



Special Council Work session
Tuesday, March 8, 2022 - 5:00 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Chip Dutcher called to Order the City of Johnstown Special Council Meeting for March 8, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present - Mayor Chip Dutcher, Cheryl Robertson, Doug Lehner, Marvin Block, Benjamin Lee, Sharon Hendren, Ryan Green
Absent - None

Staff present - Jack Liggett - Interim City Manager, Bailey Morlan - City Planner, Jim Blair - Zoning Inspector, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

Public present - Pamela and Dwayne Siekman, Sean Staneart, Kevin Williamson

3. Work Session - Intergovernmental Affairs

Priority of the work session was to discuss how best to use the newly contracted government affairs liaison firm, Siekman and Siekman. The goal is for the firm to become an extension of city staff, to help establish priorities, work with State and Federal lawmakers to advocate for Johnstown, to provide support and make the case for what it needs, wants, and why, and get it to a wider audience of lawmakers to elevate Johnstown's projects for funding. Discussion on grants and competing for funds, they would like a list of the city priorities and they will help figure out how to get them. General discussion on direction, desire to get additional support members to look at Economic Development and tax policy.

Ryan Green asked how they avoid getting caught in the middle if they represent New Albany also. Ms. Siekman said they have a professional code of ethics to abide by and that Johnstown will be different than New Albany in securing state funds. Johnstown will not be going for the same funds as New Albany.

Further discussion on growth pressures with water and sewer, roads, amount of traffic, and SR37/US62 intersection. Johnstown will need funds for roads and for water and sewer; the Siekmans said the county has to weigh in on those projects, they would help navigate. The Siekmans expressed the need for Johnstown to ask for something, make it clear then keep entities and lawmakers accountable. Marvin Block expressed desire for roundabout funds for Concord Road/SR37, Leafy Dell/SR37, Sportsmans Club Road/US62.

Chip Dutcher on Intel; attended a meeting yesterday for cities and elected officials, saw a site drawing, buildings were surrounded by mounding, trees strategically placed for line of site. Said they have moved up the date for houses/property purchased to be vacated by June 1st. Said that Mark Fraizer, Jay Hottinger, Tim Bubb all the mayors etc. were in attendance and it was a good meeting. Mr. Dutcher working to have Intel come soon for

some community meetings and be available questions.

4. Other Business

No further business

5. Adjourn

Ben Lee moved to adjourn. Marvin Block seconded and all were in favor. Work session ended at 6:26 pm.

Next Council Meeting March 15, 2022

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