



Regular Council
Tuesday, February 6, 2024 - 6:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Donald Barnard called to Order the City of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for February 6, 2024 at 6:39 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present - Mayor Donald Barnard, Tiffany Hollis, Jeff Barr, Ryan Green, Wesley Kobel, Dave Selan

Absent - Bob Orsini

Staff present - Sean Staneart - City Manager, Dave Delande - Finance Director, Jack Liggett - Service Director, Rusty Smart - Chief of Police, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

Public present - Dr. Philip Wagner, Craig McDonald, Cyndi Duke, Mike Giannini, Urvin Hartsock, Soo Hartsock, Nick Hubbell

3. Invocation - Johnstown Independent Baptist Church

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Approval of Agenda

ACTION: Tiffany Hollis moved to approve; Dave Selan seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Tiffany Hollis, Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Dave Selan, Jeff Barr, Ryan Green

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

6. Dr. Philip Wagner - Johnstown-Monroe School District; State of the Schools

Dr. Philip Wagner, Superintendent of Johnstown-Monroe School District, was present to provide the Mid-Year District Update. Dr. Wagner reports that our schools are very highly rated, the State of Ohio gives them a report card, the Johnstown Middle School and High Schools earned a 4.0-star report card rating, the Intermediate school earned 4.5 stars and the Elementary earned 5 stars. The schools implemented a math focus in each building during the 2022-23 school years that resulted in significant student performance improvements. They entered a partnership with C-TEC to launch a Multi-Skilled Technician Program, students will have exposure to carpentry, construction, electrical, plumbing and digital controls such as HVAC. Review of some administrative changes made, and building plans as they look to the future. Dr. Wagner highlighted compensation agreements that have been signed with the City of Johnstown. They strive to enter agreements with Monroe, Liberty and Jersey Townships as well. Dr. Wagner reports that their enrollment is

staying even right now, but they are preparing for future growth with short and long term facility planning. Enrollment is just over 1,700 students, current building capacity with all buildings is 2,300 students. They would like to cap the district at 4,600 students; one High school, one Middle school and four school buildings to meet Intermediate and Elementary needs. He added that they are developing career pathways for students; while in Middle school, they look at three options for students and begin to formalize their plans in early High school. They look at students going right into the work force, students pursuing college or secondary education and those who may enter the military. Dr. Wagner answered council member questions.

7. Action on Minutes

a. January 15, 2024 Special

b. January 16, 2024 Regular

c. January 18, 2024 Special

ACTION: Dave Selan moved to approve as written in a block; Jeff Barr seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Dave Selan, Jeff Barr, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis, Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

8. Citizen comments on matters not on the agenda

No comments

9. Council Committee reports

a. **Planning & Zoning:** 1/23/24 canceled; Next 2/13/24 @ 6:30 pm Council Chambers

b. **Design Review Board:** 1/23/24 canceled; Next 2/13/24 @ 5:00 pm Council Chambers

c. **Finance:** 2/6/24 @ 5:00 pm Admin conference room

Discussed a credit card policy, reviewed a draft of the travel and auto policy. Next meeting February 20th at 5:00 pm

d. **Safety & Service:** 2/6/24 @ 5:45 pm Admin conference room

Discussed Bigelow Drive traffic signal and next steps, safety of the pedestrian crossings downtown, thank you to the American Legion for being willing to help fund a solution.

Discussed water and sewer shutoff penalty fee, committee recommendation to raise the fee from \$25 to \$50 to cover the process; no objection from council. Notice to be added to the customer message on next bill.

10. Director Reports

- a. Service Departments: Water, Sewer, Street, Service Director
Department reports were included with the packet; Jack Liggett reviewed the projects report. Mayor Barnard asked the directors to show the last eleven months on future reports for comparison. Discussion on the new leak detection equipment and road salt. The city currently has eight hundred tons of road salt on hand.

11. Tabled Legislation

- a. **RESOLUTION 2024-06** A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF REVIEW FOR CODA APPLICATIONS. Tabled January 16, 2024

ACTION: Tiffany Hollis moved to take from the table; Donald Barnard seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Tiffany Hollis, Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Dave Selan, Jeff Barr, Ryan Green

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

In the PD (Planned Development) District and requirements for new economic development, there is CODA application and an ABR (Administrative Board of Review) who will review the applications and provide an expedited process. Ryan Green is appointed by the ordinance as the council representative to Planning & Zoning. Tiffany Hollis and Wesley Kobel expressed their interest in being appointed to the board.

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to appoint Ms. Hollis, Mr. Kobel and Mr. Green to this board; Dave Selan seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Dave Selan, Jeff Barr, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

Discussion on terms, the ordinance chapter does not specify board member terms. Council forwarded to Rules Committee for review.

12. Public Hearings of Legislation - None

13. Introduction of Legislation - None

14. Other Business

1. Mayor Barnard noted a change to the council committee appointments; Tiffany Hollis

wanted to be on the Economic Development Committee, not Jeff Barr.

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to remove Mr. Barr from economic development committee and replace him with Ms. Hollis; Jeff Barr seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: Jeff Barr, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis, Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Dave Selan

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

2. Council decision to close interest applications for the Greater Johnstown Park and Recreation District and set interviews for the next council meeting.

3. Ryan Green said construction of the new Leafy Dell Apartments are off to a rocky start, there was an evacuation of the condos, almost an evacuation of the school, internet lines were hit, there have been issues with cleanup. He wants to make sure any enforcement the city can do is being done. Sean Staneart said as far as utilities go, the city only has control over the water and sewer and street clean up.

4. Discussion on the city alert system, Safety & Service with staff to review protocols for getting notices out.

5. Jeff Barr thanked our local McDonalds for getting their parking lot, concrete apron and driveway repaired, it is very nice to see our businesses invest in their own infrastructure and he is sure patrons appreciate the improvement.

6. The 7th and 8th grade girls have reached the championship basketball game, Thursday evening at Licking Valley, they have had an exceptional season.

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

16. Executive Session to consider complaints against a public official

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to enter executive session to consider the employment, appointment or compensation of a public employee, with council members and Mr. Staneart; and immediately following, to enter executive session to consider complaints against a public official, council only, with no business to follow; Jeff Barr seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Dave Selan, Jeff Barr, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

Council entered Executive Session at 7:45 pm and returned to Regular Session at 9:18 pm.

17. Adjourn

With no further business, there was a motion and second to adjourn and all were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Next Council Meeting February 20, 2024