptoms. The cause of MS remains unknown and no cure currently exists. For more than 70 years the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been committed to helping free the world of MS by heightening public knowledge about insight into the disease.

Since 1946, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has relentlessly pursued prevention, treatment and a cure for MS by investing more than \$900 million in groundbreaking research. Funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society supports 380 research projects at the best medical centers, universities and institutions throughout the United States and abroad leading to many breakthroughs in the treatment of MS. The City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, recognizes the importance of finding the cause of MS and expresses appreciation for the work being done for creating a world free of this disease.

THEREFORE, I, Frank J. Janakovic, Mayor of the City of Johnstown, do hereby proclaim that March 5 through 11, 2017, shall be known as MS Awareness Week and do commend this observance to all of our citizens. I encourage all Pennsylvanians to learn more about multiple sclerosis and everything they can do to support individuals with MS.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, Johnstown, addressed Council with regard to nondiscrimination and hate crimes ordinances, specifically Ordinances 5 and 6. Mr. DeBartola thanked Councilman Vitovich for introducing the bills. He referred Council members to the roomful of people present to show their support. Mr. DeBartola commented on the current opportunity for the bills to move forward. He urged Council "to take a stand and pass the nondiscrimination ordinances" and "not to give in to hate and discrimination."

Craig Minnick, 424 Palliser Street, Upper Yoder resident and City government employee/ United States Army officer, addressed Council with regard to the Constitution's First Amendment, Freedom of Religion. He commented the anti-discrimination ordinance "tramples First Amendment rights and in no way protects the freedom of speech of residents, business owners or workers in the City of Johnstown." He explained the ordinance would result in unintended serious consequences, including social tension, rather than unity. Mr. Minnick stated there are ways to draft an ordinances to accomplish the goals as discussed by Mr. DeBartola without destroying First Amendment rights. He asked that Council to "vote no tonight and redevelop an ordinance which will have the protections without destroying religions freedoms and freedom of expression" of residents of the community."

Dr. Catherine Ann McCloskey-Ross, 500 Broad Street, Johnstown, addressed Council with regard to anti-discrimination. Dr. McCloskey-Ross discussed the use of public restrooms based on race or gender, as well as the constitution

protecting the rights of religion and the march in Central Park for International Women's Day.

Jay Deaver, Roxbury resident, addressed Council with regard to the anti-discrimination ordinance. He asked Council to "represent everyone", and to "take the interests of everyone into consideration" when voting on this ordinance.

Sarah Barrett, 1212 Christy Drive, Richland, City ACRP employee, addressed Council with regard to the anti-discrimination ordinance and transgender discrimination in the workplace and the community. Ms. Barrett discussed a transgender support group she initiated and which she referred to as the "highlight" of her week. She urged Council to vote for the safety and security of the City.

Richard Will, 508 Glenwood Avenue, Johnstown, employee of the City, addressed Council with regard to anti-discrimination. He is a transgender who suffered from depression and anxiety. He further added that he had not chosen to be this way but knew since he was a young child.

Joseph Taranto, 426 Park Avenue, Johnstown, addressed Council with regard to the anti-discrimination ordinance. He stated there was no reason to keep a person from getting a job or housing "because of whatever reason." Mr. Taranto referred to a previous bill passed in 1980 that stated "color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin or place of birth" and now should include sexual orientation or gender identity.

Joseph Warhul, 44 Clover Street, Johnstown, addressed Council concerning code complaints. He reminded Council members of a picture previously submitted reflecting a property located at 533 Horner Street littered with trash for the third time. He inquired as to the reason for the codes department's disregard of the matter.

Mrs. Stanton was in agreement with Mr. Warhol, and also reports on code violations with no response.

It was noted each Council member received a codes violation report in their packets.

Mr. Liston explained that the City was overwhelmed with the issue, but that all complaints were answered. Mrs. Stanton suggested the codes officer frequently drive by these locations in violation in order to keep updated on the status of the cleanup. Mayor Janakovic suggested authorizing the City Manager to handle the matter.

Mr. Williams explained that the property Mr. Warhul referenced was cleaned up three times and remains a continuing violation. He urged Mr. Liston to provide direction relating to repeat offenders. Mrs. Mock stated the property owner at 533 Horner Street should be contacted regarding the matter.

Ron McRae, Bishop, Anabaptist Church, Johnstown, addressed Council with regard to the anti-discrimination ordinance. He referred to his previous letter addressed to Council. He noted federal and state laws in existence regarding homosexuals. He stated his support for discrimination, "but don't discriminate against me."

Mr. McRae suggested that Council table the matter until there has been sufficient discussion regarding the matter, including the concerns of the churches in the community to "have a law that's agreeable to everyone."

Deacon Jeffrey Wilson, 170 Prospect Street, Johnstown, thanked Mrs. Mock for attending the African American History of Music at the Pyramids. Deacon Wilson encouraged Council members and the City Manager to participate in the police advisory meetings. The next meeting will be held on March 20, 2017, at 5:15 in Council Chambers.

He noted a televised Day with Captain Miller that reviewed the activities of the police advisory board. Deacon Wilson discussed the goals of the board. He noted a scholarship program to encourage a career as a policeman or fireman in the City. Deacon Wilson requested an update on the new businesses coming into the area, as well as an update regarding the Conrad Building.

Andrea Ryan, 190 Derby Street, Johnstown, addressed Council with regard to the anti-discrimination ordinances. Ms. Ryan suggested placing the ordinances online for clarification and review.

Ms. Ryan suggested removing the word "prejudice" from the language in the bills and follow the lead of the residents as opposed to the personal positions of Council members. She urged Council not to pass the ordinances. She suggested transforming the ordinances into referendums for the residents to decide the matter.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

Arch Liston, City Manager, stated the crime reports as reported to the State of Pennsylvania by the Johnstown Police Department during the 2015/2016 period indicated crime was down 16 percent, a decrease in overall crime.

Mr. Liston reported on Captain Miller working with the school resource officer concerning the police explorer program, which will involve youth working with the police department.

Captain Miller noted the program was the result of a partnership with the Boy Scouts of America. He further discussed the program.

Mayor Janakovic also met with the Boy Scouts relating to a special needs program for autistic children.

The City Manager updated Council on the Drug Fund Audit and the awaited response from the District Attorney's office.

He noted the City's new website will tie into the economic development issues that have arisen relating to business opportunities. Supporting documentation on the ordinances will be placed online along with Council's agenda.

Mr. Liston stated a change in code enforcement will be definite within the next 60 to 90 days.

Mr. Williams referred to his letter on the Moxham substation for further discussion. Mr. Liston explained that getting involved in a former gas station means making sure environmental issues are addressed. Mr. Williams stated if the matter is confidential, mark it that way. He received a phone call regarding the matter and had no further details. Mrs. Mock commented on her presence at the meeting and that Ms. Daly had mentioned the matter "only in passing." Mrs. Stanton had not been informed about the matter either.

Mrs. Stanton also commented on the poor road conditions on Franklin Street and Plainfield Avenue. She noted the manholes have dropped down, and cars are swerving into the other lane to avoid impact with the drop-offs.

Mrs. Stanton made a motion directing the City Manager to contact the responsible parties to take corrective actions on Franklin Street and Plainfield Avenue.

Andy Fedorko explained that slag was used in the trench lines, and that after the first winter, the slag expanded. Greenland Construction milled and repaved the

road, but the road continued to heave and the warranty has expired. He noted that PennDOT plans on milling and overlaying Franklin Street and Washington Street up to the City limits in 2018 after the completion of the sewer work in that area.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock. There was further discussion on the matter. Mr. Liston will obtain clarification from PennDOT.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mr. Williams,
Mayor Janakovic (6).

Nays: None (0).

REPORT BY THE MAYOR

Frank Janakovic, Mayor, commented on the positive happenings in Johnstown. He noted his recent attendance at the Ice Fun Fest at PNG Park.

He stated the Junior Wrestling Tournament was recently held at the Cambria County War Memorial. The Pennsylvania Wine Festival also held an event at the Pasquerilla Conference Center.

The Mayor stated the Stone Bridge Brewing Company had a soft opening in the old Glosser Building but will officially open sometime in June.

He encouraged everyone to visit Lambcakes, a new bakery in downtown Johnstown.

Mayor Janakovic noted the Johnstown Middle School recently hosted a job fair.

The Mayor noted his attendance at a recent bell ceremony held at the St. Casimir's Church in Cambria City. The church will be known as the Casimir Cultural Center after its renovation and will include Pivo, a Carpatho-Rusyn restaurant. He further noted the renovations to the former St. Columba Church.

Mayor Janakovic reported the Pittsburgh Technology Council will place a story in the Cambria County's Bridge to Pittsburgh Initiative in May.

He stated Pipeline, Incorporated, was in the process of moving into the old Aspen site. An open house will be held soon.

The Mayor noted that Josh Gallagher was recently present for an event at the Cambria County War Memorial and the Holiday Inn.

He congratulated Mary Borkow on the success of the Bandshell raffle that was recently held. Mr. Janakovic reminded everyone of the Bandshell's free concerts held every Sunday throughout the summer.

Mr. Janakovic noted his attendance at a Black History Program recently held at Christ Centered Community Church.

The Mayor congratulated Bob Eyer who was recently honored at a dinner for his work with the Boy Scouts and veterans throughout the area.

Mr. Janakovic held a slide presentation for the John P. Gunther Community Leadership Group relating to the positive undertakings of City.

The Mayor asked Council to draft a letter of support to Congressman Rothfus pertaining to cosponsored Bill HR 465, which would change the enforcement mandates of the stipulating agencies studying the financial condition of both of the municipality and the persons in the service area of the municipality. The following factors will also be considered: Socioeconomic indicators such as income, unemployment data, population trends and impacts on low-income households.

Mr. Janakovic noted this money would go directly to individuals, households and neighbors with regard to the sewer project.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to draft a letter of support to Congressman Rothfus regarding Bill HR 465. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stanton.

Council requested to review a copy of the letter before being sent.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mr. Williams,
Mayor Janakovic (6).

Nays: None (0).

REPORT BY THE CITY SOLICITOR

The City Solicitor noted the City Administration's recommendation that Bill Nos. 10 and 11, appearing under Ordinances for First Read as 3 and 4, be pursued instead of Bill Nos. 7 and 8 appearing there as 1 and 2, which are similar ordinances pertaining to budget transfers.

Ms. Benjamin explained that with reference to the resolution appearing as number 9, the Brownfield grant, Council approved that pending Solicitor approval as there are remaining matters to be addressed. Additional questions regarding the resolution will be addressed when the resolution is discussed.

Mr. Williams discussed membership on three different boards by one person. He suggested the individual be asked to choose one board to serve on.

Mr. Williams made a motion directing the Solicitor to contact Mr. Arnone and provide him with the necessary information and statutes regarding membership on different boards. That Mr. Arnone be given the opportunity to decide whether to remain on the Civil Service Board, and that by doing so, he would have to relinquish his seat on the Housing Authority as well as the Zoning Hearing Board. If Mr. Arnone would choose to resign from the Civil Service Board, he may remain on the Housing Authority and the Zoning Hearing Board. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mr. Williams,
Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock (6).
Nays: None (0).

Mr. Williams made a motion to request Mr. Vukovich to voluntarily resign his position on the Johnstown Housing Authority based on Cambria County court records. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stanton and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Vizza, Mr. Williams, Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock,
Mrs. Stanton (5).
Nays: None (0).
Mr. Vitovich abstained from voting on the motion.

Ms. Benjamin will send a letter to Mr. Vukovich with regard to the matter.

REPORT BY THE CITY ENGINEER

Andy Fedorko, EADS Group, referred Council to his report for further discussion.

Mr. Williams discussed sewer work in Lower Yoder Township being completed up to the foundation. He requested Ms. Benjamin inquire of DEP whether or not the City would be able to do the same thing. Mr. Fedorko explained that at one time the City did meet with DEP on the matter, and to do that, the City would need to acquire an easement to own up to that lateral point to stop the installation.

Mayor Janakovic explained that at the time an alternative choice in lieu of an easement was conducting curb-to-curb paving.

Mr. Fedorko explained the easement alternative by stating the projects completed up to within five feet of the foundation are being paid by the municipality, which then owns the lateral on that private property. There was further discussion on the matter.

Mrs. Stanton made a motion requesting Ms. Benjamin contact the DEP to find out whether or not pressure testing of a line can be taken just to the foundation rather than pressure testing underground piping in the basement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Williams and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Vizza, Mr. Williams, Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton,
Mr. Vitovich. (6).

Nays: None (0).

Mr. Fedorko clarified that the EADS Group does not install laterals nor provide estimates.

Mrs. Stanton made a motion for the rain spouts and sump pumps to be immediately disconnected from the sewage system. The motion was seconded by Mr. Williams.

The City Manager stated immediate legal action would have to be taken against the noncompliant property owners at this point.

Mr. Fedorko explained the property owners may disconnect downspouts, and then after the completion of the improvements, may tie the downspouts back into the old laterals. There was further discussion with regard to enforcing the ordinance already in existence with regard to downspouts.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL READ AND ADOPTION:

BILL NO. 3 OF 2017, AN ORDINANCE VACATING CENTAUR PLACE BETWEEN GARFIELD STREET AND M STREET NEXT TO THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 280 FAIRFIELD AVENUE, IN JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AS A PUBLIC THOROUGHFARE.

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

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza,
Mr. Williams (6).

Nays: None (0).

BILL NO. 5 OF 2017, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4174, PASSED FINALLY JANUARY 23, 1980, TITLED: AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS AND OTHER AREAS OF INTERGROUP RELATIONS IN THE SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, REQUIRING FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES, FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES AND FAIR PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION PRACTICES BY PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING AND PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, ANCESTRY, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN OR PLACE OF BIRTH; ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS AND PRESCRIBING THE POWERS AND DUTIES THEREOF; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES; BY FURTHER AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS TO PROHIBIT PRACTICES OF PREJUDICE AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST INDIVIDUALS BY REASON OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION.

Mayor Janakovic made a motion to further discuss the ordinance.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to table the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vizza. The motion was withdrawn.

The motion to further discuss the ordinance was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.

Ms. Benjamin explained that neither the federal anti-discrimination statute, such as Title 7 or Title 9 that applies to educational institutions, nor the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act currently identify the protected categories of sexual

orientation or gender identity and expression. Pennsylvania Governor Wolf issued two executive orders to address protection for these categories relative to state employees and state contract compliance. Many municipalities in counties within Pennsylvania have adopted the executive orders locally, but there are no current protections under the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act or its counterparts in federal law.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to table the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vizza and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vizza, Mayor Janakovic (4).

Nays: Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Williams (2).

BILL NO. 6 OF 2017, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 4654 TITLED: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE FOR THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, DESIGNATING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL, THE CITY MANAGER AND OTHER MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS, PASSED FINALLY ON OCTOBER 27, 1993, AND AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NOS. 4693, 4731, 4894, 4880, 4902, 4908, 4991, 5015, 5024, 5034, 5042, 5055, 5058, 5069, 5177, 5194 AND 5199, BY FURTHER AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE TITLE TEN - OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES GENERALLY TO PROHIBIT PRACTICES OF PREJUDICE AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST INDIVIDUALS BY REASON OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve the ordinance.

Mr. Vizza made a motion to table the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Williams.

Mrs. Stanton made a motion to amend the ordinance by removing the word prejudice. There was no second to the motion.

The motion to table the ordinance failed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Vizza, Mr. Williams (2).

Nays: Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich, Mayor Janakovic (4).

The motion to approve the ordinance was seconded by Mayor Janakovic and passed by the following vote:

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

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

BILL NO. 9 OF 2017, AN ORDINANCE TITLED: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4719, PASSED FINALLY APRIL 12, 1995, AND AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 5062, PASSED FINALLY MARCH 24, 2010, TITLED: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PERSONNEL POLICY FOR ALL CITY OF JOHNSTOWN EMPLOYEES BY FURTHER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND POLICIES FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN BY FURTHER AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS TO PROVIDE UPDATED PROCEDURES AND POLICIES FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN.

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

Mr. Liston noted this ordinance updates the personnel policy by providing additional clarification.

Mr. Williams noted his proposed amendment to this bill adding a stipulation that the finance director would be responsible for the job description.

Ms. Benjamin explained the bill regarded personnel records and that Bill No. 9 does include the change. Ms. Benjamin noted for the record this personnel policy in accordance with the preceding approval of Bill No. 6 provides an amendment to protect the categories of sexual orientation under identity and expression.

The motion to approve the ordinance passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mr. Williams, Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton (6).

Nays: None (0).

Mrs. Mock explained her motion to table Bill No. 5 was to fairly and legally address the concerns on both sides and in order to amicably resolve the matter.

Mayor Janakovic suggested the City Manager work with both groups to satisfactorily draft an ordinance regarding the matter.

The City Manager stated that it will be safer to move forward on the matter after it is resolved at the federal level.

Ms. Benjamin commented the Supreme Court sent a decision on March 4, 2017, following the Trump Administration's rescission of President Obama's order addressing transgender rights, particularly in school districts. She stated this case would certainly be applicable if and when it is decided by the federal circuit, primarily the U.S. Supreme Court.

SHORT RECESS TAKEN

Mayor Janakovic called the meeting back to order.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS

Mr. Vitovich noted the Johnstown Housing Authority's request for larger recycling bins due to an increase in the amount of recycling at the towers.

Mr. Vitovich noted his attendance at a meeting in January with the Johnstown Housing Authority and the Johnstown Police Department. There was discussion with regard to placement of additional cameras at the public housing communities. Mr. Vitovich commended the cooperation between the two entities. Acting Chief Janciga remarked that quarterly meetings are being planned going forward.

Mrs. Mock reported the United Neighborhood Association will be holding a Q&A session March 28, 2017, at the Christ Centered community Church. She noted her attendance at the Martin Luther event at the high school and the NAACP event recently held in Central Park.

Mrs. Mock completed a grant for additional cameras at the Oakhurst Playground. Mrs. Mock will invite Ronna Yablonski, Executive Director of the Cambria County Drug Coalition, to attend the workshop prior to the April meeting.

The West End Improvement Group Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 8 at the Skate Park. Mrs. Mock and Keith met with the City Manager, Renee Daly and codes personnel in connection with the rental inspection ordinance.

Mrs. Mock noted her attendance at a recent Seventh Ward Civic Association Meeting where there was discussion relating to the drug overdoses, the related expenses and stress placed on EMS personnel.

She attended a meeting in Roxbury where resident concerns were addressed, including lighting at the park. Road conditions on Franklin Street were also discussed. Mrs. Mock and Ms. Daly attended a Moxham meeting where neighborhood concerns were addressed.

Mrs. Mock noted the West End Improvement Group scheduled a Trash and Treasures fundraising event for April 22, 2017.

Mrs. Stanton thanked an off-duty police officer for his valiant efforts during a recent fire on Derby Street in Roxbury. She offered her thanks to the Johnstown Fire Department for responding quickly to the scene.

The Outreach Committee, Roxbury St. Paul's United Methodist Church, will be reaching out to community residents to help with cutting grass. She asked that interested individuals contact the church at 535-5049.

Mayor Janakovic noted working with the court system with kids that must work off time or fines. He suggested the two groups work together and coordinate their efforts.

Mrs. Stanton thanked the owner of a new Moxham business, Slammin Sams, for remodeling, expanding and staying in the area.

Mrs. Stanton thanked Pastor Bob and his outreach group who meets every Saturday morning at Moxham Lutheran Church to pick up litter.

She noted her attendance at a Moxham neighborhood watch meeting in January with regard to the formation of MCAP, Moxham Citizens Action Project. Mrs. Stanton provided a history of the group which urges residents to report code violations. It was noted MCAP met with Council a few years ago at which time Council gave permission for the group to communicate with the City Solicitor regarding questions. She stated that when the independent MCAP group met with Council at a workshop session, concerns were raised regarding the legality of providing copies of code complaints. Mrs. Stanton noted a past concern for a group to be able to receive a copy of a code complaint and not an individual resident.

Ms. Benjamin noted individuals who are not members of City Council or a board, authority or commission of the City typically cannot seek legal advice from the solicitor.

Ms. Daly explained how the City Codes Department determines the actions to be taken on code complaints. Mrs. Mock commended the Moxham community for taking the time investigate sites in violation and then taking the time to report to the City for further action. There will be further discussion with as to the information the City can legally release.

Mrs. Stanton noted her attendance at the recent Seventh Ward Civic Association meeting. It was noted at the meeting that overdoses were down last month. She further noted if an individual is given Narcan and chooses not to go to the hospital, the ambulance association does not get paid for the call. Mrs. Stanton noted the hospital supplies the Narcan. Bingo is held each Thursday night at 6:00.

Mrs. Stanton noted her attendance at the Martha and Mary open house. She wished the organization well.

COUNCIL UPDATES:

1. Planning Commission Minutes of February 2, 2017.
2. Letter from Jack Williams and Charlene Stanton February 15, 2017 re: Tabled Professional Engineering Solicitation.
3. Letter from Jack Williams and Charlene Stanton February 27, 2017 re: Moxham Substation.
4. Code complaints from C. Stanton - 13; D. Callahan - 4; W. Penrose - 8; W. Keiper - 1; J. Warhul - 5; L. Yutzey - 4; J. Williams - 5.

PETITIONS

None

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READ

BILL NO. 7 OF 2017, AN ORDINANCE OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 5213, PASSED FINALLY ON DECEMBER 29, 2016, CITY OF JOHNSTOWN BUDGET TO AMEND THE 2017 BUDGET TO PROPERLY ALLOCATE REVENUE AND EXPENSES RELATING TO THE DELINQUENT

BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX COLLECTED AND RECEIVED BY
TURNKEY TAXES ON 1/13/17 AND TO PROPERLY ALLOCATE THE
TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM ITC TO PARKING FUND.

BILL NO. 8 OF 2017, AN ORDINANCE OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 5214,
PASSED FINALLY ON DECEMBER 29, 2016, CITY OF JOHNSTOWN
2017 WAGE AND SALARY ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2017 WAGE
AND SALARY ORDINANCE TO BE PAID ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS
AND EMPLOYEES OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND
BUREAUS OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FOR THE CALENDAR
YEAR WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE THE DAY AFTER FINAL
APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL.

Mr. Williams made a motion to remove Bill Nos. 7 and 8 from table for the purpose
of withdrawal. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock and passed by the
following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Vizza, Mr. Williams, Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton,
Mr. Vitovich (6).

Nays: None (0).

Mr. Williams made a motion to withdraw Bill Nos. 7 and 8. The motion was
seconded by Mrs. Mock and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Williams, Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton,
Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza (6).

Nays: None (0).

BILL NO. 10 OF 2017, AN ORDINANCE OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 5213,
PASSED FINALLY ON DECEMBER 29, 2016, CITY OF JOHNSTOWN
BUDGET TO AMEND THE 2017 BUDGET TO PROPERLY ALLOCATE
REVENUE AND EXPENSES RELATING TO THE DELINQUENT
BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX COLLECTED AND RECEIVED BY
TURNKEY TAXES ON 1/13/17 AND TO PROPERLY ALLOCATE THE
TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM ITC TO PARKING FUND.

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

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza,
Mr. Williams (6).
Nays: None (0).

BILL NO. 11 OF 2017, AN ORDINANCE OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 5214 PASSED FINALLY ON DECEMBER 29, 2016 CITY OF JOHNSTOWN 2017 WAGE AND SALARY ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2017 WAGE AND SALARY ORDINANCE TO BE PAID ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND BUREAUS OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE THE DAY AFTER FINAL APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL.

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

Mrs. Stanton commented this ordinance would add positions, but a hiring freeze was recommended by the Act 47 team.

The City Manager explained that it was recommended by the team to hire a Right to Know person.

The motion to approve the ordinance was passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mayor Janakovic (4).
Nays: Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Williams (2).

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROCESS AND MAKE PAYMENT IN AN AMOUNT OF (\$90,000) NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS TO CROWN CONVENTION CENTER FROM THE 2017 CITY OF JOHNSTOWN'S ADOPTED OPERATING BUDGET; CAPITAL FUND LINE ITEM 18-48928-196.00 TITLED CAPITAL PROJECT 'UNCLASSIFIED MISC. EXPENSES, AS PARTIAL PAYMENT FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES DUE CROWN PURSUANT TO LEASE AGREEMENT EXECUTED ON

MAY 8, 2003; AND AS AMENDED ON DECEMBER 13, 2007, FOR OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY'S CONVENTION CENTER (Tabled February 8, 2017).

Mr. Vizza made a motion to remove from table. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock.

Mr. Liston noted the receipt of a letter requesting that Council address the roof issues first and then move on to the new carpeting issue afterwards. Mayor Janakovic noted a letter from Mr. Barletta enclosed in the packet.

The motion to remove from table passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mayor Janakovic (4).
Nays: Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Williams (2).

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve the resolution as read. There was no second to the motion.

This is a resolution for the payment of carpeting. Ms. Benjamin explained that a no vote would be to not pay for it at this point in time.

The motion to approve the resolution failed by the following vote:

Yeas: None (0).
Nays: Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mr. Williams, Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock (6).

Resolution No.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE SANITARY SEWER UPGRADES. (Tabled February 8, 2017).

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

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mr. Williams (5).
Nays: Mrs. Stanton (1).

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the resolution as read. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock. There was further discussion regarding the resolution.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yeas: None (0).

Nays: Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mr. Williams, Mayor Janakovic (6).

Resolution No.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE SPECIAL AUDITING OF AGREEMENTS, ADDENDUMS, TASK ORDERS EXECUTED BY FORMER CITY MANAGER KRISTEN L. DENNE WITH THE EADS GROUP FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 28, 2010, THROUGH JUNE 12, 2014.

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

Mr. Liston explained a review would be conducted to provide just cause to incur the additional expense of a forensic audit.

Mr. Williams commented that in 2010 Council had adopted a resolution authorizing Ms. Denne to execute an agreement with EADS for \$353,000, which she then on her own added \$3.2 million to that agreement without authorization from Council. Mr. Williams offered a further explanation of the matter. Mr. Williams expressed his concern for additional instances that Ms. Denne may have executed agreements without the direction of Council.

Mr. Liston explained that following the completion of the final audit, Council has liability for the misappropriation of funds. He suggested that Wessel review the matter, and if there were a discrepancy, another auditor be brought in to reaudit the programs.

Mr. Liston explained that the structure of the City's administration without a clerk would be very much weakened, because the City clerk "is the conduit to

all of that process of maintaining contracts and records." After additional discussion on the matter, the resolution was withdrawn.

Resolution No.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY SOLICITOR TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF SEEKING REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FROM INTERESTED PARTIES OR THE PLACEMENT OF MULTIPLE EXTERIOR ADVERTISING BILLBOARD TYPE SIGNAGE AT JOHNSTOWN POINT STADIUM.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stanton.

Ms. Daly commented that the Zoning Ordinance would permit a nonelectric billboard and also only the advertising City of Johnstown activities. Mr. Williams noted there are advertisement restrictions with regard to the inside of the Point Stadium. He noted there may also be an agreement that the AAABA has exclusive rights for advertising during AAABA week. Mr. Williams suggested contacting Lamar Advertising as to the placement of the billboards on the exterior of the Point Stadium. Ms. Benjamin will obtain additional information on the matter.

Mr. Williams made a motion to table pending receipt of additional information. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mr. Williams,
Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock (6).

Nays: None (0).

Mayor Janakovic requested Ms. Daly review the Lamar contracts to see if the rates are fixed or based on the advertisement.

Resolution No.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR

THE NAMING RIGHTS TO JOHNSTOWN'S POINT STADIUM FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED TEN (10) YEARS.

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

Yeas: Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mr. Williams, Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton (6).

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SEEKING A MONTHLY REPORT/RECAP OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY'S DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO BE PROVIDED TO COUNCIL AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING FOLLOWING THE PRIOR MONTH ENDING.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stanton.

Mrs. Stanton requested that Council be updated on projects that it will be voting on as well as the resolution of the code complaints. Mr. Liston stated Council will be updated regularly and provided emails in advance of meetings. After further discussion on the format of the information, the resolution was withdrawn.

Resolution No. 9922

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE MUNICIPALITIES FINANCIAL RECOVERY ACT, ACT 47 OF 1987, TO FUND THE EVALUATION OF CAPITAL ASSETS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83,000.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stanton.

The City Manager explained this resolution relates to the monetization of assets.

The motion to approve the resolution passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Williams, Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton,
Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza (6).

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 9923

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING A POLICY CHANGE FOR CITY PENSION SYSTEM INVESTMENTS, INCLUDING POLICE, FIRE, SEWER AND NONUNIFORM EMPLOYEES.

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

Mr. Liston explained this resolution was recommended by the City's investment group that oversees investments. The resolution will change the percent of equity for investment from 60 to 65 percent and was reviewed by all of the pension groups listed above. There was further discussion regarding the resolution.

The motion to approve the resolution passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza,
Mr. Williams (6).

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No.

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH TETRA TECH INC. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BEGINNING MARCH 9, 2017, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2019, FOR THE BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT AND REVITALIZATION PROJECT THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE \$400,000 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BROWNFIELD GRANT

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock.

Ms. Benjamin explained that tabling the matter was discussed during the recess.

After further discussion, Mrs. Mock made a motion to table. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mr. Williams,
Mayor Janakovic (6).

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 9924

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SIPPEL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC., AWARDED CONTRACT 2017-03 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MOXHAM PART II SANITARY-STORM SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT.

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

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

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

Resolution No. 9925

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SIPPEL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC., AWARDED CONTRACT 2017-04 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MOXHAM PART II SANITARY/STORM SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT.

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

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

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

Resolution No. 9926

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EXECUTE TASK ORDER NO. 38 TO THE EADS GROUP, INC. FOR THE DESIGN, BIDDING, CONSTRUCTION, ADMINISTRATION, PREPARATION OF FUNDING APPLICATIONS, PREPARATION OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS, ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDING AND INSPECTION SERVICES OF THE FAIRFIELD AVENUE SANITARY/STORM SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT.

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

It was noted this resolution pertains to a new project on Fairfield Avenue.

The motion to approve the resolution passed by the following vote:

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

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

Resolution No. 9927

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO TASK ORDER NO. 29 TO THE EADS GROUP, INCORPORATED, FOR ADDITIONAL BASIC ENGINEERING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH ADDITIONAL ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION WORK UNDER CONTRACT 2016-09-MAIN STREET EAST PARKING GARAGE REHABILITATION PROJECT PHASE II.

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

It was noted Phase II was approximately 90 percent completed and included the change to LED lighting and addressed electrical wiring issues.

The motion to approve the resolution passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Vizza, Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich (4).
Nays: Mr. Williams, Mrs. Stanton (2).

Resolution No. 9928

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN DOCUMENTS TO ACCEPT 2016 GRANT FUNDING AWARD FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stanton.

Chief Kovacic explained this resolution relates to the State Fire Commissioner's Grant in the amount of \$15,000 to be used for equipment.

The motion to approve the resolution passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Williams, Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza (6).
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 9929

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO INITIATE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO ELIMINATE THE RESPECTIVE 2017 CITY OF JOHNSTOWN OPERATING BUDGET DEFICIT BALANCES, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY DETAILED BELOW.

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

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mr. Williams (6).
Nays: None (0).

Mr. Williams referred to similar transfers that only required a memo. He asked that those transfers be made a part of the record.

Resolution No. 9930

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A COMMUNITY CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,000.

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

Mrs. Stanton commented most grant applications relate to the downtown and inquired as to the availability for grant funding for the other neighborhoods. It was explained that a neighborhood group took the initiative to apply for funding for a plan, and that this resolution was for the implementation of that plan. Mrs. Mock discussed the United Neighborhood Association's goal to get neighborhoods organized in order to come to the City with a plan and apply for a grant.

Mayor Janakovic suggested that the groups join Vision 2025, which has grants available through the Community Foundation. He noted John Dubnansky is a grant writer with the county and has helped many groups obtain funding. Mr. Williams commented the City has staff which can also look into grant funding. The matter was further discussed.

The motion to approve the resolution passed by the following vote:

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

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

MOTIONS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Vizza asked Ms. Benjamin and Mr. Liston to review the contract between the City of Johnstown and Atlantic Broadband to address customer concerns, including the expiration of the contract and dialog regarding the ability to pick and choose channels.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT-NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mike Artim, 245 Market Street, Johnstown, updated Council on the Vision 2025 group. He stated 30 groups of federal, state and local agencies met on February 23, 2017, and discussed the vision and goals for Johnstown. Mr. Artim commented that 22 project leaders compared notes for the projects that are currently taking place in the City. He referred to the \$25,000 in available grant money for projects. Mr. Artim discussed 814 Worx, a co-working incubator space located in the Feeder Canal Building.

Mr. Artim noted that a discussion relating to the rivers will be held at the Heritage Discovery Center on March 15, 2017. On March 28, 2017, a United Neighborhood Citizens forum will be held. Mr. Artim discussed the Pittsburgh Tech Council, which the Chamber has joined to create a bridge to Pittsburgh to get companies to work with companies in Cambria County.

Mr. Artim stated groups may attend startup sessions every month.

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, Johnstown, addressed Council with regard to local government. Mr. DeBartola apologized to Mr. Williams for offending him with his comments. He will inquire as to the status of the hate crimes bill privately or at the monthly meetings. Mr. DeBartola commented that his race for mayor is "about the issues", including drugs, jobs and the economy. He wished Mr. Williams and Mayor Janakovic "the best of luck" in the race.

Scott Wilhelm, a nonresident, was not permitted to speak, but would be able to speak at a workshop session. Mr. Williams suggested that a proclamation be prepared with regard to the Veteran's Suicide Awareness Walk.

Sharon Honkus, 345 Main Street, Johnstown, downtown business owner, addressed Council with regard to comments made by Councilmembers. She referred to comments made by Mr. Williams at the last Council meeting that are still "resonating" throughout the City.

Ms. Benjamin requested that Ms. Honkus address her comments to Council as a whole.

Ms. Honkus stated that comments about the viability of the central business district was detrimental to current businesses, and that the City needs "serious people with serious answers."

Jeremy Shearer, 104 Franklin Street, Johnstown, owner/operator of Press Bistro, addressed Council regarding comments made by Council. He provided background information regarding his family, business and employees. Mr. Shearer stated his restaurant has grown and currently open seven days a week. The restaurant has been published in national magazines and won national awards for food and the impact of his restaurant for the City of Johnstown. He encouraged Council to not highlight the negatives but to focus on the positives and support the downtown businesses.

Michelle Geisel, 407 Main Street, Johnstown, owner of the Vault Salon and Spa, addressed Council with regard to Johnstown's central business district. She discussed the history of her business and the help she received when starting her business. She noted that sales have increased over the last four years and continues to look for support from Council.

Taylor Clark, 525 Main Street, Johnstown, co-owner of Miller's of Johnstown, Incorporated, addressed Council with regard to comments made by Council that the central business district was not dead. He provided a history of his business that had been passed down through each generation. Mr. Clark noted recent renovations inside to his business and outside renovations to be made in the spring. He hopes to continue to make it profitable and hopes that downtown Johnstown "will be as big as it once was."

Mayor Janakovic encouraged everyone to visit Miller's Store to see the renovations.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2017.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.