



Regular Council
Tuesday, February 18, 2025 - 6:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Donald Barnard called to Order the City of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for February 18, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present - Mayor Donald Barnard, Tiffany Hollis, Ryan Green, Wesley Kobel, Jeff Barr, Bob Orsini, Dave Selan
Absent - None

Staff present - Sean Staneart - City Manager, Dave Delande - Finance Director, Rusty Smart - Chief of Police, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

Public present - Nick Hubbell, Dennis Musgrave, D. Musgrave, Rebecca TayJohn, Hastings Simokton, Kathi Toth, Cyrus Dunaway, Boy Scout Troop 4020, Michael Miles Sr., Michael Miles Jr., Stephen Wallenberg, Tara Varley, Michelle Schackmann, Stacey Miller, Nicole Maxwell, Christy Strain, Kaiden Rosier, Chloe Nicks.

3. Invocation

Councilman Selan offered the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was led by Boy Scout Troop 4020.

5. Approval of Agenda

No changes.

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

Passed 7 - 0

6. Presentation; Share Table

Chloe Nicks, Johnstown High School Senior, attended to highlight "Share Table", her project to end food waste by donating extras to kids who want them and to her local food pantry.

7. Action on Minutes

a. January 21, 2025,

b. January 27, 2025 Special Joint meeting

ACTION: Bob Orsini moved to approve January 21 and 27 minutes as written; Wesley Kobel 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

c. February 4, 2025

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Tiffany Hollis - absent

Passed 6 - 0

8. Citizen comments on matters not on the agenda
No comments.

9. Council Committee reports

- a. **Planning & Zoning:** Met 2/11/25; Next 2/25/25 @ 6:30 pm council chambers
Lot split on Benedict Drive was approved, a Conditional Use permit was tabled at the applicant's request, that will be back at the next meeting.

Mr. Barr asked for a recap on the lot split and expectations for the builder. Sean Staneart said the new development would have to be consistent with the other new development in that area, the provisions and conditions that were set forth were that they had to enter into the same deed restrictions set forth for the other newly built houses in that area. There will be three lots, they will be a little bit smaller but the concern of residents for the quality and style of the houses being equal or greater than what is being done there currently has been met. The property owner has agreed to put all of those deed restrictions in place on that property.

- b. **Design Review Board:** Met 2/11/25; Next 2/25/25 @ 5:00 pm council chambers
One application for Certificate of Appropriateness approved, design for the addition to the Johnstown Monroe High School.
- c. **Design Guidelines Steering Committee (Ad Hoc):** Met 2/5/25; Next 3/3/25 @ 5:30 pm council chambers
Committee has met three times now, members reviewed likes and dislikes for building materials, streetscapes and architecture as they work toward a draft of the Design Guidelines.
- d. **School District Liaison:** Met 2/7/25; Next as needed
- e. **Finance:** 2/18/25; Next 3/18/25 @ 5:00 pm council chambers
- f. **Safety & Service:** Next 3/4/25 @ 5:00 pm council chambers
- g. **Township Liaison Committee:** Next as needed

10. Director Reports

- a. Police Chief
Report included in the council packet for review. No questions asked.
- b. City Manager
Report included in the council packet for review. No questions asked.

11. Tabled Legislation - None

12. Public Hearings of Legislation

- a. **ORDINANCE 02-2025** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1133.05 OF THE CITY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES
Second reading. This streamlines a process for setbacks and allows administrative approval if under a ten percent threshold.

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

ACTION: Ryan Green moved to approve as written; Jeff Barr 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

13. Introduction of Legislation - None

14. Other Business

1. Mr. Barr said it is nice to see Councilwoman Hollis back in action; other members concurred.
2. Mr. Green said if you haven't winterized your house yet, make sure you do so.
3. Mr. Selan gave a big shout out to the PTO, the school district and residents, the Harlem Wizards event was phenomenal, there was a huge turnout. Added that although the weather was bad, they had a really good turnout for the American Legion breakfast.
4. Mr. Staneart echoed Mr. Selan's comments on the Wizards event, there was a lot of energy in the room, great to see all of the people involved and having a good time, he is proud of Johnstown for showing up and for putting that together, kudos to the PTO. Added that the school musical, Sister Act, is coming up, tickets are going on sale.
5. Ms. Hollis asked about the water leak on US 62. Mr. Staneart provided a full update on events to date; said the leak has proven to be difficult, city and third-party leak detection have failed to locate it, they are trying to avoid digging a hole in the middle of 62. They have also used drone infrared and ground penetrating radar without success in finding the source of the leak. The latest breakthrough came last week, they believe an abandoned line to a house across the street is the source, they will be working to dig that out and find out.

15. Executive Session to discuss confidential business information of an applicant for economic development assistance

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

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to enter Executive Session to discuss confidential business information of an applicant for economic development assistance along with an executive session to consider the purchase or sale of property, to include all council members 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

City Council entered Executive Session at 6:58 pm and returned to Regular Session at 8:25 pm.

17. Adjourn

With no further business, a motion to adjourn carried 7-0 and the meeting ended at 8:25 pm.

Next Council Meeting March 4, 2025