



Special Council
Wednesday, September 14, 2022 - 5:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Clerk of Council Teresa Monroe called to Order the City of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for September 14, 2022 at 5:31 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present - Donald Barnard, Jon Merriman, Ryan Green, Sharon Hendren
Absent - None

Staff present - Sean Staneart - Assistant City Manager, Rusty Smart - Interim Chief of Police, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

Public present - Marsha Highfield, Ben Lee, Jeremy Severance, Glenn Ronken, Jamie Hartsough, Barbara Knoepfler, Mary Queen Cool, Linda Borghese, Kent Mallett, Heather Green, Troy Hendren, Lewie Main

3. Invocation - Ms. Hendren

4. Pledge of Allegiance

After the pledge, the clerk read Council Rules of Order Section 7.01 (B) which states that in the absence of the Mayor, Council President, and Acting President, the members shall appoint, by motion, one of its own as Chair for that meeting.

ACTION: Ryan Green moved to appoint Sharon Hendren as Chair; Donald Barnard seconded and all were in favor.
AYES: Donald Barnard, Jon Merriman, Ryan Green, Sharon Hendren
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 4 – 0

5. City Personnel Discussion

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to begin the search for a City Manager effective immediately; Jon Merriman seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Donald Barnard, Jon Merriman, Ryan Green, Sharon Hendren
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 4 – 0

6. Code of Ethics & Conduct Document Review

a. Draft

Mr. Barnard said he thinks this could be a base document that others should have input on, maybe two council members and maybe three members of the public to make sure this is what we want for the city going forward. Decision to let the Rules Committee take the lead on the document when there are new members appointed and there is a quorum.

7. Council Rules Discussion

Mr. Barnard referenced a timer that had been used previously for public comments; suggestion to begin using again and display where the individual speaking can see it.

8. Open Positions Search Progress

Mr. Barnard suggested that the wage listed for Finance Director be raised from \$90,000 to \$95,000. Mr. Staneart said the top salary for Finance Director is within that range so if there is a recommendation for that, the position can be updated.

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to increase the top salary scale for the Director of Finance being advertised to \$95,000; Jon Merriman seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Jon Merriman, Ryan Green, Sharon Hendren, Don Barnard

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 4 - 0

Discussion on accepting applications for Council and the schedule for future meetings. Mr. Staneart noted Mr. Barnard would be absent for the September 20th meeting and asked if there was a desire to cancel.

ACTION: Ryan Green moved to accept letters of interest for City Council with a deadline of noon on September 29th; Sharon Hendren seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Ryan Green, Sharon Hendren, Don Barnard, Jon Merriman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 4 - 0

ACTION: Ryan Green moved to cancel the September 20th meeting; Jon Merriman seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Sharon Hendren, Don Barnard, Jon Merriman, Ryan Green

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 4 - 0

9. Other Business

No further business.

10. Adjourn

ACTION: Ryan Green moved to adjourn; Jon Merriman seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: Sharon Hendren, Ryan Green, Donald Barnard, Jon Merriman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 4 - 0

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm