



Regular Council
Wednesday, May 3, 2023 - 6:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Donald Barnard called to Order the City of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for May 3, 2023 at 6:34 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present - Mayor Donald Barnard, Jon Merriman, Ryan Green, Nicole Shook, Bob Orsini, Charlie Campbell
Absent - Sharon Hendren

Staff present - Sean Staneart - Acting City Manager, Jack Liggett - Service Director, Rusty Smart - Chief of Police, Rick Fitch - Chief Wastewater Operator, Daniel Swick - Street Superintendent, Thad Boggs - Frost Brown Todd, Ben Lee - Planning & Zoning, Jesse Coppel - Planning & Zoning, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

Public present - Pastor Matthew Van Winkle, Wes Kobel, Al Dolezal, Jamie Hartsough, Glenn Ronkin, Cindi Duke, Trevor Traphagen, Chris Hermann

3. Invocation - Pastor Matt Van Winkle; Johnstown United Methodist Church

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Action on Minutes

a. March 7, 2023

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to approve; Nicole Shook seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Charlie Campbell, Nicole Shook, Bob Orsini, Jon Merriman, Mayor Barnard, Ryan Green

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

6. Mayor Proclamation

a. Arbor Day 2023

Mayor Barnard read the Proclamation for Arbor Day 2023.

7. Citizen comments on matters not on the agenda

There were no comments

8. Council Committee reports

- a. **Planning & Zoning:** Met 4/20/23 Special and 4/25/23 Regular; Next 5/9/23 @ 6:30 pm Council Chambers
Discussion on the Planned Development District.
- b. **Design Review Board:** Next 5/9/23 @ 5:00 pm Council Chambers
- c. **Finance:** 5/3/23; Next 5/16/23 @ 5:00 pm Admin Conference Room
Discussion on speed limit and loading zone, conversations continuing to maximize safety.
- d. **Safety & Service:** 5/3/23; Next 6/6/23 @ 5:30 pm Admin Conference Room
- e. **Park & Rec:** 5/1/23 @ 1:00 pm; Next 6/5/23 @ 1:00 pm Admin conference room
Discussion on the Miles Estate, in the judge's hands now, no decision yet. Discussion on grant money for the amphitheater and splash pad and how long the money is good for.
- f. **Tree Commission:** Met 4/25/23; Next 5/23/23 @ 5:00 pm Council Chambers
Agreement on trees at the fire house.
- g. **Economic Development:** Next TBD
- h. **Events Committee:** Next TBD

9. Director Reports

- a. Service Departments: Water, Sewer, Street, Service Director
Jack Liggett, Rick Fitch and Daniel Swick highlighted items in their director's reports.
- b. City Manager
Full report next time but provided quick updates; Mr. Staneart attended the AEP transmission line meeting, and a delay in delivery of May's water bills is expected due to some technical trouble with reads, staff is working with Zenner.

10. Tabled Legislation

- a. **ORDINANCE 17-2022** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING WAGE AND SALARY STRUCTURES FOR THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN. Tabled September 27, 2022
Legislation remains tabled.

11. Public Hearings of Legislation

- a. **RESOLUTION 2023-14** A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A CITY PROSECUTOR FOR THE BALANCE OF YEAR 2023
Chief Smart said that City Prosecutor Mark Gardner has retired and he and others have recommended Jody Richter to replace him, Chief Smart said he believes she will be a good fit for the city. The cost will increase by one quarter percent.

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

Vision Statement: The City of Johnstown is dedicated to providing a secure community environment that fosters cultural, recreational, educational and economic opportunities while preserving our unique historical character

ACTION: Bob Orsini moved to approve; Donald Barnard seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Charlie Campbell, Nicole Shook, Bob Orsini, Jon Merriman, Mayor Barnard, Ryan Green
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

12. Other Business

Mayor Barnard moved to amend the agenda, so they can wait for appropriate personnel to arrive, moving "Other Business" to item 12 ahead of "Introduction of Legislation"; Bob Orsini seconded and all were in favor. Motion passed 6-0

1. Mayor Barnard said that similar to "adopt a highway", asked if council would like to "adopt the downtown district" to get together and pick up trash periodically to keep the downtown looking nice. It was asked when this would commence, Mr. Barnard said he could get a schedule together and send out.

13. Executive Session to Consider the Compensation of a Public Employee

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to consider the compensation of a public employee, with members of council, city manager and city attorney by phone; Jon Merriman seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Nicole Shook, Bob Orsini, Jon Merriman, Mayor Barnard, Ryan Green, Charlie Campbell
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

City Council entered Executive Session at 7:07 pm and returned to Regular Session at 7:13 pm

14. Introduction of Legislation

a. **ORDINANCE 07-2023** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 1164 OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN CODIFIED ORDINANCES

Trevor Traphagen with MKSK said they have been engaged by the city to look at the Comprehensive Plan, and as part of that, they have been asked to look at a Planned Development (PD) District. This is in response to the immediate and mounting pressure for development in this part of the world, and all of the secondary uses that come along with that. Trevor reviewed the first steps followed to complete this document, added that this is not a new zoning district, it is a custom-tailored development regulation for a specific piece of property and explained the PD review process. Chris Hermann added that this is for land that is not in Johnstown today and this also does not stop an adjacent property owner that has less than 350 acres from asking to annex into Johnstown.

This will not replace or change any current code, it adds another tool to Johnstown's toolbox. Sean Staneart said this could define Johnstown as a master planning community rather than parcel by parcel, and allow us to really think about roadway systems and utilize other infrastructure. Conversations on decisions behind the 350 acre qualification and different scenarios, questions answered.

Council members to review and provide feedback or edits to staff; Public Hearing and vote on May 16, 2023.

15. Executive Session to consider the purchase of property

16. Executive Session to consider imminent court action

ACTION: Mayor Barnard moved to enter executive sessions to consider the purchase of property and to consider imminent court action, with members of council, City Manager and Law Director. no action to follow; Jon Merriman seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Bob Orsini, Jon Merriman, Mayor Barnard, Ryan Green, Charlie Campbell, Nicole Shook

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

Council entered Executive Session at 8:10 pm and returned to Regular Session at 9:48 pm.

17. Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 pm.

Next Council Meeting May 16, 2023