

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL  
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, January 2, 2018

City Council met in a stated session for the general transaction of business. Mayor Frank Janakovic called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Reverend Sylvia King offered the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following members of Council were present for roll call:

Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Williams (7).

Mayor Janakovic welcomed new Council members Ricky Britt and Reverend Sylvia King.

Interim City Manager Curt Davis, as well as Elizabeth Benjamin, Esquire, and Carl Beard, Esquire, City Solicitors, were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve the November 27, 2017 Workshop Minutes and November 27, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich (4).  
Nays: None (0).  
Present: Mr. Britt, Mrs. Stanton (2).  
Abstention: Mr. Williams (1).

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, HONORS, RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, Johnstown, addressed Council with regard to the appointment of an interim city manager. Mr. DeBartola commented that the appointment to the position should have been "top priority" and a candidate should be voted on at today's meeting.

Mr. DeBartola stated the only way to bring "true change" was by new appointments to the boards, including the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority, and not reappointments of the same people.

Mrs. Stanton agreed with Mr. DeBartola. She stated several well-qualified, well-educated applicants have responded to the advertisement for the City Manager position, but no interviews had been scheduled.

Mrs. Mock stated a meeting was held regarding the matter, which she and Mr. Williams did not attend. Mayor Janakovic noted the applicants did not meet the qualifications for the city manager position, and the matter was decided at that meeting.

Mrs. Stanton referred to that meeting as being "improper". Mr. Williams commented, "The proper protocol was not followed." There was further discussion regarding the matter.

Joseph Warhul, Clover Street, Johnstown, discussed the agenda resolutions, specifically Resolution 13, relating to the need for a database of vacant and blighted properties. He encouraged Council members to vote "yes" to the resolution. Interim City Manager Curt Davis agreed with Mr. Warhul and stated the matter would be given high priority.

#### REORGANIZATION APPOINTMENTS:

##### 1. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

###### Resolution No. 10034

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO ELECT \_\_\_\_\_ AS  
DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 2018-2019 VIA A  
NOMINATION VOTE.

Mr. Williams made a motion to nominate Reverend Sylvia King.

Mrs. Stanton made a motion to nominate Jack Williams.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to nominate Marie Mock.

Mr. Williams thanked Mrs. Stanton for the nomination, but noted he was not interested in applying to be "first mate on the Titanic."

Reverend King thanked Mr. Williams for his "vote of confidence" but declined the nomination.

The motion to nominate Marie Mock passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Britt (5).  
Nays: Mr. Williams, Mrs. Stanton (2).

## 2. APPOINTMENT OF CITY MANAGER

### Resolution No. 10035

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPOINTING \_\_\_\_\_ TO  
SERVE AS INTERIM CITY MANAGER FOR THE LIMITED TERM  
COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2018 AND ENDING NO LATER THAN  
JUNE 30TH, 2018.

Mr. Williams made a motion to nominate former City Solicitor David Andrews.  
Mr. Vitovich made a motion to nominate Curt Davis.

The following are votes for Mr. Davis:  
Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic (5).

The following are votes for Mr. Andrews:  
Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Williams (2).

Curt Davis was willing to serve as Interim City Manager under the condition that a "serious search continues" for the city manager position. Mr. Davis would only require two days' notice should a suitable candidate be found.

Mayor Janakovic stated the position would be re-advertised. He suggested a meeting be scheduled for reconsideration of one of the candidates.

There was further discussion regarding the matter.

### 3. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

#### Resolution No. 10036

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING COUNCIL  
COMMITTEES AND APPOINTING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS FOR  
THE CALENDAR YEARS 2018-2019.

Councilmembers were questioned as to their desire to retain their committee status or change.

Mayor Janakovic noted Discover Downtown committee meetings and legislative affairs committee meetings. Mrs. Mock reported on the Community and Economic Development committee meetings.

There was further discussion concerning the placement of committee reports on Council's agenda.

Mrs. Stanton declined to be appointed to any committee for the reason that the committees were not meeting. Mrs. Mock stated committee meetings are not public meetings. The Interim City Manager explained that previously committee meetings could be held anywhere, but a committee meeting could be requested for 5:00 p.m. before the regular Council meeting should a matter of importance need to be discussed with Council informally. There was further discussion regarding the placement of committee reports on the agenda.

Reverend King requested to be considered for the Recreation and Community and Economic Development Committees.

Mr. Britt requested to be considered for the Community and Economic Development and the Downtown Committees.

Mrs. Stanton requested to be considered for the Vacant Property Review Committee. She declined an offer to serve on the Recreation Committee with Reverend King.

Mr. Vitovich requested an update with regard to the committees, boards and authorities' members' terms and expirations.

The following committees would include the members as follows:

Downtown Committee: Mayor Janakovic and Councilman Britt  
Recreation Committee: Reverend King  
Community and Economic  
Development Committee: Mrs. Mock, Reverend King and Mr. Britt.

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, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Williams, Mr. Britt,  
Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King (7).  
Nays: None (0).

## BOARDS, AUTHORITIES AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

### 1. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD VACANCIES

Mayor Janakovic reappointed Monsignor Balta to the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority for a term to expire December 31, 2021.

There was discussion regarding the available loans and contractors for residents with regard to the sewage upgrade.

Mrs. Stanton made a motion to extend the joint billing/RDM contract until the February meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Williams, Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic,  
Reverend King, Mrs. Mock (7).  
Nays: None (0).

There was further discussion regarding the combined billing. The billing will be clarified further at the next meeting.

## REPORT BY THE CITY MANAGER

Interim City Manager, Curt Davis, reported on noise complaints. He will investigate and advise the EADS contractor of the ordinance. He noted blight demo would be moving forward with the Community Foundation agreement in place in the amount of \$3,600.

Mr. Davis will follow up with code violations recently received from Councilwoman Stanton.

The Interim City Manager suggested monthly RFPs for professional services.

Mrs. Stanton confirmed the earlier commencement of work on Cypress Avenue than seven o'clock. She stated the contractor should be fined for a codes violation. She questioned why Sippel Development's unlicensed trailer was moved from Cypress Avenue to Grove Avenue. Mrs. Stanton noted that the Codes Department commented that it was not a Codes matter but a police matter. Mr. Davis will investigate the matter further.

Mrs. Stanton stated a report, that had been filed on July 5, 2017, with regard to vacant property on Cypress Avenue, was followed up recently by another report of starving dogs at the property site. She questioned why the windows on the property were not boarded. If the property had been checked into back in July, the incident with the dogs dying at the site could have been avoided.

Mr. Vitovich discussed complaints with regard to the snowplow drivers driving too fast while plowing snow.

Mr. Britt discussed complaints in relation to times for street cleaning nights not being observed by Public Works. Mr. Vitovich stated the time for cleaning the streets had been changed to a 4:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon schedule and that signage would need to be changed accordingly.

Mayor Janakovic suggested reviewing the ordinances concerning the amount of dogs and cats permitted in a house. There was further discussion regarding the matter. Mr. Davis will investigate the matter further.

#### REPORT BY THE MAYOR

Frank Janakovic, Mayor, thanked all involved in the recent Point Stadium Awards Banquet. He congratulated Carnell Andrews of Bishop McCort High School and Paul Carpenter's AAABA Tournament MVP, Raven Beeman, who won the Annual Point Stadium Awards.

REPORT BY THE CITY SOLICITOR

Elizabeth Benjamin, City Solicitor, reported on a lengthy conversation with an Ethics Commission representative concerning the proposed February training dates. She will update Council members with regard to a set date.

Ms. Benjamin discussed argument in support of the imposition of the local services tax. She noted a response should be forthcoming.

Mrs. Stanton made a motion that the term not actually begin until training was held by the state for any appointments made to the Ethics Committee. There was further discussion regarding the matter. Mr. Williams suggested that a resolution be passed at the next meeting reaffirming the appointments.

REPORT BY THE CITY ENGINEER

Steven Sewalk, EADS Group engineer commented that Sippel Development would be informed of the 7:00 a.m. starting time.

Mrs. Stanton commented that residents were not notified in a timely manner of the March deadline extension for residents in the Hornerstown, Oakhurst and Walnut Grove areas.

Mr. Sewalk stated the pipe installation in the Eighth Ward would be completed mid-January with restoration to be completed in the spring. The Moxham project will commence the beginning of March 2018.

Mayor Janakovic noted that Atlantic Broadband Cable Channel 9 provides a compilation of sewage projects in the area. Mr. Sewalk will provide a weekly report for posting on that channel.

Mrs. Stanton discussed complaints regarding the road conditions on Horner Street and Osborn Street. Mr. Britt noted the streets had been temporarily fixed with cold patch, but the settling ground could cause problems. Mr. Sewalk noted Horner Street will be a two-year project.

COUNCIL UPDATES

1. Planning Commission Minutes of December 6, 2017.

PETITIONS

None.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL READ AND ADOPTION:

None.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READ:

BILL NO. 1 OF 2018, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES.

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

There was discussion regarding the ordinance. Mr. Davis noted that ordinances that are provided electronically save both time and money.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Williams, Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King,  
Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich (7).

Nays: None (0).

BILL NO. 2 OF 2018, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE BY THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN.

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

There was further discussion regarding advertisement of the properties.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock,  
Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Williams (7).

Nays: None (0).



BILL NO. 3 OF 2018, AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PLACE ON THE NOVEMBER 2018 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, THE BALLOT REFERENDUM QUESTION FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN WHICH IF RECEIVING A MAJORITY OF THE VOTES CAST ESTABLISHES A GOVERNMENTAL STUDY COMMISSION, AND FURTHER, THE ELECTION OF SEVEN (7) GOVERNMENTAL STUDY COMMISSIONERS DURING THE NOVEMBER 2018 GENERAL ELECTION PURSUANT TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, 53 Pa. C.S. CHAPTERS 29 (Home Rule), 30 (Optional Plans) and 31 (Optional Plans) Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law.

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

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich,  
Mr. Britt (5).

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

## RESOLUTIONS

### Resolution No. 10037

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPOINTING BEARD LEGAL GROUP, P.C. AS THE SOLICITOR FOR THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, ON A MONTH TO MONTH BASIS CONTINUING FROM JANUARY 2, 2018 UP TO JANUARY 2, 2019.

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

Further explanation of the resolution was given.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Britt,  
Mayor Janakovic (5).

Nays: None (0).

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

Resolution No. 10038

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARED, ADVERTISE AND PURSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FROM QUALIFIED ATTORNEYS AND FIRMS OF ATTORNEYS FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES AS THE CITY SOLICITOR.

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, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Britt,  
Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King (6).

Nays: None (0).

Abstention: Mr. Williams (1).

Resolution No. 10039

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE CURRENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN AND THE EADS GROUP, INC. FOR ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ON A MONTH TO MONTH BASIS CONTINUING FROM JANUARY 2, 2018 UP TO DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME.

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

Mr. Williams amended the resolution to delete language up to December 31, 2018. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stanton.

There was further discussion regarding the matter.

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

Yeas: Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King,  
Mrs. Mock (5).

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

Resolution No. 10040

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPOINTING THE ACCOUNTING FIRM OF WESSEL AND COMPANY AS THE CITY AUDITOR FOR THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, ON A MONTH TO MONTH BASIS AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME.

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

Mr. Williams commented, in response to a Right to Know Request, Wessel and Company was paid \$593,950 for the time period 2012 to 2017. He stated Wessel had been hired to perform the independent audit and not as consultants. There was further discussion regarding the matter.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Williams, Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton (7).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10041

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE AND PURSUE "REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS" FOR PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES AS THE CITY AUDITOR AND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AS THE CITY ENGINEER FOR THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FOR THE YEARS 2018 THROUGH 2019.

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

Mayor Janakovic noted these two separate RFPs had been combined into one.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Williams, Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King,  
Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich (7).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10042

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH ABD CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC TO PROVIDE BUILDING CODE COMPLIANCE SERVICES TO THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020 IN ORDER TO REVIEW BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND ISSUE STATE UCC PERMITS.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to amend the resolution to state month by month instead of two years and that an RFP be submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.

Mrs. Mock explained there had been permitting issues and suggested that a workshop be held with ABD regarding its procedures and protocol for permits. Mayor Janakovic commented, "We haven't made it easy on people to start a business." He stated the amended resolution would be more appropriate.

Mrs. Stanton expressed concerns that ABD Construction had been investigated in the past by the State Department of Labor and Industry and inquired whether the company was still under investigation and the results of that investigation. Mayor Janakovic reminded Council members that this may have been the only group that applied during the last RFP.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock,  
Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Williams (6).  
Nays: Mrs. Stanton (1).

Resolution No. 10043

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO PLACE THE REQUIRED SUNSHINE/OPEN MEETING PUBLIC OF CITY COUNCIL'S 2018 REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING FOR INTRODUCTION TO THE 2019 CITY BUDGET ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST, 2018 AT 5:00 P.M. PREVAILING TIME.

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

Mr. Williams amended the motion to state, on or before November 1st, 2018 and that the January 10, 2018 meeting will not be held. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stanton and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Williams, Mr. Britt (7).

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No.

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING RESOLUTION NO. 9387 PASSED ON JANUARY 10, 2010 STATING, A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, DIRECTING THAT "REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS" BE ADVERTISED FOR CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASING/LEASING THE APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT FOR THE TRACKING AND ACCOUNTING FOR EMPLOYEES WORKING HOURS AND TO ASSIST IN THE PAYROLL FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE. PROPOSALS SHALL INCLUDE SUCH INSTALLATION OF SUCH RECORDING DEVICES AT (1) CITY HALL; (1) PUBLIC WORKS' FACILITY, CAMBRIA CITY; (2) PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING; (1) FIRE, (1) POLICE ADDITIONAL FIRE(2) 1@ WEST END STATION; 1 @ASH STREET STATION. ALTERNATIVE SHOULD QUOTE THE SAME DEVICES FOR (2) INSTALLATIONS AT (1) POINT STADIUM AND (1) ROXBURY PARK.

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

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Mayor Janakovic noted the resolution has already been implemented. Mr. Davis will review the matter.

The resolution was withdrawn.

Resolution No.

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SEEK PROPOSALS AND/OR WRITTEN QUOTATIONS FROM FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO SERVE AS DEPOSITORIES FOR ALL CITY OF JOHNSTOWN REVENUES AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS, AND THAT ALL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WITH LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN BE CONTACTED FOR INTEREST IN SUBMITTING QUOTES AND/OR "REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS" TO INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO: GENERAL FUND, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, BLOCK GRANT FUNDS, PARKING FUND, LIQUID FUELS FUND, SANITATION FUND, DEBT SERVICE FUND, PENSION FUND, UDAG FUND, STATE HOME FUND, STATE GRANT FUND AND SEWER UPGRADE/MAINTENANCE, REPAIR FUND AND EMPLOYEE PAYROLL ACCOUNTS.

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

It was noted the resolution had been implemented.

The resolution was withdrawn.

Resolution No.

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, DIRECTING THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN'S DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-CODE ENFORCEMENT TO CONDUCT A CITY-WIDE (ONSITE INVENTORY) OF ANY AND ALL VACANT PROPERTIES, (RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL), INCLUDING BY CITY WARDS, STREET NUMBERS, STREET NAMES, AND FURTHER TO INCLUDE VERIFICATION AS TO ANY EXISTING CONNECTIONS TO THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN INNER CITY SEWER COLLECTION LINES REMAINING CONNECTED AND/OR DISCONNECTED AND CAPPED

PREVENTING CONTINUED COLLECTION OF SEWAGE AND TO  
SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL ON OR BEFORE  
MARCH 1, 2018.

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

Mrs. Mock suggested utilizing resources including RDM, JRA and the GIS system and not place a deadline. There was further discussion regarding the matter.

Interim City Manager Curt Davis explained the vacant properties not included in the database can be added on later.

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

Yeas: Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock,  
Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Williams (7).

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No.

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SEEKING THE SECRETARY  
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA'S DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REQUESTING  
PURSUANT TO THE ACT OF JULY 10, 1987, (P.L. 246, NO. 47, KNOWN  
AS THE MUNICIPALITIES FINANCIAL RECOVERY ACT, TO  
RECOMMEND THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN BE PLACED UNDER  
RECEIVERSHIP PURSUANT TO THE ACT.

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

Mrs. Stanton commented on the resolution by stating, "We owe it to the people to quit the spending and borrowing that's been going on." There was further discussion regarding the matter.

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The motion failed by the following vote:

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

Nays: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich,  
Mr. Britt (5).

Resolution No.

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING THE ACTING CITY MANAGER AND/OR THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OR ACTING/INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PLACE PUBLIC NOTICE/ADVERTISING FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, RFP, FOR ALL PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES TO PERFORM THE REQUIRED OF ALL CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FUNDS FOR A (3) THREE-YEAR PERIOD AND FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017; DECEMBER 31, 2018; AND DECEMBER 31, 2019, PURSUANT TO AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL GUIDELINES, REGULATIONS AND STATUTES.

Mr. Williams made a motion to withdraw the resolution. There was no second to the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Mock discussed reviewing and updating the Home Rule Charter, as well as scheduling an informational workshop. She will submit a resolution regarding the matter.

Mrs. Stanton urged City residents to "get involved" and report any crimes, suspicious activity, as well as trespassing and code violations by either calling the police or by sending an anonymous tip.

The Interim City Manager stated his email address will be posted on the City's website.

OLD BUSINESS

None.



PUBLIC COMMENT - NON-AGENDA ITEMS

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, Johnstown, addressed a recent town hall meeting, which was moderated by Congressman Rothfus, as well as a meeting with Senator Toomey's regional representative. Mr. DeBartola stated Senator Toomey would be willing to meet with representatives of the Redevelopment Authority, Housing Authority, School Board and Council and County Commissioners. He noted this joint meeting "needs to occur" to address the City's crime, drug epidemic as well as poverty. Mr. DeBartola suggested an arbitrary date of Wednesday, March 21, 2018.

Mr. DeBartola also suggested that Bill No. 5 be reintroduced and passed.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to schedule a tentative meeting for March 21, 2018. The motion was seconded by Mr. Williams with the stipulation that he will not attend, stating he "wants nothing to do with the Housing Authority or Redevelopment Authority." He offered an additional explanation.

Mr. Britt commented on a scheduled meeting with regard to starting a "Big Brothers" group in Hornerstown to address drugs and violence.

Mayor Janakovic commented on a meeting held with JRA that turned out to be a "circus." He will not attend a meeting with that kind of atmosphere. He already met with the Congressman, JRA, Housing Authority each individually and in small groups.

Mrs. Stanton agreed with the Mayor and also would not be attending the meeting.

Mr. Britt exited the meeting at this time.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich (2).

Nays: Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Williams, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King (4).

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn. There was no second to the motion.

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The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.