



Regular Council
Tuesday, January 7, 2025 - 6:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Donald Barnard called to Order the City of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for January 7, 2025 at 6:33 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, Jamie McNally, Lilah Penhorwood, Jami Gray

3. Invocation

Pastor Paul Grice - Johnstown Independent Baptist Church

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Barnard said he would like to thank the incredible city employees who have cleared the roads and parking lots as well as a tree from Main Street, that we have a great service department.

ACTION: Bob Orsini moved to approve as written; 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; Out of the Darkness organization

Jami Gray with The Freedom Collective (formerly Out of the Darkness), attended for a presentation on human trafficking and provided information on what it entails and provided some statistics. She said that Ohio consistently ranks between four and five in the country for states in which trafficking is reported, and even more alarming is that Columbus ranks around number nine in the country for cities where trafficking is happening. The Freedom Collective provides resources to those affected including an emergency safe home for those looking to get out of the life. Ms. Gray thanked Lilah Penhorwood, a JHS student, who is doing a project on the subject to bring awareness. Ms. Gray provided her contact email for anyone who would like to reach out; jami@thefreedomco.org.

7. Presentation; Kristy Hawthorne - South Licking Watershed Conservancy District

Ms. Hawthorne not present, presentation postponed.

8. Action on Minutes

a. December 10, 2024

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

9. Citizen comments on matters not on the agenda

No comments.

10. Council Committee reports

a. **Design Guidelines Steering Committee (Ad Hoc):** Met 12/18/24; Next 2/5/25 @ 5:30 pm council chambers

b. **Safety & Service:** 1/7/25 cancelled; Next 2/4/25 at 5:30 pm council chambers
Talked about street trees on North and South Main, potential for removal. Discussed the emergency alert system and received an update on the Clark Drive traffic signal.

c. **Township Liaison Committee:** Next 1/9/25 @ 4:00 pm Admin conference room
Meeting has been moved to 1/16/25 at 4:00 pm.

d. **Planning & Zoning:** Next 1/14/25 @ 6:30 pm Council Chambers

e. **Design Review Board:** Next 1/14/25 @ 5:30 pm Council Chambers

f. **Finance:** Next 1/21/25 @ 5:00 pm Council Chambers

11. Director Reports

a. **Service Departments: Water, Sewer, Streets / Service Director**
All reports included in the packet; Jack Liggett reviewed his Director report. Updated that about thirty percent of the parts for the Clark Drive signal repair are in, the rest should arrive in the next couple of weeks so we can get that light repaired.

12. Tabled Legislation - None

13. Public Hearings of Legislation

a. **ORDINANCE 32-2024** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JOHNSTOWN GATEWAY PD DISTRICT MAP BY ADDING TWO PARCELS TOTALING 17.7 +/- ACRES TO SUBAREA FIVE OF THE PD DISTRICT.
Second reading. Jamie McNally recapped saying they would like to zone this to be part of Sub Area 5 so that it gets grouped into the neighboring property and use, it is earmarked for industrial or commercial.

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

ACTION: Dave Selan moved to pass Ordinance 32-2024 as written; Bob Orsini seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Dave Selan, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis, Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Jeff Barr, Bob Orsini
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

- b. **ORDINANCE 01-2025** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF JOHNSTOWN, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. This is an annual update of Ordinances passed by council, the emergency is requested in order to get the laws codified and published right away.

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

ACTION: Bob Orsini moved to waive the second reading; 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: Mayor Barnard moved to pass Ordinance 01-2025 as written; Dave Selan 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

- c. **RESOLUTION 2025-01** A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE REGULAR MEETING DATES SET FOR ALL REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE 2025 CALENDAR YEAR

This legislation amends the set meeting schedule for Council and Planning Commission, to give members and staff time off in the summer and around the fourth of July holiday.

ACTION: Bob Orsini moved to approve as written; 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

15. Other Business

1. Ryan Green said to support local sports, busy schedules coming up.
2. Bob Orsini said he wanted to recognize Coach Fry (the JHS men's soccer coach) for a recent OHSAA award, that it was a very limited and prestigious award.
3. Jeff Barr thanked the city Police and Service Departments for their rapid response when the large tree fell on South Main Street.

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

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to enter Executive Session to consider the purchase or sale of property, to include all of City Council and the City Manager, with no business to follow; Dave Selan 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 7:06 pm and returned to Regular Session at 8:36 pm.

17. Adjourn

With no further business, a motion to adjourn passed 7-0 and the meeting ended at 8:36 pm.

Next Council Meeting January 21, 2025