



Regular Council  
Tuesday, May 20, 2025 - 6:00 PM  
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Donald Barnard called to Order the City of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for May 20, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present - Jeff Barr, Tiffany Hollis, Donald Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Dave Selan, Bob Orsini, Ryan Green (absent at roll call, arrived at 6:18pm)

Absent - None

Staff present - Sean Staneart - City Manager, Dave Delande - Finance Director, Jack Liggett - Service Director, Rusty Smart - Chief of Police, Mike Keller - City Engineer/EMH&T, Justin Holder EMH&T, Steve Samuels - City Legal Counsel/Frost Brown Todd, Dave Riepenhoff - City Legal Counsel/Fishel Downey Albrecht & Riepenhoff, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

Public present - Tyler Thompson, Kendall Polen, Beth Kisher Olds

3. Executive Session to discuss pending court action

**ACTION:** Mayor Barnard moved to enter Executive Session to discuss pending court action, to include members of council, City Manager and city legal counsel; Bob Orsini seconded and the vote was as follows:

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**Passed 6 - 0**

Council entered Executive Session at 6:01 pm and returned to Regular Session at 6:31 pm.  
(Council member Green arrived during the session at 6:18 pm)

4. Invocation

Mr. Kobel

5. Pledge of Allegiance

6. Action on Minutes

a. May 7, 2025

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

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Jeff Barr, Ryan Green (absence)

**Passed 5 - 0**

7. Citizen comments on matters not on the agenda

No public comments.

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8. EMH&T Presentation - Facility Plan Overview

Sean Staneart introduced Mike Keller and Justin Holder with EMH&T along with city legal counsel Steve Samuels with Frost Brown Todd who were in attendance for the presentation. Mr. Staneart said that in 2024 the city engaged EMH&T to draft a Facility Master Plan which was submitted to the Ohio EPA on May 1st. Mr. Keller said this plan builds upon the Comprehensive Plans adopted by the various communities and the framework that was done with Licking County to provide the member communities of the Coalition (Johnstown, Alexandria and Granville), the ability to present an alternate 208 plan. The 208 plan is a wastewater/water quality plan that allows entities to have some authority over development and growth in their designated areas. In 2024, the EPA started updating their 208 plans, looking at the regional watersheds, for water quality and who has the right to service within those bounds. The Coalition's desire is to make sure it expands its authority to control growth in and adjacent to their jurisdictions; with the growth and economic development it is very essential for the region. Mr. Keller and Mr. Holder walked through the plan, how it was developed, what is included, and why this plan was put together; the full report is posted on the Coalition's website.

9. Council Committee reports

- a. **Design Review Board:** 5/13/25 canceled; Next 5/27/25 @ 5:00 pm council chambers
- b. **Planning & Zoning:** 5/13/25 canceled; Next 5/27/25 @ 6:30 pm council chambers
- c. **Finance:** 5/20/25 canceled; Next 6/17/25 @ 5:30 pm council chambers
- d. **Facilities Committee:** Next 6/3/25 @ 5:00 pm council chambers
- e. **Safety & Service:** Next 6/3/25 @ 5:30 pm council chambers

10. Director Reports

- a. Chief of Police  
Chief Smart's report was included in the council packet.
- b. City Manager  
Mr. Staneart's report was included in the council packet.

11. Tabled Legislation - None

- a. **RESOLUTION 2025-19** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO REAPPOINT THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Finance Director Dave Delande would like to "retire-rehire"; retirement date June 30, 2025 and rehire date July 1, 2025. Sean Staneart said the rehiring of the Finance Director has to have the approval of council. Mr. Delande said there are two options; if he sat out for two months, he would receive his pension effectively immediately but if he rehires immediately, he will forfeit two months of his pension, he has opted to rehire immediately so there is no position absence. Mr. Staneart said this will not cost the city any additional money.

Some council members stated that they were unaware of this and would like to discuss it further before voting. Mr. Barr asked if they could discuss this in the upcoming Executive Session. Mayor Barnard said this would fall under the topic, so they could. They could table this and then take

action after the executive session.

**ACTION:** Jeff Barr moved to table; Ryan Green seconded and the vote was as follows:  
**AYES:** Jeff Barr, Bob Orsini, Dave Selan, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis, Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**Passed 7 - 0 TABLED**

13. Introduction of Legislation - None

14. Other Business

1. Mr. Barnard said he has given out the Licking County jail ministries Jail & Bail fundraiser info, if members would let him know if interested in participating.
2. Discussion on holding a State of the City, with a focus on finance, Mr. Barnard said he would start organizing.
3. Mr. Barnard said he would like to honor the history of our city and the stewards that have worked for the city, he would like to do proclamations for living, past Mayors, to recognize them.
4. Mr. Selan said Fiesta Del Rio is hosting a Big Red Band fundraiser, Memorial Day ceremony at Green Hill cemetery on May 26th at 11:30 am with a cookout at the American Legion to follow. Thanked JYAA volunteers for a great weekend tournament.
5. Mr. Green thanked first responders for assistance with a house fire, thanked the community for their support of the family. Springfest is June 7th, 5-9pm on the square.
6. Mr. Barr thanked the Johnstown-Monroe school educators as another school year comes to a close.
7. Mr. Staneart said that roadway improvement projects slated have come in under budget. Jack Liggett said they thought they were going to have to remove the Liberty Street mill and fill project because of the extensive patch repairs done around the city, but he talked with different paving companies and they have gotten a number that allows us to get Liberty and McCracken paved at just slightly under where we were estimating McCracken, so both roads completed at a price within our budget.
8. Discussion on the newly painted pink house on Main Street. Mr. Staneart reviewed the city ordinance on "major/minor environmental changes" and said that a change in material is a key driver with a major improvement. This particular situation was an aluminum siding with a painted coating already so it fell into the minor category and he did not see anything in there to prevent a different color paint. He said with the future design guidelines, he hopes for a desired pallet of colors to guide approval.

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

**ACTION:** Mayor Barnard moved to enter Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment or compensation of a public employee and to discuss collective bargaining matters, with members of council, city manager and city legal counsel, potential for action after; 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 7:40 pm and returned to Regular Session at 9:06 pm.

**ACTION:** Donald Barnard moved to take Resolution 2025-19 from the table; Jeff Barr seconded and all were in favor.  
**AYES:** Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Jeff Barr, Bob Orsini, Dave Selan, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**Passed 7 - 0**

Mayor Barnard asked if anyone on council or in the public had any questions, there were none.

**ACTION:** Donald Barnard moved to pass Resolution 2025-19 as written; Jeff Barr 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**

16. Adjourn

**ACTION:** Donald Barnard moved to adjourn; Bob Orsini 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**

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

**Next Council Meeting Tuesday, June 3, 2025**