



Regular Council
Tuesday, October 1, 2024 - 6:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Donald Barnard called to Order the City of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for October 1, 2024 at 6:44 PM.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Invocation

Deb Dingus

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Barnard said item 18 will change to an additional Executive Session to consider confidential information related to the marketing plan, specific business strategy production, tech trade secrets or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance.

ACTION: Dave Selan moved to approve the agenda as written with the additional Executive Session; Jeff Barr seconded and all were in favor.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

Mr. Staneart said that there was discussion in Safety & Service committee about introducing an ordinance (no through trucks) drafted and asked how council wanted to proceed with it. Mr. Green said he would like to introduce it now. Ms. Hollis asked if the ordinance could be passed by emergency so the signs could go up before Trick-or-Treat.

ACTION: Ryan Green moved to add ordinance 27-2024 from safety & service to the agenda; 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

6. Presentation - United Way

Deb Dingus, Executive Director of the United Way Licking County, was in attendance for a presentation to council on United Way and their ALICE (Asset Limited Income Constrained but Employed) program. This program helps individuals or families who have employment, but that are struggling, they have been tracking this data in Licking County since 2010 and presented some statistics. Ms. Dingus highlighted some other county-wide initiatives, provided packets of information to council members and encouraged a workplace campaign for donations.

7. Action on Minutes

a. September 3, 2024

ACTION: Bob Orsini moved to approve as written; Dave Selan seconded and the vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Jeff Barr; absence

Passed 6 - 0

8. Citizen comments on matters not on the agenda

Jesse Coppel

- Said he has submitted his letter of resignation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and he appreciates council's confidence in appointing him to the NCA Board, he is excited for the opportunity.

Council members thanked Mr. Coppel for his years of service to the city.

9. Council Committee reports

a. **Planning & Zoning:** 9/24/24 canceled; Next 10/8/24 @ 6:30 pm Council Chambers

b. **Design Review Board:** 9/24/24 canceled; Next 10/8/24 @ 5:00 pm Council Chambers

c. **Finance:** 10/1/24; Next 10/15/24 @ 5:00 pm Council chambers

One item discussed tonight is being moved to Council Executive Session.

d. **Safety & Service:** 10/1/14; Next 11/6/24 @ 5:00 pm Council chambers

Discussion on snow removal, storm water mitigation and traffic lights. An Ordinance discussed has been moved to the council agenda tonight.

e. **Tree Commission:** Met 9/19/24

Discussed Arbor Day trees being planted, a Memorial Tree Fund donation and planting and replacement of the dead Ivory Silk Lilac trees on US62. A question was asked about tree trimming and if there was an ordinance about trees that obstruct pathways. Also discussed putting a permanent tree on the square for a Christmas tree, committee is looking at options.

f. **Township Liaison Committee:** Met 9/26/24

Discussed nine townships that members will touch base with on a regular basis to understand their problems, concerns and victories and to share information and best practices.

10. Director Reports

a. Service Departments: Water, Sewer, Street

Reports attached; Jack Liggett provided highlights in his director's report and answered council

member questions.

Ms. Hollis said the delegation met with officials from Southwest Licking, Granville and Alexandria and it was discussed to have the operators from the entities to get together and asked if that has happened. Jack Liggett said CJ reached out, they are working to set meetings. They plan to have a Teams meeting to meet and then they will tour each other's facilities and discuss expansion plans and then meet for a "common sense" approach on who can take care of what areas. Ms. Hollis said she is excited to see what they come up with.

11. Council decision on Zoning Map Amendment - TABLED June 18, 2024

Remains tabled at the applicants request.

12. 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, to include all seven council members and the applicant; Bob Orsini seconded and the vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

Council entered Executive Session at 7:35 pm. and returned to Regular Session at 8:25 pm.

13. Tabled Legislation

a. **RESOLUTION 2024-36** A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A BOARD MEMBER TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION. Tabled September 17, 2024

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to remove from the 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

ACTION: Bob Orsini moved to appoint Kyle Cook to the Planning & Zoning Commission effective immediately with a term ending 12/31/2025 and to appoint Mark Zolendziewski to the Planning & Zoning Commission effective October 9th with a term ending 12/31/2027; Jeff Barr seconded and the vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

14. Public Hearings of Legislation

a. **ORDINANCE 24-2024** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR JOHNSTOWN CITIZENS WHO WORK AND LIVE IN THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN.

Mayor Barnard said this program was created to assist residents that work and live here, who make between \$25,000 and \$75,000 per year. If the income tax ballot initiative passes, they will be able to apply and get a \$250 check, effectively bringing their tax rate back down to 1.85%. Their hope is to assist residents who this would affect the most. There will be a five-year sunset on the program and will be up to the next council to renew.

Jeff Barr said he would like to thank Ms. Hollis for bringing this forward, and the rest of council for supporting it for our citizens.

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

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to pass ordinance 24-2024 as written; Bob Orsini seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Bob Orsini, Dave Selan, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis, Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Jeff Barr
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

b. **ORDINANCE 25-2024** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1131.09 OF THE CITY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES

This Ordinance was a recommendation to council by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Ryan Green said that public notification in this ordinance was a little vague, this will change a "may" to "shall". Mr. Green said this is part of a larger conversation, while they can definitely pass this tonight, he recommends taking a look at the zoning code and all of their applications in general, he thinks there is an opportunity to streamline public notification, currently there are different processes for different applications.

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

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

Passed 7 - 0

c. **ORDINANCE 26-2024** AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE COSTS FOR THE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FEE AND THE CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES FOR THE RIGHT-OF-WAY PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This is an annual ordinance calculated by the city's Right of Way Consultant.

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

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to waive the second reading of Ordinance 26-2024; Jeff Barr 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

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to pass Ordinance 26-2024 and declare an emergency; Wesley Kobel 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

- d. **ORDINANCE 27-2024** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART THREE – TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY

This is the no through truck Ordinance discussed tonight in Safety & Service Committee and referred to council. Mr. Green said they are ready to pass this with the emergency and with the condition that they strike Edwards Road, Jersey Street and Concord Road.

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

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to waive the second reading of Ordinance 27-2024; Bob Orsini seconded and the vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to approve Ordinance 27-2024 as edited and declare an emergency; Tiffany Hollis seconded and the vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

15. Introduction of Legislation - None

16. Other Business

1. Farmers Market tomorrow

2. Car show benefiting Autism at the Hartford Fairgrounds on Saturday, 10/5/24. Ms. Hollis said the proceeds go to the Make it Fit Foundation who typically donates it to The Learning Spectrum here on US62.

3. Mr. Green highlighted the season ending tournament for Johnstown adult softball and invited all to come out this weekend to watch.

17. Executive Session to consider the purchase or sale of property

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

ACTION: Mayor Barnard moved to enter Executive Session to consider the purchase or sale of property to include all council members and Mr. Staneart; and then move to Executive Session to consider confidential information related to the marketing plan, specific business strategy production, tech trade secrets or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, to include all of council and the city manager, with no action to follow; Bob Orsini seconded and the vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

Council entered Executive Session at 8:51 pm and Returned to Regular Session at 9:57 pm.

19. Adjourn

With no further business a motion to adjourn passed 7-0 and the meeting ended at 9:57 pm.

Next Council Meeting October 15, 2024