

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 6, 2020

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

Mayor Janakovic welcomed new Councilmembers Michael Capriotti and Charles Arnone.

The following members of Council were present for roll call:

Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich (7).

Elizabeth Benjamin, Esquire, City Solicitor; and John Trant, Interim City Manager, were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, HONORS, RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, Johnstown, addressed Council regarding Resolution No. 6, which concerns the potential sale of the City's sewage collection system that he stated he was "dead against" and would result in rates and fees being raised. He referred to the sale as a "Band-Aid". He asked Mayor Janakovic to not spread "fake news" like how great everything is while assets are being sold off. Mr. DeBartola suggested that Resolution 6 be tabled.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER

John Trant, Interim City Manager, referred members to information in their packets from the Retired Military Police Association regarding the installation of a monument. If Council were agreeable, a resolution would be prepared for its consideration at a future meeting.

MAYOR

Frank Janakovic, Mayor, congratulated Discover Downtown and all the other organizations, churches and restaurants who helped to make the recent Celebration Johnstown Event on New Year's Eve a success.

The Mayor had the opportunity to speak to the Hiram G. Andrews recent graduating class and toured the facility.

He also recently met with representatives from DCNR regarding the City's Act 47 exit plan. Mrs. Mock, Mr. Trant, and others were also present.

Mr. Janakovic attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for Donna Christopher's new State Farm business on Walnut Street. He stated Ms. Christopher could have just "easily packed up her bags and moved to the suburbs" but chose to reinvest in Johnstown.

He attended the recent Salvation Army luncheon for veterans.

The Mayor met with deputy secretaries and other state representatives on two different occasions to discuss many options for the City.

CITY SOLICITOR

Elizabeth Benjamin, Solicitor, referred members to two revised resolutions for further review, which would be addressed during the appropriate time.

CITY ENGINEER

No Report.

Mayor Janakovic requested that a representative of the EADS Group be present at future meetings to answer questions.

COUNCIL UPDATES/ NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISONS

Reverend King reported that Kernville's Second Annual Christmas Lightup Night was a huge success. Mr. Britt's house on the corner of South Street and Menoher Boulevard won this year's event.

She stated Christ Centered Community Church's Tenth Annual Community Christmas Dinner was a huge success.

The United Neighborhood Group will be conducting an emergency preparedness seminar, which will be attended by members of PEMA.

Mrs. Mock reported on the five winners of the recent Christmas House Decorating Contest. Santa also visited the kids and gave away prizes.

Mr. Vitovich reported that Public Works was on its winter maintenance schedule and, with the mild winter thus far, was saving on salt and overtime costs. He commended the staff of that department.

Mr. Arnone had no report.

Mr. Britt was thankful for the opportunity to serve on Council again this year. He wished all a Happy New Year. He commented that the Moxham neighborhood homes were beautifully decorated.

Mr. Capriotti had no report.

1. Planning Commission Minutes - December 4, 2019

PETITIONS

None.

COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Public Works Committee

Mr. Vitovich will continue to serve. Mr. Arnone volunteered to serve. Mr. Capriotti accepted a nomination by Mrs. Mock.

Public Safety Committee

Mr. Vitovich will continue to serve. Mr. Britt and Mr. Capriotti volunteered to serve.

Building and Grounds Committee

Mr. Vitovich will continue to serve. Mr. Arnone volunteered to serve.

Downtown Committee

Mayor Janakovic and Mr. Britt will continue to serve.

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Parking Operations Committee

Mr. Vitovich will continue to serve. Mr. Arnone accepted a nomination by Mr. Vitovich.

Boards, Authorities and Commissions

Mrs. Mock will continue to serve. Mr. Capriotti volunteered to serve.

Recreation Committee

Reverend King will continue to serve. Mrs. Mock accepted a nomination by Reverend King.

Budget and Finance Committee

Mrs. Mock and Mayor Janakovic will continue to serve. Mr. Capriotti volunteered to serve.

Community and Economic Development Committee

Mrs. Mock, Reverend King and Mr. Britt will continue to serve.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 10244

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO ELECT MARIE MOCK AS
DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020-2021 VIA A
NOMINATION VOTE.

Reverend King nominated Mrs. Mock. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and passed by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0).

COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS CONTINUED

Legislative Affairs Committee

Mayor Janakovic and Mr. Britt.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to accept as a whole all of the committees just addressed.
The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and passed by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL READ

None.

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READ

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 484;
TITLED PARKING METERS SUBSECTION 484.10 PARKING IN
MUNICIPAL METERED AREAS; WAIVER FINE.

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

Mayor Janakovic noted this ordinance would have a collection agency following up on parking fines rather than sending them to the magistrate.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

2. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5045 ADOPTED FINALLY
DECEMBER 9, 2009, ESTABLISHING THE REQUIREMENTS AND
PROCEDURES FOR THE PURCHASING OF MATERIALS AND
SUPPLIES FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN
AND DIRECTING THAT THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE DEVELOP A
PURCHASING POLICY MANUAL ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES,
INCLUDING THE MANDATES CONTAINED IN THIS ORDINANCE,
FOR PURPOSES OF CLARIFYING REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO

THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND
SERVICES AND THE USE OF CREDIT CARDS.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the ordinance. Mr. Arnone seconded the motion.

Mr. Trant explained his process for developing an employee manual so that violations of this ordinance would result in some disciplinary action pursuant to the manual. Ms. Benjamin noted the preexisting employee manual should have been updated.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTIONS CONTINUED

Resolution No. 10245

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 6, 2020.

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

Ms. Benjamin referred Council members to an amended agreement. She explained, although on a month-to-month basis, it identifies a term that would continue through the next reorganization cycle so it would end on January 3, 2022, if approved.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to amend the agreement, attach and approve as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone and passed by the following vote:

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

Resolution No. 10246

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A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN
ESTABLISHING THE SCHEDULE OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR
THE YEAR 2020.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Vitovich seconded the motion.

Ms. Benjamin referred to the amended calendar distributed to all Council members.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to amend, attach and approve the resolution as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and passed by the following vote:

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

Resolution No. 10247

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING COUNCIL
COMMITTEES AND APPOINTING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS FOR
THE CALENDAR YEARS 2020-2021.

Ms. Benjamin explained this resolution would apply for calendar years 2020 and 2021.

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

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

Resolution No. 10248

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,
PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO
SIGN A CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF NEW COMPUTER SERVER
SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE FROM PITT BULL SECURE
TECHNOLOGIES. THIS RESOLUTION ALSO AUTHORIZES THE
INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A CONTRACT FOR THE

SERVICE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH PITT BULL SECURE TECHNOLOGIES FOR THIS NEW COMPUTER EQUIPMENT.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Vitovich seconded the motion.

Mr. Trant explained this resolution referred to primarily the servers that are a part of the City's IT system and would be a massive upgrade for all departments, followed by a new phone system and computers at some point in the future.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10249

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPOINTING MCNEES WALLACE & NURICK, LLC TO SERVE AS COUNSEL TO THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FOR PURPOSES OF NEGOTIATING AGREEMENTS THAT COULD BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH A POTENTIAL SALE OF ITS SEWAGE COLLECTION SYSTEM SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND FINAL APPROVAL OF ANY ADDITIONAL AND/OR SUBSEQUENT AGREEMENTS TO BE ENTERED BETWEEN THE PARTIES BY THE CITY SOLICITOR AND FURTHER SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF DEFINITIVE AGREEMENTS AND THE TERMS THEREOF BY CITY COUNCIL.

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

Yeas: Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock,
Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone (6).

Nays: Mr. Britt (1).

Resolution No. 10250

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 TERRA WORKS, INC. TO THE

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PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN ORDER
TO SUPPLY THE HIGHWAY RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE
BOND FOR THE FAIRFIELD AVENUE SANITARY/STORM SEWER
SEPARATION PROJECT CONTRACT 2018-03.

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

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

Resolution No. 10251

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,
PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE ACTING CITY MANAGER TO
SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR A GRANT
THROUGH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$424,905.00
TO ASSIST WITH REMEDIATION AND REPAIR EFFORTS OF THE
RETAINING WALLS AND STREAM BANK ON ST. CLAIR RUN.

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

Mr. Trant explained this resolution does not include the Stackhouse Dam. A resolution regarding that matter had been submitted and approved previously.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Mayor Janakovic requested that the Interim City Manager find out who is on the Stackhouse Park Board. He noted the City has ownership but wants to assure its representation.

NEW BUSINESS

Reverend King requested a workshop be scheduled before the end of January to prepare for upcoming events in February, including the potential sale of the sewage collection system. Mayor Janakovic stated that would be coordinated

through the City Manager. He noted a workshop was scheduled for February 12, 2020, regarding the exit plan and KOZ.

Mayor Janakovic appointed Mark Pasquerilla to the JRA.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

MOTIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, Johnstown, thanked Mr. Britt for voting against the potential sale of the sewage collection system. He noted appeals with JRA regarding a memo and the Greater Johnstown Regional Partnership meeting minutes.

Mr. DeBartola addressed a matter he had spoken to Councilman Vitovich about concerning a rumor that Mr. Vitovich and former Councilman Gentile were involved in some discrimination matter with the CamTran Board. Mr. Vitovich agreed to openly address the matter.

Mr. Vitovich stated the matter was discussed during executive session, and he could not comment further. Mr. Vitovich further desired to find out who started that rumor, and noted that would be a reason for that person to be removed from the Board. Mr. Vitovich suggested that Mr. DeBartola contact the CamTran Solicitor regarding the matter.

Mayor Janakovic read into the record a letter addressed to Robert Ritter, Finance Director, from Joseph Martella, Jr., noting the appointment of Donnie Stanton as Commissioner of the Johnstown Collegiate Baseball League. Mayor Janakovic thanked Tony Crisafulli and Myron Markovitz who had helped with the AAABA for many years.

Mayor Janakovic noted the Point Stadium Banquet would be held on a Sunday in February.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 5:33 p.m.

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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Workshop February 12, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. prior to the Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. An interim workshop would be held prior to February 12, 2020.