



Special City Council & Joint Meeting of Johnstown-Monroe Board of Education
Monday, February 10, 2025 - 5:00 PM
MINUTES

1. Opening of Meeting
School Board President, Mr. Swauger, opened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer.
2. Board of Education Call to Order & Roll Call
All members present; Mr. Swauger, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Benton, Mrs. Booher, Mrs. Thomas
3. BOE Executive Session: Consideration of the purchase of property for public purposes
A motion to enter Executive Session carried 5-0. The board returned to Regular Session at 5:43 pm.
4. City Council Call to Order & Roll Call
Mayor Donald Barnard called to Order the City of Johnstown Special Council Meeting for February 10, 2025 at 5:43 PM.

Present - Mayor Donald Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Jeff Barr, Bob Orsini, Ryan Green,
Absent - Tiffany Hollis

Staff present - Sean Staneart - City Manager, Jack Liggett - Service Director, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

5. Pledge of Allegiance
6. Approval of City Council Agenda
ACTION: Bob Orsini moved to approve, striking item five (invocation); Dave Selan seconded and all were in favor.
AYES: Jeff Barr, Ryan Green, Donald Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Dave Selan, Bob Orsini
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

7. Approval of BOE Agenda
Two changes made; a motion to approve carried 5-0.
8. Citizen comments on matters not on the agenda
No public comments.
9. City of Johnstown Consideration of entering into a lease and purchase contract
City Manager Sean Staneart said they have gone back and forth on this a couple times; legislation was passed two weeks ago authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease and sale of the administrative office building. Since that time there have been some revisions to the CAM, terms of the lease and the square footage. The final draft is before them tonight, changes are reflective of items discussed in the past two School District

Liaison committee meetings.

School Superintendent Dr. Wagner reviewed the conceptual plans for the building and the areas the school would be taking over responsibility for. He said these areas can be used for cheer-leading, wrestling and indoor batting. He highlighted that wrestling will now have restrooms and access to running water, which they currently do not have in the JYAA barn.

Mr. Green asked when the school might get a building similar, with a gymnasium. Dr. Wagner said the entire activity space should be up by next fall. Mr. Green asked about the schools north campus property, Dr. Wagner said they are still talking about different options, they have talked about an area for soccer, they don't have a true regulation size soccer field, they have also looked at some small restrooms, concession and stadium seating for the area. He said if they can all come together tonight, this is really another step forward for them in their long-range planning.

10. City Executive Session to consider the sale of property

ACTION: Mayor Barnard moved to enter Executive Session to consider the sale of property, to include city council members and the city manager; Dave Selan seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Bob Orsini, Dave Selan, Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Jeff Barr
NOES: Ryan Green
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 5 - 1

City Council entered Executive Session at 5:55 pm and returned to Regular Session at 6:10 pm.

11. Public Hearings of Legislation

a. **RESOLUTION 2025-07** A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE EXHIBITS TO RESOLUTION 2025-04

Mayor Barnard said this is for the sale of the city building to the Johnstown Monroe School District.

Mr. Selan said that as an employee of the Johnstown Monroe School District, he would be abstaining.

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

ACTION: Mayor Donald Barnard moved to pass Resolution 2025-07 as written; Wesley Kobel seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Jeff Barr, Bob Orsini
NOES: Ryan Green
ABSTAIN: Dave Selan - conflict of interest

Passed 4 - 1

12. BOE Action on Resolution 25-02-024 Real Estate Purchase Agreement and Lease Agreement of City Property

Mr. Benton moved to approve; Mrs. Davis seconded.

Dr. Wagner read through parts of the Resolution authorizing the lease and purchase agreement for real property located at 599 S. Main Street, Johnstown, Ohio 43031 for \$1.2 million.

No discussion by the board; motion carried 5-0 in favor of approval.

Mayor Barnard said this is a very historic day that the school district and the city can work together in such harmony. Dr. Wagner said they would be working on a press release and then they will begin executing their plans. Mr. Swauger said he really appreciates the work of the board members, this is the best for all students, parents and residents of the city and of the school district. He said getting this done and getting the ability to build an auxiliary gymnasium right on their campus, and not have kids walking throughout the village and across major roads to get to it is huge. He said the fact that they were able to work together and get this done is greatly appreciated. Mr. Benton said he also wanted to thank everyone, he knows it was a difficult decision, that this is not only for the students they have here today, but this is going to impact them for many, many years and really help them for a generation. Mr. Barr thanked the school board and said he too appreciates the collaboration.

13. Adjournment of Special City Council

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to adjourn; Jeff Barr seconded and all were in favor.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

The Special City Council meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

The Board of Education meeting continued.

Next Regular Council Meeting February 18, 2025