



Regular Council
Tuesday, May 7, 2024 - 6:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Donald Barnard called to Order the City of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for May 7, 2024 at 6:32 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, Jack Liggett - Service Director, Rusty Smart - Chief of Police, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

Public present - Nick Hubbell, Parag Agrawal, Frank Cea, Susan Cullen, Ashley Kusner, Stacy Tackett, Shawna Winzenreid, Cyndi Duke, Nicole Shook, Kevin Seghy, Julie Judge

3. Invocation

Mayor Barnard offered the invocation

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Approval of Agenda

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

Passed 7 - 0

6. Action on Minutes

a. April 16, 2024

ACTION: Dave Selan moved to approve as written; Wesley Kobel seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Dave Selan, Bob Orsini, Jeff Barr, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis, Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

Mayor Barnard recognized that today is Mr. Selan's Birthday.

7. Mayor Proclamation - National Police Week 2024

Mayor Barnard read a proclamation on behalf of City Council in honor of National Police

Week and presented it to Sgt. Hatfield and Officer Lopez.

8. Council Recognition - Cailyn Casto

Mayor Barnard read and presented a proclamation recognizing Miss Casto's outstanding Johnstown High School wrestling season. He said she is the first female from the City of Johnstown to ever qualify for State.

9. Downtown Johnstown, Inc. updates

Shawna Winzenreid provided updates and highlighted upcoming Downtown Johnstown Inc. events for 2024.

10. Frank Cea; City Communication Update

Frank Cea and Kevin Saghy attended to present their strategic communications plan for the City of Johnstown. At this time there is no specific ask, council needs to determine the importance of having a communication plan and dedicate a portion of the budget to it. Council members expressed their desire to provide the best opportunities for the community to be informed about everything and to prioritize anything that improves communication and increases the community's understanding of what the goals are. How they go about this is up for discussion, topic forwarded to Finance Committee.

11. Citizen comments on matters not on the agenda

No comments

12. Executive Session with City Attorney to discuss imminent court action

ACTION: Mayor Donald Barnard moved to enter Executive Session with the city attorney to discuss imminent court action, with all council members, City Manager, city attorney and EMH&T; Tiffany Hollis 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 7:23 pm and returned to Regular Session at 8:44 pm

13. Council Committee reports

a. **Planning & Zoning:** Met 4/23/24; Next 5/14/24 @ 6:30 pm Council Chambers

Commission approved the demolition permit for the single family home next to Bell Store. Commissioner decision to not recommend passage of the map amendment to council.

b. **Design Review Board:** Met 4/23/24; Next 5/14/24 @ 5:00 pm Council Chambers

Board approval of sign permits and approval of a new home build design on Jersey Street at Williams.

c. **Finance:** 5/7/24; Next 5/21/24 @ 5:00 pm Admin conference room

The 5/7/24 Finance Committee was canceled

d. **Safety & Service:** 5/7/24; Next 6/4/24 @ 5:45 pm Admin conference room

No action to report. Ongoing conversations on the crosswalks downtown and the traffic corridor from Wendy's to Bigelow Drive.

e. **School District Liaison:** Met 4/26/24

No action to report. Continued communication to make sure their plans for the future are

aligned, general discussion on expectations for school growth and how growth affects the city and visa versa.

Mr. Barr asked if there was any discussion on the ten-year life cap of the Greater Johnstown Parks and Recreation Board. Mr. Orsini said not at this particular meeting, it was originally on the agenda, but the meeting went long and was not discussed. Note made to add to future agenda. Mr. Barr said he would like to get the appointments made to the vacant seats. Ms. Monroe directed to check with the Law Director on the procedure for removing the ten-year life of the district.

14. Director Reports

- a. Service Department; Water, Sewer, Street, Service Director updates
Department reports were included with the packet. Jack Liggett reviewed his Director updates. East Jersey Street has been completed and is ready for the city to accept, there is a one year warranty. The punch list has been completed, council will see legislation to accept. Mr. Liggett let council know that the water, sewer and street workers had three line breaks last week and worked hard and late in difficult conditions to complete the repairs and that they did a great job. Mayor Barnard asked Mr. Liggett to pass along that they appreciate their work.

Mayor Barnard provided an update that the President signed a document labeling Licking County and Johnstown a disaster zone and eligible for assistance as a result of the March tornado storms. Information has been posted on the city website news page.

15. Tabled Legislation

- a. **RESOLUTION 2024-14** A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS PRESENTED. Tabled April 4, 2024
The Plan is being reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Remains tabled.

16. Public Hearings of Legislation

- a. **RESOLUTION 2024-17** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE LICKING COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
Mayor Barnard said this involves money we will be receiving from the State for looking at the US 62 and SR 37 intersection. Sean Staneart said this is a part of the ninety million dollar TID project awarded last year. This is for some short, medium and long term solution identification of action items. This agreement will give the ability for Johnstown and the Licking County Transportation District to work together, and a financial piece that would provide \$115,000 on a reimbursement basis for project study work. Mr. Staneart said there is a \$10,000 fee to cover county staff time and is not reimbursable. The \$115,00 will be reimbursed in January 2027. Mr. Staneart said that the money could be paid out of the Capital Improvements Fund (CIP). Discussion on how the city will have input into what it hopes to achieve for the community needs, any plan would need to be approved by council.

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

ACTION: Bob Orsini moved to approve Resolution 2024-17 utilizing CIP funds;
Dave Selan 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

- b. **RESOLUTION 2024-18** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND AMENDING CERTAIN FEES FOR PLANNING AND ZONING SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN AND SETTING ASIDE ALL OTHER FEES PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED
This adjusts some of the city zoning fees to cover staff time. Discussion on the changes made and the staff time involved with each permit process, edits were made to the fees presented; Zoning Appeal fee was set at \$300 for residential and \$500 for commercial.

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

ACTION: Jeff Barr moved to approve Resolution 2024-18 with revisions as discussed; Tiffany Hollis seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Jeff Barr, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis, Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Dave Selan, Bob Orsini
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

17. Introduction of Legislation - None

18. Other Business

1. Upcoming events noted; concert at Sportsmans Club next weekend, the OK event and American Legion breakfast. This weekend is Mother's Day and it is also Teacher appreciation week.

19. Executive Session to discuss Confidential Business Information of an Applicant for Economic Development Assistance

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to enter Executive Session to discuss confidential business information of an applicant for economic development assistance, with no action to follow; 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 9:25 pm and returned to Regular Session approximately 10:15 pm.

20. Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.