



Special City Council
Thursday, October 17, 2024 - 4:00 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Donald Barnard called to Order the City of Johnstown Special Council Meeting for October 17, 2024 at 4:05 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present - Mayor Donald Barnard, Tiffany Hollis, Ryan Green, Wesley Kobel, Dave Selan, Bob Orsini

Absent - Jeff Barr

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 - Marvin Block, Dr. Philip Wagner, Craig McDonald, Alan Benton, Anne Thomas, Felicia Drummey, Mike Gianini

3. Citizen comments on matters not on the agenda

1. Marvin Block

- Said he heard the city was trying to sell the building here, wondered what the reason was, and that it is going to move the Police Department. Then they are going to buy water from Granville and run it through Alexandria. He said he was involved in that water line in Alexandria, you have an eight inch line running into Alexandria, through Alexandria there is a six inch line. All the water you can pull through a six inch line is between five and six hundred thousand a day, it is going to cost between ten and twelve million to run that water line from Alexandria. He asked if anyone could explain what is going on with this municipal building.

Mayor Barnard asked Mr. Block to write down his specific questions so they can get answers to him. Sean Staneart said he could get him the answers in the next day or so, or he can have a verbal conversation with him.

- Asked if the city had checked on the legality of selling the building through state laws.

Mr. Staneart said if they were to sell the building, they would make sure they checked all of the local, state or federal laws that would be associated with the sale of government property. Marvin Block referenced Ohio Revised Code 721, sale or lease of property.

4. Public Hearings of Legislation

a. **RESOLUTION 2024-42** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Sean Staneart said this was an action item given by council to be put in place; to enter into a lease agreement with Monroe Township for the lease of the old firehouse known as 24 S. Oregon Street, for potential relocation of the Police Department. The Monroe Township Trustees have their meeting on Monday and if this is passed tonight, this lease will be presented to them for their consideration.

Tiffany Hollis referenced the first "whereas" and asked if the school was sharing in the lease. Mr. Staneart said no, the lease will be between the city and the township, that the whereas line is a summary of why we are doing this. Mayor Barnard said the shared administrative space will be in the admin building. Mr. Selan said the whereas is the culmination of conversations they have had, the plan to transition if this plan goes forward. Wes Kobel asked Sean Staneart if anyone had gone through the building yet to take a look at what type of maintenance, remodeling, replacement or repair will need to be done to it. Mr. Staneart said that the Police Chief, himself, the school facility operator and Sargeant Hatfield did a quick walk through a few weeks ago, the Fire Chief happened to be there and answered some questions on the building. Mr. Staneart added that obviously it is not without need for remodel; a very basic conceptual floor plan was shown, he said there are up to \$250,000 worth of improvements that could be done to this facility enhancing the value of it for the township. Some discussion on the benefits of the new building for the police department, things they do not have in the current building, such as laundry and shower facilities. Tiffany Hollis asked if there was an estimated cost associated with this renovation. Mr. Staneart said they are currently working through that in partnership with the school district, they have an engineer they are utilizing for some of their current facility planning so they have given these over to the architects with the school district and anticipate having those shortly. Dr. Wagner addressed council members and said he just got an email from their architect and there were some options based on the renderings provided, the options range from \$222,000 to \$565,000.

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

ACTION: Dave Selan moved to pass Resolution 2024-42; Wesley Kobel seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Dave Selan, Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Bob Orsini
NOES: Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 4 - 2

5. Other Business

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

Passed 6 - 0

The meeting adjourned at 4:21 pm.

6. Adjourn

Next Council Meeting Wednesday, November 6, 2024