

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 1, 2018

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

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

The following members of Council were present:

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

George Hayfield, City Manager; Elizabeth Benjamin, Esquire, City Solicitor; and
Robert Ritter, Finance Director, were also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, Johnstown, addressed Council with regard to
Bill Nos. 34, 35 and 36. He suggested that a change was needed in City
government, including pay cuts for top administration, and urged Council to
vote against the Exit Plan stating it would only provide a "Band-Aid". He
suggested a commission be organized to find solutions to the City's debt
problems.

PETITIONS

None.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL READ

BILL NO. 34 OF 2018, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN EXIT PLAN FOR THE
CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, PURSUANT TO THE
MUNICIPALITIES FINANCIAL RECOVERY ACT (ACT 47 OF 1987) AS
AMENDED.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by
Reverend King.

Mayor Janakovic commented that the plan was "as good as we can get at this time,"
and stated there were additional safeguards put into the plan.

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Ms. Benjamin explained that DCED and Act 47 would be able to weigh in on the process. She explained that, when Bill No. 34 was first adopted, it referred to an amended Exit Plan. She suggested Bill No. 34 be amended to attach the final Exit Plan dated October 19, 2018, and then be adopted as amended.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve Bill No. 34. The motion was seconded by Mr. Britt and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock,
Mr. Vitovich (5).
Nays: None (0).

Mrs. Mock made a motion to amend Bill No. 34 to attach the final Exit Plan dated October 19, 2018. 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: None (0).

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READ

BILL NO. 35 OF 2018, AN ORDINANCE ESTIMATING THE AMOUNT OF REVENUES TO BE RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FROM VARIOUS SOURCES AND APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES FOR THE OPERATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS BUREAUS, DEPARTMENTS AND THE PAYMENT OF DEBT SERVICE OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019.

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

Mr. Ritter stated there is no deficit at the end of 2018.

City Manager Hayfield noted that the projection for 2018 was \$449,000 over the estimates. Mr. Ritter noted the projection for 2019 was basically \$375,000.

Mr. Hayfield stated 2018 ended with a surplus of \$700,000 and a gain of \$449,000, bringing the fund balance at the beginning of 2019 to approximately \$1,150,000. Mr. Hayfield provided a further explanation of the budget.

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Mayor Janakovic noted that 2018 fund reserves were not used, but the budget actually was in surplus, which he referred to as a "long time coming."

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Britt,
Mayor Janakovic (5).
Nays: None (0).

BILL NO. 36 OF 2018, AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES AND WAGES TO BE PAID ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND BUREAUS OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019.

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

Yeas: Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic,
Reverend King (5).
Nays: None (0).

MOTIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the Special Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.(Regular Meeting)
Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.(Non-Voting Workshop)