



Regular Council
Tuesday, June 18, 2024 - 6:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Donald Barnard called to Order the City of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for June 18, 2024 at 6:43 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, Rick Fitch - Wastwater OIC, Rusty Smart - Chief of Police, Thadeus Boggs - City Law Director, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

Public present - Greg Stype, Jamie McNally, Ashley Kunes, Janet Dietzel, Linda Coss, Andria Coppel, Laura Strollo, Rob Grove, Todd Huston, Christine Parks, Terri Fetters, John Neibarger, Chad Niel

3. Invocation - Pastor Nick Shaner, Johnstown Shepherd Church

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Approval of Agenda

ACTION: Dave Selan moved to approve as written; Tiffany Hollis 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

6. Action on Minutes

a. May 30, 2024 Special

ACTION: Bob Orsini moved to approve as written; 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. June 4, 2024

ACTION: Dave Selan moved to approve the June 4th council meeting minutes; Wesley Kobel seconded and the vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Bob Orsini (due to absence)

Passed 6 - 0

7. Citizen comments on matters not on the agenda

1. Janet Dietzel

- Was born and raised in Johnstown but has a complaint. She does not like all the buildings on Main Street painted black and she wonders why they are, can they paint them any color they want to? She does like the pastel colors.
- Was born and raised on Kasson Street and said it needs to be resurfaced.

Mayor Barnard said the city does not have a set color that buildings can or cannot be painted. Sean Stanearth said not yet, he said that council is awaiting a proposal from MKSK which will draft some design guidelines.

2. Andrea Coppel

- Said that her role with the Johnstown Chamber of Commerce started with filing the Secretary of State documents two years ago. She has volunteered countless hours away from her kids, worked with key stakeholders and successfully created an amazing entity with a solid framework with a future outlook that any city would be proud to boast about. The Chambers mission is to bolster the sense of community and create a network for local businesses and residents. The Chamber provides opportunities to successfully connect with neighbors, grow business and contribute to the Johnstown, Ohio economy.
- On December 20, 2022, she emailed council members and staff that she had done quite a bit of homework, and selected three different cities that have successfully implemented a DORA district in partnership with their local chambers of commerce. The DORA district is one of the chambers ongoing projects; they tried to give the city a plan but was temporarily delayed as the prior council was either unable or unwilling to appropriate any funds to the consulting or code writing. The chambers was also unable to allocate any funds at that time, but today the board has approved the chamber to allocate funds to bring this project to fruition. They have received bids from three different consultants who can help create a solid plan. They anticipate presenting their plan and working through the preliminary drafting in conjunction with the Economic Development Committee. They are ready to commence and would appreciate any recommendations or procedural advice from council.

3. Chad Niel

- There is no road name sign at the stop sign at Edwards and Buena Vista Drive

8. Council Committee reports

- a. **Planning & Zoning:** 6/11/24 canceled; Next 6/25/24 @ 6:30 pm Council Chambers
- b. **Design Review Board:** Met 6/11/24; Next 6/25/24 @ 5:30 pm Council Chambers
No applications. General discussion on the Design Guidelines as well as the demo permit process, there is draft legislation on the agenda tonight.
- c. **Finance:** 6/18/24; Next 7/2/24 @ 5:00 pm Admin conference room
Discussed several things, there will be a couple recommendations on the agenda later tonight. One of the items he wants to bring to council is a three part plan; the first is for council to create a spending plan. This new tax would generate \$2.1 million, of that, 66% or \$1.4 million would go to roads and sidewalks within the city, they would have a list of roads. 14% or \$300,000 would go to safety & service, this would look at possibly bringing on three new police officers on. 14% or \$300,000 would go to city operations for city planners, Economic Development, street department. 6% would go to parks, trails and beautification of the city. The second part of the plan is if this tax passes, providing a yearly report to our citizens stating how the money was spent. Mayor Barnard said this is a 2.25 income tax with a 75% credit, so those that work outside of Johnstown would get a 75% credit for the taxes that they already pay to another municipality. But what this does is unfairly punish our citizens who live and work inside the city of Johnstown, So, the third part would be to look at an economic assistance program for those residents that are affected the most. Sean Staneart said that council is effectively trying to save the residents of Johnstown money, the credit is something new that has not been in place recently. Most residents will be able to participate and walk away with more money in their pocket. Bob Orsini added that the tax increase will have no impact or a reduced tax burden for people that work outside of the city in a municipality that collects higher tax and the city of Johnstown will be able to collect a higher tax from new workers coming to town. We are one of very few one percent cities and would say we are the only one percent city in the economic environment that we currently sit so this will level us with everyone else. The council through finance will identify what the city will spend the money on, it is not going into a black hole to be used for whatever, and to prove that over time, we will have an annual accounting of what came in and what it was spent on. Is it going to be perfect? No, will it be best use? Yes. Also, because this does impact people that work and live in Johnstown, especially those that have a higher impact as a percentage, we will look to find a way to offset that burden. Mr. Orsini said there is a lot of effort going into finding a way to raise tax revenue without it coming out of the pocket of the citizens. Mayor Barnard added that this is only on earned income.
- d. **School District Liaison:** Working to schedule

9. Director Reports

- a. **Police Chief**
Chief Smart included his report in the council packet for review and answered council

member questions.

Mayor Barnard noted that Chief Smart was selected by the FBI to attend a conference in Miami, Florida. He was one out of three from the State of Ohio.

b. City Manager

Sean Staneart included his report in the council packet for review and answered council member questions. Mr. Barr asked when they could expect to get the design guidelines. Mr. Staneart said there has been a heavy emphasis on getting the Comprehensive Plan across the finish line, once that has been accepted, MKSK will be sending a proposal to council, if accepted, then they can fully engage in those guidelines.

10. Council decision on Zoning Map Amendment

City Counsel Thad Boggs addressed council saying that under the zoning map amendment process, the public hearing was held at the last meeting. It is now a matter for council to determine whether they wish to move forward adopting the Planning and Zoning Commissions recommendation, modifying or departing from it. He knows there have been some discussions that maybe the City Manager or applicant can speak about.

Sean Staneart said that over the last two months of this process, he has had the ability to observe the interaction of the citizens, as well as council and the applicant trying to creatively figure out a solution that highlights all of the items that are important to each party. What he saw was an emphasis on the quality of the houses that would be built there as well as consistency from the residents that currently have built houses there and not wanting to lose that new development having a different product integrated into their neighborhood. He said there is a possibility to have those parcels folded into the Raccoon Creek Estates and to have the same deed restrictions and HOA covenants.

Mr. Neibarger addressed council and said he reaffirms everything they just heard. Everything that Sean said is consistent with his thought process and what he is willing to do. Mayor Barnard asked him if he was willing to get deed restrictions to enter into the HOA of Raccoon Estates, Mr. Neibarger said yes, that he and Sean and Trevor have been emailing and council has been included in that. Mr. Neibarger added that he is fine with this being tabled while it is being resolved.

Mayor Barnard explained that the thought process is that if they make him build to SR-1 standards, which would only allow two houses in that area, the houses may not be to the same quality as the rest of the development. If they allow the three houses as requested, but he joined the HOA, the homes would be built at a higher standard. Ms. Hollis asked Mr. Neibarger if he was under any time constraint. Mr. Neibarger said if he was good to go by next spring he would be happy.

Mayor Barnard opened the floor to public comments:

1. Christine Parks

- Lives on Buena Vista. Said their homeowner association has not been fully developed and given to the homeowners yet and all of their deed restrictions go through Mr. Neibarger. She thinks that is a conflict of interest and asked who would ensure those are being followed. Mr. Neibarger said the deed restrictions are pretty well outlined, he is happy to abide by them and submit plans to whomever wants to

review them.

2. Chad Neil

- Live in Raccoon Creek Estates. The issue is the density of the homes on the available land, it should remain SR-1 to match our zoning, which would be two houses to stay consistent.

3. Todd Huston

- If two houses are built at SR-1 zoning standards, he could have vinyl siding if he wanted and do what he wanted for elevations as compared to three houses built at the Raccoon Creek Estates deed restrictions, which would be stucco or hardie board and a minimum size of 2500 square feet for a two story and 2,000 square feet for a single story, and if the elevations met the standards it would not negatively affect the remaining residents in Raccoon Creek, because really this will feel like a Raccoon Creek house, the frontage is Raccoon Creek, it will feel like our neighborhood. If it doesn't negatively affect our property values and doesn't affect the look and the feel of the neighborhood, he does not have a problem with three lots and three houses. How that is guaranteed to be done would be really important, whether or not all of his plans go through Design Review and he didn't get approval until it clears that, he would be fine with that. As long as he meets the deed restrictions of Raccoon Creek and builds a house similar to theirs.

Mr. Neibarger stated that he did not understand the legal vehicles to get there, but he is happy to go there.

ACTION: Jeff Barr moved to table at the applicants request; Dave Selan 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

11. Tabled Legislation

- a. **RESOLUTION 2024-14** A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS PRESENTED. Tabled April 4, 2024

ACTION: Bob Orsini moved to remove from the table; Donald Barnard 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

Mayor Barnard said this has been out four months now and has been out for multiple reviews, he asked if anyone had any more change to make before they move forward with it. Ryan Green said he had a couple. He said he didn't know if they had hashed out sections of the future land use enough, not sure if anyone wants to or if they can be cleaned up as it goes through Planning and Zoning and Design Review, he wants the documents to match. He referenced page 23, existing land use, asks what was the trigger to change that over, he knows land comes in annexation wise as rural, the colors don't match and they all know what the PD district is going to be but it is still listed as Ag. Sean Staneart said this map is current land use and even though we may know what it is going to be, it may not happen. Mr. Green referenced page 29, walkability, he is glad it made it in there but he asks why the area with the walking path is listed as low walkability. Mayor Barnard referenced the key in the plan, Mr. Barr referenced the "Ranking Explained" in the plan; after discussion, Mr. Green said that made sense. Mr. Green noted that Figure 8 on page 28 needed to be changed to 6. Additionally referenced the future land use map and some inconsistencies under lot size, width and coverage percentages.

Mr. Staneart said that this Comprehensive Plan is a "thirty thousand foot view", this is not code, they are development "considerations", the comp plan is not zoning.

Tiffany Hollis said that this document states the name "Intel" one hundred and ten times. While she appreciates the growth of Intel, it is technically in New Albany, not Johnstown so she would like to see us refer this as maybe an "economic growth zone", or just remove the name from what is happening, because it may not always be Intel. It is Johnstown's Comprehensive Plan, not New Albany's. She thinks one hundred and ten times to mention Intel is too much. Discussion on council member thoughts and how to edit grammatically. Mayor Barnard said that comments will be given to MKSK, any further edits should be entered into the edit link, come back in one month for passage.

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

Passed 7 - 0

- b. **ORDINANCE 13-2024** AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE THE IMPROVEMENT TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, EXEMPT 100% OF THAT IMPROVEMENT FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION, REQUIRE THE OWNERS OF THOSE PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE APPLICABLE PORTION OF THOSE SERVICE PAYMENTS TO THE JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CENTERS OF LICKING

COUNTY, ESTABLISH A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF THE REMAINDER OF THOSE SERVICE PAYMENTS, SPECIFY PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS THAT DIRECTLY BENEFIT THOSE PARCELS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY. Tabled June 4, 2024

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

Passed 7 - 0

Greg Stype presented saying that council tabled this last time to allow time for the full fourteen day notice to the Joint Vocational School District (CTEC). This version of the ordinance contains all of the recommendations made by council after review. He requests that this is passed this evening so the foundation is laid for TIFF financing in connection with the 385 acre area.

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to pass as written; Tiffany Hollis 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

12. Public Hearings of Legislation

- a. **RESOLUTION 2024-24** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN ANNEXATION OF 4.0 +/- ACRES, MORE OR LESS, FROM MONROE TOWNSHIP, LICKING COUNTY TO THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN

Jamie McNally with Johnstown Land Company said this is almost identical to last session's annexation, what is described as the "missing teeth" along Clover Valley. The goal is to have this added into Sub Area 1, and will round out the site. This will be a part of an Economic Development project, this acreage that will become part of Sub Area 1 will be common ownership, part of the same program and with the same end user as well. Sub Area 1 will be zoned for Industrial and Data Center.

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

ACTION: Jeff Barr moved to pass as written; Tiffany Hollis seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Jeff Barr, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis, Mayor Barnard, Wes Kobel, Dave Selan, Bob Orsini

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

- b. **RESOLUTION 2024-25** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH NEW DAY FARMS, LLC FOR THE SALE OF WATER AND THE TREATMENT OF WASTEWATER

This Resolution and contract were recommended by Finance Committee 3-0. Mayor Barnard said that the city had agreements with New Day Farms for both sewer and water. The water had about ten years left on the contract, the rate they were paying for water was very low. The newly negotiated water contract opens it back up in two years versus ten years, it would bring in \$836,000 yearly instead of \$528,000. It also increases the rate for sewer. Mr. Barr asked if there was any kind of downside. Mayor Barnard said that he thinks our revenue will go down in the future as they look at new ways to spread the sewer, but while that may bring in less revenue from them, it would increase our capacity to allow us to have more capability. Mr. Staneart added that there was also a three percent rate increase in the second year. Mr. Orsini asked if the initial cost to get the line to New Day had been covered in part or in whole. Mr. Staneart said they will continue to pay that while the contract is in place, if the contract is terminated, he believes that would evaporate. The payments for the first eight years were \$64,000 annually, after that it went to \$45,000. We are five years in. Mr. Staneart reviewed some other aspects and said it looks like we would continue to collect that payment.

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

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to pass resolution 2024-25 as written; 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

- c. **RESOLUTION 2024-26** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH EMH&T FOR A JAG WATER AND SEWER MASTER PLAN PROPOSAL

Sean Staneart said that as discussed in the past, there are three segments happening right now related to water and sewer. The NPDES permit for the Southwest Licking water and sewer plant over in St. Albans Township on July 16th. The 208 boundary conversation (sewer), and the fifteen county water regional water study. The fifteen county study for Licking County target deadline is October, we are at the front of the line, they want to get ours done quickly, they will continue to have that conversation with the EPA. Mr. Staneart said we are running into deadlines and trying to deliver some of the requested documentation to support our initiative. With that said, we have been given a proposal from EMH&T to do a master plan. This master plan is important because Southwest Licking has

a master plan and if we are going to be a serious contender in the conversation on how we plan to supply the area, then we need to have a physical document to present rather than just lip service and verbiage. We need to have engineers and planners verify the conceptual things discussed. This is needed for the fifteen county study in order for our efforts to be taken seriously and also for the 208 conversation probably at the end of the year.

Mayor Barnard said the contract to create this plan is around \$124,000 and was discussed in Finance Committee, we are looking at splitting this cost some way with Granville, we do not know if Alexandria will be able to contribute, we hope they will but are not counting on it. Finance committee recommendation for the city portion is sixty percent. Bob Orsini said that this is the next step in the initiative and intent to control economic development in and around our city, if having a major controlling factor in the economic development means something, this is where we say how much it means, do we want to continue this effort, because without this step, this goes away. He is motivated to protect Johnstown through this controlling of resources, his question is do we have this in any of the budgets. Mr. Staneart said yes, he said he wants to link this to the other initiative going on, we are looking at building a water and sewer plant. In conjunction with that, we are looking at maintaining our water and sewer plants, we have aging infrastructure. With that said, we are looking at expansion and in order to make good sense of what we are trying to work through, you need this guiding document. The Enterprise Fund is not used except for infrastructure improvements, his suggestion is to look at that fund as this is an analysis for infrastructure improvements. Also as identified in the budget, there are legal fees set aside for this initiative. Those legal fees have been coming out of operating, there may be a need, if council desires, for some of those fees to start coming out of capital improvement or capacity fee initiative. He feels confident that there is enough revenue out of that fund to take care of all of this. Mayor Barnard said that Finance Committee has recommended that Sean enter into this contract and pay up to sixty percent. If Granville or Alexandria do not want to pay differences, Sean needs to come back to council. Ms. Hollis asked if we were jumping the gun on this, what does the impact of the hearing on July 16th look like, will this have any bearing on how we move forward on this. Sean said that is the NPDES permit for the plant at St. Albans Township, that is a proposal being put forward by Southwest Licking and we have concerns with that permit, we will bring up those concerns with the application, we do not need this proposal to do that, this proposal really speaks to the fifteen county plan as well as the 208 discussion. Mayor Barnard said that this is needed for planning purposes, the 208 boundary discussion and the regional water study. Some further discussion on timeline and how long it takes to complete this, Mr. Staneart said we have a lot of this data, it needs to be compiled, he hopes to have a final product within the next three months. Mr. Orsini asked Mr. Staneart what number or percentage he would like to have in order to start the conversation with Granville. Mr. Staneart said he thinks sixty percent is a good starting point. Mr. Orsini reviewed some further background discussed in Finance committee. Mr. Green said since we started on this last fall, what deliverables do we have from that date that we can show for this, we have Granville involved, we have Alexandria semi-involved, do we have any townships buying into this? Mr. Orsini said that we have school district participation. Mr. Staneart said that we have not gotten any signed commitments from any townships, not sure we need them as part of the MOU, although we would love to have them. Ms. Hollis asked if the County Commissioners had expressed any support at all either way. Mr. Staneart said they went to the County Commissioners probably three months ago just to make sure we weren't wasting our time and presented

the proposal, at a county commissioner meeting, he asked if they would shut this down or was it something they were open to. The Commissioners said they wanted to continue to learn about what exactly we were doing. This is the next step, if we are going to have a presentation for them, you have to have a Master Plan. Ms. Hollis asked if there was any support from the state level; Mr. Staneart said Claggett is currently our representative, Kevin Miller will be our representative, we have had conversations with Representative Miller, they were open to the idea, they are obviously trying to be objective and look at all sides, they have also communicated with Tim Schaffer. Some questions and discussion on potential state grants or funding, Sean Staneart said that we do not believe we would need state funding, that typically capital improvement projects should be self-sustaining, it is not necessary for our initiative to take place. Bob Orsini asked if the other providers plan (Southwest Licking) would be a motivator to grow exponentially and rapidly to recover costs; anyone that would support that model would support rapid growth and expansion east of town, to the standards that exist, as far as zoning and codes that exist in those areas, townships do not have the most developed codes and they certainly don't match the expectations of Johnstown as they stand today. Mr. Staneart said that hit the nail on the head. Mr. Green said we don't exactly know what is coming at us. Mr. Orsini asked what Mr. Green's reservations were that he was not grasping. Mr. Green said we have been at this for a couple months, he thought it would've grown by now, more people building on. The other players in the region are not exactly gaining traction or it would be in the newspapers if anybody was doing anything major. It seems like somebody wants a regional plan with all the players together. He wonders if we are moving quickly on this, when there could be more conversations and planning to happen that don't require all this money, he said he is not sure what our current tally is in a year when we are asking for more money, but it doesn't seem like anybody is gaining a lot of traction in this region to outpace us or anybody else. He is not sure what it will gain us if we continue to spend money on this, do we have these negotiations that we could have had for free anyway? Mayor Barnard said he thinks the evidence that something is happening is the fact that Southwest Licking is having to move much slower than they originally wanted, they are not moving as fast as they want to, they realize that there are decisions being made now that may affect them, that the EPA is re-looking at this. This report will help show the evidence that we should be the ones taking care of this area. Some further questions asked; Mr. Staneart said he would recommend that if they want to speak strategically about the water and sewer, it may be better to hold in committee or executive session. He said that Granville and Alexandria are having the same discussions with their councils, if they want to have a work session to continue discussion on this, he is willing to do that, he just wants to make sure it gets done in the right setting and legalese. Mr. Green asked what our running tally was on this, Mr. Staneart said he would need to defer to the Finance Director, but if they wanted to pull back on this that was fine, he has stated in the past and will say it again, if you don't carry this weight, then don't worry about hiring a planner. There was continued discussion on cost, where the money is coming from, plant capacity and expansion, JAG initiative and partnerships, discussions with Monroe Township and Newark. Mr. Orsini said he doesn't want to cut conversations short, but he is comfortable making a motion on taking a vote on this. Mr. Green said he thinks there are more regional conversations that can be had that won't obligate us to more money. Mr. Staneart said he is open to that, if they believe there is a regional conversation out there that hasn't already happened, he welcomes it, because this has been taking his time for the last year and he has gotten direction from council to do this for the school district and the protection of the city and it is burying him extensively. If they believe there is another initiative, bring that

person to the podium next week and he would love to listen.

Mr. Orsini called for a vote.

ACTION: Bob Orsini moved to pass Resolution 2024-26 to authorize the City Manager to contract with EMH&T for the JAG water-sewer master plan, not to exceed \$74,400 which is sixty percent of the contract as presented for final approval to be done by this body; Donald Barnard seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Bob Orsini, Jeff Barr, Mayor Barnard, Wes Kobel, Dave Selan,
NOES: Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 5 - 2

13. Introduction of Legislation

a. **ORDINANCE 16-2024** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 1187.08 AND 1187.09 OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN CODIFIED ORDINANCES

This amends Sections in Chapter 1187 to give better guidance for the building demolition process. This gives demo applications back to the Design Review Board. Public Hearing and vote on July 15th.

14. Other Business

1. Not enough council members are available for the festival parade to do an entire trailer
2. Mayor Barnard asked if anyone was interested in doing a "Walking Audit" or "Rounding", walk sections of town to understand it all
3. Discussion on Finance and SS committees, it is hard to hold on the same night in an hour and a half before council, discussed starting at 4:00 pm.
4. Jeff Barr asked about a policy for gifting money to organizations; staff will need to draft. Mr. Barr said he would be ok going ahead and appropriating the money to pay for a concrete apron at JYAA's Belt Park. No action by council at this time.
5. Mr. Barnard provided an update to full council on Cea Media and the proposal for services; finance recommendation was to go with option 2 as follows:
 - \$2500 monthly retainer • Length of Agreement: 6-mo (7/1/24 through 12/31/24)
 - Work to likely commence in June 2024
 - Termination Option: 30-day notice, no cause (mutually enacted)
 - Recuperation amount. If agreement is terminated by City prior to October 1, 2024, City will pay a recuperation amount of \$3,750 to Cea Media allowing the firm to recoup front loaded hours and expected costs we will incur by servicing the City, managing and supporting these functions year to date.

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to go forward with frank cea and option 2, \$2500/month for six months, 30 day cancelation; Dave Selan seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Dave Selan, Bob Orsini, Jeff Barr, Ryan Green
NOES: Tiffany Hollis
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 1

6. Wes Kobel thanked all involved with the Downtown Johnstown event as well as the Farmers Market, he enjoyed both of them.
7. Tiffany Hollis said the Alumni banquet had record attendance, the numbers have dwindled so it was exciting to see.
8. Sean Staneart said last finance meeting the three options for the water plant were highlighted, the CMAR is already past its expiration, they have said they will extend but it does not have a long shelf life so he does not want to wait until next council meeting. Special Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 25th at 2:00 pm.

15. Executive Session to consider confidential business information of an applicant for Economic Development Assistance

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to enter executive session to consider confidential business information of an applicant for economic development assistance, with members of council, City Manager and Finance Director, with no action to follow; 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

Council entered Executive Session at 10:00 pm and returned to Regular Session at 10:25 pm.

16. Executive Session to consider the employment of a public employee
This Session was moved to the next council meeting agenda.

17. Adjourn

No further business; there was a motion and second to adjourn, motion passed 7-0. The meeting ended at 10:25 pm

Next Council Meeting July 2, 2024