



Regular Council
Tuesday, July 19, 2022 - 6:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Chip Dutcher called to Order the City of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for July 19, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present - Mayor Chip Dutcher, Doug Lehner, Marvin Block, Ryan Green, Donald Barnard, Jon Merriman

Absent - Sharon Hendren

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

Public present - Franz Stein, Kristen Hurst, Jamie Hartsough, Mary Wiswell, Charles McDill, Barbara Knoepfler, Stephanie Giannini, Eric Wharton, Vickie Donaldson, Al Dolezal, Jennifer Popham, Jami Brosel, Kelly Marshall, Tom Marshall, Bob Orsini, Mary Queen Cool, Andrea Ford, Nathan Whipple, Glenn Ronken, Bob Gole, Walter Raub, James McNally

3. Invocation - Mayor Dutcher

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dutcher said he attended the retirement celebration for Johnstown-Monroe School District Superintendent Dale Dickson and on behalf of Council, he presented a proclamation thanking him for his years of service to the school system.

5. Action on Minutes

a. July 5, 2022

ACTION: Ryan Green moved to approve; Jon Merriman seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Don Barnard, Jon Merriman, Ryan Green, Marvin Block, Mayor Dutcher, Doug Lehner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

6. Executive Session to Consider the Appointment of a Public Official; Design Review Board

ACTION: Doug Lehner moved to enter executive session to consider the appointment of a public official for design review board; Ryan Green

seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Jon Merriman, Ryan Green, Marvin Block, Mayor Dutcher, Doug Lehner, Don Barnard
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

Council entered Executive Session at 6:35 pm and returned to regular session at 7:00 pm

Mayor Dutcher said the resolution to appoint will be later in the meeting but wanted to congratulate Franz Stein on being appointed to the Design Review Board.

7. Citizen comments on matters not on the agenda

1. Walter Raub; S. Main Steet

- Happy to live in Johnstown and is thankful for City Council and the work they do, wants to continue to support them
- August 13th Licking County Parks is supporting a Trail Day, will also be JonJon Mastodon Day when the Historical Society will be promoting the Johnstown mascot. 8:30 to noon, there will be an opportunity to take pictures with a cutout.
- Would like to ask if the swamp area could be sprayed for mosquitos as they would like to promote the QR readers along the path

2. Tom Marshal;151 Leafy Dell

- Voiced concern about the 72 unit apartment complex Coughlin is planning. This poses a serious traffic and safety issue for a street that is already incredibly busy
- As of today, the school Superintendent was not aware of this development and expressed concern for school capacity

3. Stephanie Giannini; Parkdale Drive

- Coming again with the Chip off the Old Block recall campaign, they are submitting petitions for recall for Marvin Block and Chip Dutcher
- These petitions have been prepared to follow all rules of the Johnstown City Charter and the Ohio Revised Code
- Asks again for prompt resignations of both councilmen which will save time and money and allow the city to move forward

8. Council Committee reports

a. **Planning & Zoning:** 7/12/22 Cancelled; Next 7/26/22 @ 6:30 pm Council Chambers

b. **Design Review Board:** 7/18/22; Next 8/9/22 @ 5:00 pm Council Chambers

Two applications approved; a COA approved for an addition to the Steel Ceilings building

and a COA approved 2-1 for the construction of a storage building on a property on Track Street.

c. **Finance:** 7/19/22; Next 8/16/22 @ 5:00 pm Council Chambers

Committee met with the accounting firm Julian & Groub to review the city 2021 Financial Statement they prepared. As part of the opioid settlement, Johnstown will receive \$796.89 for eighteen months for a total of \$14,344 to go toward education. Licking County is looking for county wide collaboration and financial contribution toward a Comprehensive Plan for the county; Mayor Dutcher said this will be a public/private partnership. The largest amount of money is coming from the private sector in the amount of \$165,000, the County Commissioners are giving \$100,000. All cities and counties will also contribute; Johnstown's portion is \$2,000. Planning Next will be the contractor and the contract will be with the T.J. Evans Foundation. The plan is expected to take about eighteen months.

Mayor Dutcher asked for Council approval for participation and to go forward with the \$2,000.

ACTION:	Donald Barnard moved to approve the \$2,000 and to go forward with this project; Jon Merriman seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES:	Ryan Green, Marvin Block,, Mayor Dutcher,, Doug Lehner, Don Barnard, Jon Merriman
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Passed 6 - 0

d. **Safety & Service:** Met 7/5/22 updated last meeting; Next 8/3/22 @ 5:00 pm Council Chambers

e. **Economic Development:** Next 8/5/22 @ 9:00 am Admin conference room

f. **Park & Rec:** 7/19/22 @ 10:00 am Admin conference room

Discussion on the old train station, still in discussion with the property owner. Also discussed grant money received, partial funding toward two projects, a band shell (amphitheater) and a splash pad; talked about what could be started with the money received. Licking Park District attended, they will be naming a new director.

g. **Tree Commission:** Next 7/26/22 @ 5:00 pm Council Chambers

h. **Events Committee:** Next 8/18/22 @ 5:00 pm Admin Conference Room

i. **School District Liaison:** Working to schedule, Next TBD

Marvin Block said he is working on getting a meeting scheduled and to answer a previous statement, members of the School Board are aware of the Leafy Dell apartment project, this has been going on a couple of years.

9. Director Reports

a. Chief of Police

Interim Chief Smart reviewed his report for Council; added that the citation performance standard was removed on May 15th; informed Council of one juvenile assault at the Firemen's Festival. Mr. Green asked the Chief to look at traffic moving through Meadow Lane, Saratoga and Sunset areas, with the US 62 project going unpeopled are cutting through and rather quickly which could cause some problems.

b. Jack Liggett provided updates

- Held the preconstruction meeting for the East Jersey Street project; scheduled start date is August 22nd
- The Horizon contract is being reviewed by the city Law Director; this will bring fiber to the City of Johnstown, at no cost to the city.
- Temporary road going down so two lane traffic can be maintained
- ARPA - sewer lining project is going out to bid this Thursday, bid opening on August 13th; \$100,00 of city money being used toward the project and \$400,000 being used from ARPA funds
- Stream study has begun in support of the upgrade to the sanitary system and facility, this needs to be done prior to plant upgrade design
- Have met with the EPA for both plant upgrades

Mayor Dutcher added that the US 62 project currently underway is an ODOT project, not a city project, it is intersection safety improvement paid for by the State of Ohio.

10. Chamber of Commerce; discussion

Jon Merriman provided an update of work that has been going on to form a Chamber of Commerce; Jesse Coppel attended representing the chamber. There was a previous request for some start-up funds and discussion in Finance Committee. Mr. Merriman said that at this point in time it does not look like the city is able to offer funds, but another initial need for the chambers is office space. Open discussion on the current use of city building space and a potential meeting place for the chamber. Staff and Council members to meet tomorrow and tour the Admin/PD areas and report back with ideas.

11. Tabled Legislation - None

12. Public Hearings of Legislation

a. **RESOLUTION 2022-25** RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE JOHNSTOWN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

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

ACTION: Ryan Green moved to nominate Franz Stein to the design review board; Marvin Block seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Marvin Block, Mayor Dutcher, Doug Lehner, Don Barnard, Jon Merriman, Ryan Green

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

Mayor Dutcher congratulated Franz Stein on his appointment.

13. Introduction of Legislation - None

14. Other Business

1. Mayor Dutcher said in discussion around the appointment of Franz, the other candidate was Kristen Hurst, it was determined that there is a vacancy on the Johnstown CIC. Mayor Dutcher asked if anyone would like to make a motion to name Kristen to the CIC Board. Board position and term to be determined.

ACTION: Marvin Block moved to appoint Kristen Hurst to the CIC board; Doug Lehner seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Mayor Dutcher, Doug Lehner, Don Barnard, Jon Merriman, Ryan Green, Marvin Block

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

Mayor Dutcher congratulated Kristen Hurst on her appointment.

15. Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment or compensation of a public employee

Mayor Dutcher said Council would be going into Executive Session and asked for a motion, there would be no action after. Invited to attend the session were Jack Liggett and Bailey Morlan.

ACTION: Marvin Block moved to enter executive session to consider the appointment, employment or compensation of a public employee; Doug Lehner seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Doug Lehner, Don Barnard, Jon Merriman, Ryan Green, Marvin Block, Mayor Dutcher

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

Council entered Executive Session at 8:04 pm and returned to regular session at 9:04 pm.

16. Adjourn

ACTION: Jon Merriman moved to adjourn; Chip Dutcher seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: Chip Dutcher, Doug Lehner, Marvin Block, Ryan Green, Donald

	Barnard, Jon Merriman
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Passed 6 - 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm

Next Council Meeting Wednesday, August 3, 2022