



Regular Council
Tuesday, August 1, 2023 - 6:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Donald Barnard called to Order the City of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for August 1, 2023 at 6:40 PM.

2. Roll Call

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

Staff present - Sean Staneart - Acting City Manager, Dave Delande - Finance Director, Jack Liggett - Service Director, Daniel Swick - Street Superintendant, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

Public present - Pastor Kevin Heckathorn, Andrea Ford

3. Invocation - Pastor Kevin Heckathorn, Johnstown Presbyterian Church

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Action on Minutes

a. June 20, 2023

ACTION: Ryan Green moved to approve; Charlie Campbell seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Charlie Campbell, Bob Orsini, Jon Merriman, Mayor Barnard, Ryan Green, Sharon Hendren

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

6. Citizen comments on matters not on the agenda

1. Andrea Ford

- Asked what the status was on the annexation petition and if it goes through, how will that affect the water and sewer on Green Chapel Road.

Sean Staneart said the annexation has not gone through at this point and they have not gotten enough detailed information on where services need to be run, water and sewer conversations will happen with the applicant who has applied for annexation. There are still a lot of unknowns, once a development plan comes through, that information can be

provided. Some further conversation on who may be permitted to tap in to water or sewer lines as well as police jurisdictions.

7. Council Committee reports

- a. **Planning & Zoning:** Met 7/25/23; Next 8/9/23 (Wed.) @ 6:30 pm Council Chambers
Discussion in the meeting on agenda items 10 and 11 tonight. Discussion on signage is ongoing as well as parking.
- b. **Design Review Board:** Met 7/25/23; Next 8/9/23 @ 5:00 pm Council Chambers
Two applications came before the board and were tabled. One for a monument sign at the old Johnstown Family Restaurant, the old pole sign came down yesterday. There could also be some potential for wall signs instead of the monument. The second application was for exterior paint color at an art studio in Post Office Alley.

Sean Staneart said that he has asked MKSK to look into an architect that we can use from a consulting standpoint to assist with applications, potentially before they come before the Design Review Board.

- c. **Safety & Service:** 8/1/23; Next 9/5/23 @ 5:00 pm Admin conference room
Meeting spent discussing how to be good stewards of our water and sewer resources, how to incorporate consistency on how we provide and bill.
- d. **Finance:** Next 8/15/23 @ 5:00 pm Admin conference room

8. Director Reports

- a. Service Departments: Water, Sewer, Street, Service Director
Daniel Swick reviewed his street department report with council. Jack Liggett reviewed the reports provided by water and sewer directors. Mr. Liggett reviewed his report providing updates on city projects.

9. Tabled Legislation - None

10. Public Hearings of Legislation

- a. **ORDINANCE 13-2023** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 1132 OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN CODIFIED ORDINANCES
Ryan Green said that the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of this to council with the condition that zoning be added as a step in the process. Review of the planning commission edits and further discussion and edits by council.

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

Sean Staneart recorded and read the edits made by council members.

ACTION: Ryan Green moved to approve conditional on the amended language;
Sharon Hendren seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Ryan Green, Sharon Hendren, Charlie Campbell, Bob Orsini, Jon

Merriman, Mayor Barnard
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

11. Introduction of Legislation

a. **ORDINANCE 14-2023** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE ELEVEN OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN CODIFIED ORDINANCES, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

Ryan Green said this brings in the International Property Code (IPC) that was reviewed by Planning & Zoning. He said they decided to make the recommendation to council that they agreed with it in principal, but there was a lot for council to take a look at; implementation, enforcement and the practice of actually going through with this. Mr. Green said there were a lot of questions that needed to be answered by council and there will need to be a truing up with our current enforcement code. Jon Merriman said that multiple jurisdictions in other municipalities use either this version or a prior version of the IPC, the State of Ohio building code is based on these. Mr. Merriman said this code has a lot of teeth to it, they don't have to enforce all of the teeth all of the time when it first comes in, they could take their time doing it. He thinks that it eventually aligns with the goal they have for the city, what we want the city to look like and how to keep people accountable. He thinks it does a better job than what we currently have on the books for property maintenance. Discussion on adopting the document in full and reviewing for anything that conflicts or needs to be repealed. Members commented on the advantages of adoption, such as improving the type and quality of work that gets done around town.

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12. Other Business

1. Mayor Barnard said they were going to discuss the city manager search but would like to have all council members present.
2. Sean Staneart said he was working on scheduling a work session for council members ahead of the August 15th meeting, potential need to move the Finance or Safety Service meetings.
3. The traffic light at Wendy's is fully functional.
4. Regarding Environmental Changes Minor. Sean Staneart asked for direction from council on approving COA applications received for solar panels. After discussion on different situations, council was in favor of allowing them on roofs, decision to allow the city manager to continue approval and ask MKSK for guidance and process of other communities. Design Review Board is reviewing fee structure and whether to charge for changes minor.
5. Mr. Staneart said city council will see legislation to adopt Temporary Use Permits and will need to set a fee schedule.

13. Executive Session to Review a Collective Bargaining Strategy

ACTION: Mayor Barnard moved to enter executive session to review a collective bargaining strategy with all members of council present, the city manager, finance director, the option to call the chief of police and city attorney dave reipenhoff. there will be no decisions after; Bob Orsini

seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Jon Merriman, Mayor Barnard, Ryan Green, Sharon Hendren, Charlie Campbell, Bob Orsini,
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

Council entered Executive Session at 8:05 pm and returned to Regular Session at 8:35 pm

14. Adjourn

With no further business, Mayor Barnard moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Orsini seconded and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

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