

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
Wednesday, March 10, 2021

City Council met in a stated session for the general transaction of business. Mayor Frank Janakovic called the Public Hearing to order at 5:46 p.m.

The following members of Council were present for roll call:

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

John Trant, Interim City Manager; Robert Ritter, Finance Director; Elizabeth Benjamin, Esquire, City Solicitor, were also present.

STATEMENT BY SOLICITOR BENJAMIN

Ms. Benjamin explained the public hearing was being convened for purposes of accepting public comment on Bill No. 1 of 2021 proposing amendments to the City of Johnstown 2021 Salary Ordinance No. 5306, adopted November 18, 2020, as amended by Ordinance No. 5307 to implement a revision to the stated pay rate of the Codes Manager/Building Codes Officer as well as Bill No. 2 of 2021 proposing amendments to the City of Johnstown 2021 Budget Ordinance No. 5305 to reflect additional expenditures from the Capital Fund and to adjust the beginning balance for the Capital Fund.

She stated that both bills were presented at the February 10, 2021 meeting for a First Reading and were adopted unanimously by those present and voting. This hearing was duly advertised on February 26, 2021, in the Tribune Democrat and copies of the relevant bills were made available for public inspection within City Hall Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The hearing itself has been made available to the public and remotely for purposes of accepting public comment.

Ms. Benjamin noted for the record that all seven Council members were in attendance at this hearing as well as the Interim City Manager and the Finance Director, who would offer further comment on the proposed amendments. She stated that the primary bill, which we are looking to accept public comment on is Bill No. 2 of 2021, amendment to the budget, but that this hearing was advertised for public comment on both Bill No. 1 of 2021 and Bill No. 2 of 2021.

Ms. Benjamin read the following into the record:

BILL NO. 2 OF 2021, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 5305  
PASSED FINALLY ON NOVEMBER 18, 2020 AS THE CITY OF

JOHNSTOWN ANNUAL BUDGET TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL  
EXPENDITURES FROM THE CAPITAL FUND AND TO ADJUST THE  
BEGINNING BALANCE FOR THE CAPITAL FUND TO REFLECT  
ACTUAL BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD FROM 2020, FOLLOWING  
PUBLIC NOTICE AND A PUBLIC HEARING.

Robert Ritter, Finance Director, provided additional information regarding the proposed amendment for the Capital Fund. He stated a pickup truck and salt spreader would be purchased in the amount of \$37,000; a salt shed in the amount of \$35,000; and the purchase of two trucks for Public Works in the amount of \$75,000 which he noted had been approved last year but could not be delivered until this year. New Enterprise software for \$125,000 was also being considered.

Mr. Ritter noted the beginning fund balance was changed from \$4,509,000 to \$5,168,000 to reflect the actual beginning balance being that money paid to attorneys was paid out of the sewer fund instead of the Capital Fund.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Public Hearing concluded at 5:52 p.m.