



Regular Council
Wednesday, May 7, 2025 - 5:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Donald Barnard called to Order the City of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for May 7, 2025 at 5:35 PM.

2. Roll Call

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

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 - Beth Kisher Olds, Nick Hubbell, Deb Scherer, Ryan Scribner

3. Invocation

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Approval of Agenda

ACTION: Dave Selan moved to approve as written; Wesley Kobel seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: Tiffany Hollis, Donald Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Dave Selan, Bob Orsini

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 5 - 0

6. Executive Session to discuss pending court action

7. Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment or compensation of a public employee and to discuss collective bargaining matters

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to enter Executive Session to discuss pending court action and to consider the appointment, employment or compensation of a public employee and to discuss collective bargaining matters, with members of council, the City Manager and the respective attorneys; Dave Selan seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Bob Orsini, Tiffany Hollis

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 5 - 0

Council entered Executive Session at 5:37 pm and returned to Regular Session at 7:30 pm.

8. Action on Minutes

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

Passed 5 - 0

- a. April 15, 2025
- b. April 25, 2025 Special

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

10. Council Committee reports

- a. **Safety & Service:** 5/7/25; Next 6/3/25 @ 5:30 pm council chambers
5/7/25 meeting was canceled.
- b. **Planning & Zoning:** 4/22/25 canceled; Next 5/13/25 @ 6:30 pm council chambers
- c. **Design Review Board:** Met 4/22/25; Next 5/13/25 @ 5:00 pm council chambers
Sign permits, roof permit approval, three demolition permits approved for houses on W. Coshocton for the expansion of the nursing home and approval of the nursing home expansion design.
- d. **Finance:** Next 5/20/25 @ 5:30 pm council chambers

11. Director Reports

- a. Service Departments; Water & Sewer
Reports included in the council packet, no questions asked.
- b. Service Director
Report included in the council packet. Questions answered on the process for draining the water tower for the maintenance.

12. Tabled Legislation

- a. **ORDINANCE 03-2025** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1159 OF THE CITY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES. Tabled April 15, 2025
ACTION: Bob Orsini moved to take Ordinance 03-2025 off the table; Tiffany Hollis seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Bob Orsini, Dave Selan, Tiffany Hollis, Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 5 - 0

Sean Staneart said they heard the concerns of council and worked with the applicant to edit the ordinance to address those concerns.

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

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to approve Ordinance 03-2025 as written;
Tiffany Hollis seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Bob Orsini, Dave Selan, Tiffany Hollis, Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 5 - 0

Sean Staneart said he met with the applicant at the site, they are really excited to be a part of Johnstown.

13. Public Hearings of Legislation - None

14. Introduction of Legislation - None

15. Other Business

1. Council and staff wished Dave Selan a Happy Birthday.
2. Dave Selan said he had a productive conversation with the American Legion this week about their last presentation and their remodel project and how to progress forward.
2. Dave Selan said they have hit their fundraising goal for the fireworks event, they will have ten activities including face painting that will be free to attendees. This is all through the work of the Legion, Downtown Johnstown, JYAA, the Police Department, the Fire Department, schools, and Ben Lee. He is proud of the sponsors and partnerships with local groups, it will be an awesome event.
3. Sean Staneart asked council members if there was any objection to the school installing shades on the windows in council chambers. There was no objection of council, Mr. Staneart said he would let them know it is fine to move forward.
4. Sean Staneart said the pothole assessment this year was larger than anticipated, a reflection of our aging infrastructure, many roadways are living on their original installation by the developer. He said we have not been able to pave roadways as frequently as they like due to budget constraints, but they will continue to operate the best they can with the budget they have. At prior meetings the goal was to repave McCracken and Liberty, but Mr. Staneart said knowing that we are probably out over our skis on the pothole repair situation that exists and knowing we need to get back in front of that, he and the Service Director feel they should move forward with a private company to come in and repair the large number of potholes in one particular neighborhood. He said their recommendation is to remove Liberty Street from the road paving projects and utilize that money to fix the potholes in Concord Crossing. Mr. Orsini asked about the timeline. Jack Liggett said Concord Crossing would be a two to three day project, if he can get approval tonight, the

company could come on Friday and next Tuesday. There were no objections from council. Mayor Barnard asked if Leafy Dell was done. Mr. Liggett said he will say Leafy Dell does not have potholes but it is not smooth, after they take care of all the other potholes, they are going back over there with a heat plate and see if they can level it and make it a smoother entrance in and out. He said our crews have moved over to work on Sportsmans Club Road, Hillview will be next.

5. Mayor Barnard asked how much of Sportsmans Club Road the city was responsible for. Sean Stanearth said that we have only ever maintained to the city limit, but he just found out today that in 2008, the City of Johnstown, in an annexation agreement with the County Commissioners, agreed to take over repair, maintenance and plowing of Sportsmans Club Road from our corporation limit, all the way to the center line of Nichols Lane. He said he does not know why they did that, that is not customary, he will reach out to the county engineer. Jack Liggett said we have never plowed or maintained it.

6. Mayor Barnard said in the 2025 budget, they budgeted for public relations and media. Sean Stanearth said that at the beginning of the year council looked at some type of public relations, he has talked with some other cities and it is not uncommon, with the current state of affairs with news and social media being a very dominant force, that cities have taken on permanent public relations agencies in order to communicate their messages to the public. There have been some items that the city has been challenged with recently, and that maybe if we had a public relations firm engaged, it could have helped communicate accurate information to the public along with the other great things going on. Mayor Barnard asked council members if anyone had an objection to Sean trying to find someone that fits within the budget, there were no objections. Mr. Orsini said it's in the budget, they have already approved it.

16. Adjourn

With no further business, Mr. Barnard moved to adjourn, Mr. Selan seconded and all were in favor. Motion to adjourn carried 5-0 and the meeting ended at 8:06 pm.

Next Council Meeting May 20, 2025