



Regular Council
Tuesday, February 20, 2024 - 6:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Donald Barnard called to Order the City of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for February 20, 2024 at 6:40 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present - Mayor Donald Barnard, Jeff Barr, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis, Wesley Kobel, Dave Selan, Bob Orsini
Absent - None

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

Public present - Greg Stype, Emmet Kelly, Jamie McNally, Sabrina & Phil Baker, Mandy & Chip Cox, Dan Paul, Andy Cannon, Amy Fauble, Greg Wentzel, Rev. Matthew Van Winkle, Samuel Van Winkle, Terri Feters, Mike Giannini, Nicloe Shook, Connie Ryan, Andrea Ford, Faith Grigsby, Cyndi Duke, Mary W, Mickael S, Cynthia McCloud, Heather Green

3. Moment of silence for Paula Rosser

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

5. Pledge of Allegiance

6. Approval of Agenda

No changes.

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to approve the agenda as presented; Jeff Barr seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Mayor Barnard, Wes Kobel, Dave Selan, Bob Orsini, Jeff Barr, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

7. Recognition - JMS Girls Basketball teams

Mayor Barnard and members of council presented the 7th and 8th grade Johnstown Middle School Girls basketball teams and coaches with a proclamation to recognize and celebrate their accomplishments on an outstanding basketball season.

8. Action on Minutes

a. February 6, 2024

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to approve as written; Dave Selan seconded and all were in favor.
AYES: Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Dave Selan, Jeff Barr, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis,
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Bob Orsini; due to absence

Passed 6 - 0

9. Citizen comments on matters not on the agenda

1. Cyndi Duke

- Asked council to consider putting a yield to pedestrian crossing sign on Concord Road at the TJ Evans Trail bike path.

2. Andrea Ford

- Asked for an update on water and sewer plans for the area that has been annexed, will there be stub-ins for contiguous properties.

Sean Staneart said that he would have staff reach out with updates.

3. Connie Ryan & Terry Fethers

- Readdressed the Longwell-Miles Estate issue for new council members, passed out material, wanted them to be aware of it, if it ever comes before council in any way.
- They are with the Johnstown Historical Society and in their opinion, the downtown is being painted a depressing color, black. They want to keep the integrity of the downtown buildings, the architectural design without paint.

4. Chip Cox & Dan Paul

- Trying to get a personal laundry service put in his building located at 56 S. Main Street. Said that GCC-1 talks about personal effects, there is nothing in the city code that defines this. The code said if not defined, go to Webster dictionary, which states "the service of clothing". They have filled out the permit and need to find out who to go to in order to get this going.
- Spoke to zoning last week and they were referred to council. They ask that council takes a look at the definition. They see a need for laundry service in town.

Mayor Barnard asked the City Manager what the next step was in this process. Mr. Staneart said he reached out to the city law director for a legal opinion and staff would reach out to the applicant later this week, there is a process in place.

5. State Representative Kevin Miller

- Stopped by to introduce himself, he currently represents the Eastern half of the county and up North to Utica. Said that with the changing of the legislative maps, Johnstown, if he wins his primary race in March and the election in November, would be in the new 69th district. Provided some background, said that his current district includes Licking County, Northern Perry County and Southern Fairfield County. Looks forward to working with everyone.

10. Executive Session to Consider the Appointment of a Public Official

- ACTION:** Donald Barnard moved to enter executive session to consider the appointment of a public official, with members of council and the two applicants they will call for; Dave Selan seconded and the vote was as follows:
- AYES:** Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Dave Selan, Bob Orsini, Jeff Barr, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis
- NOES:** None
- ABSTAIN:** None

Passed 7 - 0

Council entered Executive Session at 7:06 pm and returned to Regular Session at 8:00 pm.

11. Presentation - Design Guidelines, Chris Hermann/MKSK

Chris Hermann, Principal with MKSK, provided an overview of Design Review for council members and how to advance the Johnstown Design Guidelines.

1. Overview of what Design Review is
2. Components of Design Guidelines
3. Peer community regulations
4. Next steps
 - Create a Committee
 - Assessment of existing buildings and architecture
 - Assessment of Johnstown Character defining elements
 - Detailed review of other community guidelines
 - Review and refine Johnstown approach
 - Revise Guidelines

Some money is budgeted for this. A work session with council to get feedback on what is wanted for Johnstown, meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 27th.

12. Council Committee reports

- a. **Planning & Zoning:** Met 2/13/24; Next 2/27/24 @ 6:30 pm Council Chambers
Two applicants; a new house will be built at Jersey and Williams and a sign approval.
- b. **Design Review Board:** Met 2/13/24; Next 2/27/24 @ 5:00 pm Council Chambers
Sean Staneart said there was a recommendation that came out of the meeting. There was discussion on solar panels, they are defined in one of the minor uses in design review. The Design Review Board has given a recommendation that they not be permitted until they get the design review process in place because there are so many design and aesthetic components that exist.
- c. **Finance:** 2/20/24 @ 5:00 pm; Next 3/5/24 @ 5:00 pm Admin conference room
- d. **Safety & Service:** Next 3/5/24 @ 5:45 pm Admin conference room
- e. **Economic Development:** Meeting scheduled for Monday, 2/26/24 @ 9:30 am in the Admin conference room

13. Director Reports

- a. Police Chief
Report included in the council packet, no questions asked.

14. Tabled Legislation - None

15. Public Hearings of Legislation

- a. **RESOLUTION 2024-09** RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE GREATER JOHNSTOWN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Mayor Barnard said that council would like to recommend Ms. Shook to the board. He added that Mr. Sparks made this a hard decision and they would like to see Mr. Giannini and Ms. Shook bring Mr. Sparks into the fold somehow, he has a passion that could bring some good things.

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to add Nicole Shook to the Greater Johnstown Park & Recreation Board; Bob Orsini seconded and the vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 – 0

- b. **RESOLUTION 2024-10** A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE PETITION FOR CREATION OF THE JOHNSTOWN COMMUNITY AUTHORITY COMPLIES AS TO FORM AND SUBSTANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 349.03 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING THE EXECUTION OF THAT PETITION BY THE CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY AS THE SOLE "PROXIMATE CITY"

WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 349.01(M)(2) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND AUTHORIZING THE FIXING OF A DATE AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THAT PETITION.

Greg Stype was present to provide council members with the focus of a New Community Authority (NCA). He said it is a tool for raising revenue and creating infrastructure in support of a development area. In this case, the core of that area is the 385 acres owned by the Johnstown Land Company and they are applying for that ground to be included in a community authority. The community authority will be able to assist with infrastructure and would have a 9.75 mill charge under this petition, which would be assessed on the value of ground and development in the area. At the request of the City Manager, it also includes the possibility of a .25 % sales tax. This petition is the first step in creating the community authority, this accepts the petition and schedules a public hearing. The petition was forwarded to council. Emmett Kelly with Frost Brown Todd was present as city legal counsel for opinion on the sufficiency requirements. Mr. Kelly said he has reviewed the petition and it meets the sufficiency requirements of the code, accepting this tonight starts the clock to the public hearing.

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

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to approve as written; Jeff Barr seconded and the vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

c. **RESOLUTION 2024-11** A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE JOB POSITION AND SALARY RANGE FOR FINANCE ASSISTANT

The need for a Finance Assistant was addressed in Council Finance Committee, an edit to the resolution Section One increased the wage range to \$50,000 - \$75,000 annually.

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

ACTION: Bob Orsini moved to approve with salary edit; Tiffany Hollis seconded and the vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

16. Introduction of Legislation

a. **ORDINANCE 06-2024** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 921 OF THE CITY OF

JOHNSTOWN CODIFIED ORDINANCES

This would increase the charge from \$35 to \$50 for delinquent water and sewer accounts that end up on the shutoff list. Also discussed in Finance Committee was the ten percent penalty charged for paying after the due date; with the exception of those balances due which are below the minimum charge. Committee was in favor of removing the exception. The ordinance will be edited prior to second reading. Public Hearing March 5, 2024

b. **ORDINANCE 07-2024** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 107 OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN CODIFIED ORDINANCES

This changes the city ordinance to reflect the competitive bid threshold amount set forth in the Ohio Revise Code. Public Hearing March 5, 2024

17. Other Business

1. City and school entering into an MOU as well as Alexandria and Granville, states that the school is supportive of the water initiative.
2. Council to answer "what is Johnstown"
3. Mr. Barr and Mr. Stanearth met with Delco water, just a meet and greet with another supplier in the area.
4. Thank you to JYAA volunteers, basketball and wrestling

18. Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Next Council Meeting March 5, 2024