



Regular Council
Tuesday, January 4, 2022 - 6:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chip Dutcher called to Order the Village of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for January 4, 2022 at 6:31 PM.

2. Swear In Council members - Chip Dutcher, Marvin Block, Doug Lehner, Ryan Green

Ryan Green took the oath of office and was sworn in by Councilman Dutcher.

Chip Dutcher and Marvin Block took the oath of office and were sworn in by Licking County Commissioner Tim Bubb.

Doug Lehner is absent and will be sworn in next session.

3. Roll Call

Present - Chip Dutcher, Marvin Block, Sharon Hendren, Ryan Green

Absent - Cheryl Robertson, Doug Lehner, Benjamin Lee

Staff present - Jack Liggett - Interim City Manager, Abe Haroon - Chief of Police, Dana Steffan - Finance Director, Bailey Klimchak - City Planner, Jim Blair - Zoning Inspector, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

Public present - Walter Raub, Dyann McDowell, Travis McIntyre, David and Cheryl Cool, Timothy Bubb, Mary Queen Cool

4. Invocation - Ms. Hendren

5. Pledge of Allegiance

6. Action on Minutes

- a. December 7, 2021 b. December 14, 2021

ACTION: Marvin Block moved to Approve minutes of December 7 and December 14; Sharon Hendren seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Ryan Green, Marvin Block, Chip Dutcher, Sharon Hendren

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 4 - 0

7. Citizen comments on matters not on the agenda

1. Licking County Commissioner Tim Bubb

- Spoke in support of Licking County electric and gas aggregation and the option for Johnstown to vote to opt in on the May ballot. The County Commissioners are bringing this option for residents to save money on their gas and electric bills by purchasing as a large group.

2. Walter Raub; Mains Street Johnstown

- Said he is in the electric industry and thinks the energy aggregation is a good idea, he would like to see it happen.
- Has been thinking about mascot ideas for Johnstown; John John the Mastodon. August 1926 was date of discovery, he would like to see a celebration ceremony or summer festival.
- Would like to have a link for the events running on the sign listed on the website

8. Executive Session - To consider the employment of a public employee

ACTION: Marvin Block moved to enter Executive Session to consider the employment of a public employee with Council members, Teresa and Dyann; Sharon Hendren seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Marvin Block, Chip Dutcher, Sharon Hendren, Ryan Green

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 4 - 0

Council entered Executive Session at 6:52 pm and returned to Regular Session at 7:50 pm

9. Council Committee reports

- Park & Rec:** Next 1/13/22 @ 10:00 am Admin conference room
- Finance:** Next 1/18/22 @ 5:00 pm Council Chambers
- Events Committee:** Next 1/24/22 @ 5:00 pm Council Chambers
- Planning & Zoning:** Next 1/25/22 @ 6:30 pm Council Chambers
- Safety & Service:** Next 2/1/22 @ 5:00 pm Council Chambers
- Economic Development:** 1/6/22 Cancelled; Next 2/3/22 @ 10:00 am Admin conference room
- Tree Commission:** Next 2/22/22 @ 5:00 pm Council Chambers

10. Director Reports

a. Service Departments: Street, Water, Wastewater

Jack Liggett noted a new Street Superintendent has been hired. Mr. Liggett reviewed all department reports.

b. Manager

Interim Manager Jack Liggett gave a verbal report.

- ARPA funds have been applied for, application was completed and submitted today.
- Bailey Klimchak said the five year agreement Johnstown has with the Licking Park District for maintenance of the bike path has expired, renewal agreement will be sent out to council carrying on the 50/50 agreement, will be legislation next meeting on the 18th. Resolution draft agreement to be reviewed by Parks Committee.
- Jack Liggett said the well field wells have been tested, the water is there but the pump in well #3 is the thirty year old original and is giving up. Pump can be replaced with same size or with a larger one that would be needed at the time of plant upgrade, it would make sense to just do it now. He does not have prices at this time. He would like approval to work with the Finance Director to move on getting it ordered. Jack said if he gets an extraordinary cost and the money is not within the water budget, he would come back to Council. Council approved.
- Duncan Plains water line; Jack provided the estimated cost for running water from US 62 to Enterprise Drive, continuing to work with engineer on the estimate trying to trim the current number.
- Jack Liggett provided numbers to Council on water and sewer usage by New Day. Water usage was short of what the contract required, sewer use was well over; Mr. Liggett said that the way our water usage jumped, it was actually fortunate they did not use the entire amount. He added that it has been a successful venture working with New Day, he will write a letter notifying them that they did not fulfill the contract for 2021 but we are ok with that. If water and sewer use is put together we are roughly \$40,000 ahead.
- Contractor will begin welding the steel on the outside of the new water tower.

c. Zoning Inspector - End of Year Summary

Mr. Block noted that item twelve in the report, Preliminary Plat application for Concord Crossing East is not pending, it was denied.

Questions and discussion on other items in the 2021 summary.

11. Tabled Legislation - None

12. Public Hearings of Legislation

a. **RESOLUTION 2022-01** A RESOLUTION SETTING APPOINTMENTS FOR MAYOR, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL AND ACTING PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Mr. Block asked if Mr. Dutcher would like to be Mayor again. He said that he would.
Discussion on appointments for President of Council and Acting President. Consensus of Council was:

Mayor – Chip Dutcher
President – Cheryl Robertson
Acting Pres – Marvin Block

ACTION: Marvin Block moved to Approve as stated; Ryan Green seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Chip Dutcher, Sharon Hendren, Ryan Green, Marvin Block
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 4 - 0

Public Hearing: There were no comments either for or against the legislation.

Mayor Dutcher thanked Council and said he looks forward to an exciting year.

b. **RESOLUTION 2022-02** A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ESTABLISH MEETINGS SCHEDULE FOR 2022

Council members worked through committee vacancies to appoint members.

Council member discussion on the Planning Commission vacancies and applicants. Marvin Block said he nominated Ryan Green as the Council representative. Council Clerk asked members to consider Resolution 2022-02 for committee appointments separately from any motion to appoint members to the Planning and Zoning commission; it had been planned that applicant interviews and legislation for Planning Commission appointments would be on for next meeting.

Public Hearing: There were no comments either for or against the legislation.

ACTION: Marvin Block moved to Approve as completed; Sharon Hendren seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Sharon Hendren, Ryan Green, Marvin Block, Mayor Dutcher
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 4 – 0

ACTION: Marvin Block moved that Ryan Green be Council's appointment to zoning for a four year term; Sharon Hendren seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Ryan Green, Marvin Block, Mayor Dutcher, Sharon Hendren
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 4 – 0

- c. **RESOLUTION 2022-03** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN IN ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION

Legislation to approve the increase in State Infrastructure Bank funds request. Jack Liggett said originally there was going to be a traffic light at Sportsmans Club Road, then Council approved a roundabout with alignment design that did not include right of way costs, CA and inspection. The new total project amount is 2.6 million, SIB loan is two million dollars.

Public Hearing: There were no comments either for or against the legislation.

ACTION: Marvin Block moved to Approve; Sharon Hendren seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Marvin Block, Mayor Dutcher, Sharon Hendren, Ryan Green
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 4 - 0

13. Introduction of Legislation - None

14. Job Descriptions PD

Jack Liggett asked Council to review the job descriptions for Police Clerk and Mayors Court Clerk provided by Chief Haroon for discussion at the next council meeting.

15. Other Business

1. Ryan Green said he would make a motion to move toward an assessment of our HR situation; to clarify, this will bring an assessment of HR by a third party, they are only agreeing to the assessment at this time. Jack Liggett added that as we move from a village to a city there are a lot of things that have to change with employee statuses, rules, hiring practices, job descriptions, and if this passes, a company called Training Marbles will come in and review all practices. Marvin Block said this motion tonight will stop everything; Mr. Green said this will stop further hiring and other decisions made by the HR and other departments.

ACTION: Ryan Green moved to Approve; Sharon Hendren seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Marvin Block, Mayor Dutcher, Sharon Hendren, Ryan Green
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 4 - 0

16. Executive Session - To consider the compensation of a public employee

ACTION: Ryan Green moved to enter Executive Session with Teresa, Jack and members of Council to consider the compensation of a public employee; Marvin Block seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Mayor Dutcher, Sharon Hendren, Ryan Green, Marvin Block
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 4 - 0

Council entered Executive Session at 8:58 pm and returned to Regular Session at 9:39 pm.

ACTION: Marvin Block moved to keep Jack Liggett, with current agreement, as Interim City Manager for six months then reassess; Sharon Hendren seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Ryan Green, Marvin Block, Mayor Dutcher, Sharon Hendren
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 4 – 0

17. Adjourn

ACTION: Marvin Block moved to Adjourn; Chip Dutcher seconded and all were in favor.
AYES: Ryan Green, Chip Dutcher, Marvin Block, Sharon Hendren
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 4 - 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm

Next Council Meeting January 18, 2022

