



Regular Council
Tuesday, June 17, 2025 - 6:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Donald Barnard called to Order the City of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for June 17, 2025 at 6:34 PM.

2. Roll Call

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

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

Public present - Nick Hubbell, Beth Kistler Olds, Terri Fetters, Scott Mehalak, Tyler Thompson

3. Invocation

Councilman Jeff Barr

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Approval of Agenda

No changes.

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to approve; 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

6. Action on Minutes

a. June 3, 2025

ACTION: Bob Orsini moved to approve as written; Wesley Kobel 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

7. Citizen comments on matters not on the agenda
No comments.
8. Council Committee reports
 - a. **Planning & Zoning:** Met 6/10/25; Next 6/24/25 @ 6:30 pm council chambers
Consideration of a zoning map amendment application and recommendation to council. The commission is taking thirty days permitted to consider. They plan to see it again on the twenty-fourth at their next meeting.
 - b. **Design Review Board:** Met 6/10/25; Next 6/24/25 @ 5:30 pm council chambers
Application approval for roof and siding improvements to a residential home; balance of the meeting was a work session for the Design Guidelines document.
 - c. **Finance:** 6/17/25; Next 7/15/25 @ 5:30 pm council chambers
Committee discussed legislation on tonight's agenda for council pay. Additional discussion on the five-year review of water and sewer tap and capacity fees, the city will be looking into what firms will perform the evaluation.
 - d. **Facilities Committee:** Next 8/5/25 5:00 pm council chambers
 - e. **Safety & Service:** Next 8/5/25 @ 5:30 pm council chambers
9. Director Reports
 - a. Chief of Police
Report included in the packet; no questions.
 - b. City Manager
Report included in the packet; no questions.
10. Tabled Legislation - None
11. Public Hearings of Legislation

- a. **RESOLUTION 2025-25** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING
Sean Staneart said the city has the ability to do a waiver of competitive bidding, there are certain provisions in the ORC that allow this, he referenced the attached memo provided by EMH&T.

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

ACTION: Ryan Green moved to approve; Bob Orsini 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

Jeff Barr asked if this legislation was just for this project, Mr. Orsini said yes, the legislation references the crack sealing.

12. Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing.

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to enter Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing, to include all of Council, City Manager, Service Director, Finance Director and city attorney. Tiffany Hollis 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

13. Executive Session to prepare for, conduct, or review a collective bargaining strategy

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to enter Executive Session to prepare for, conduct, or review a collective bargaining strategy, to include all of Council, City Manager, Finance Director and city attorney; Tiffany Hollis 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 Sessions at 6:46 pm and returned to Regular Session at 7:51 pm.

14. Public Hearings of Legislation - None

- a. **RESOLUTION 2025-26** COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN AND OHIO COUNCIL 8, AFSCME, AFL-CIO

ACTION: Bob Orsini moved to table; Dave Selan seconded and the vote was as follows:

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

NOES: Mayor Barnard

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 1

15. Introduction of Legislation

- a. **ORDINANCE 05-2025** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL THAT TAKE OFFICE ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2026

Jeff Barr said earlier today the Finance Committee discussed, and is bringing forward a recommendation that the council pay of \$100.00 per meeting moves to \$200.00 per meeting and the Mayor position move from \$500.00 per month to \$800 per month. He said both rates are on the low end of the pay scale according to a salary survey completed.

Ryan Green said he does not think they are ready for this, he doesn't know that this is going to do enough to bring more people into the fold, they see the townships that pay significantly more and have insurance, nobody is kicking the doors down to run for those either. He said he doesn't know that they need a raise. Bob Orsini said as previously discussed, at some point, if this ball keeps getting pushed down the road, a future council is going to have to go from \$100 to \$500 and that becomes an enormous leap, essentially they would be setting a trap for a future council to get the pay on par. In discussion about would it make it better or attract more candidates, not necessarily, but it keeps the compensation for the work performed almost on par so it is attainable for another council to make an increase in the future. Ms. Hollis said just to clarify, this doesn't affect pay for anyone currently. Mr. Orsini said there will be four seats open on council, anyone elected in November would get the new pay rate, the three remaining seats would stay the same until there is a new term. If someone is appointed, they would get the new rate. The Mayor position turns over at the end of this year as well, and the next Mayor would get the new rate. Dave Selan said he is open to discussion but considering the city's financial situation, he does not feel comfortable when there are needs not being met, he cannot wrap his head around a yes vote right now. Tiffany Hollis said she was more along the mindset of addressing this when it was time to revisit the Charter, but that a really good point was made in finance committee, she had not thought about that part of it. Mayor Barnard said if they wait for the Charter review, it might have to go from \$100 to \$300. Ms. Hollis said to her, it makes a whole lot of sense to do it in baby steps. Mr. Barr said this is no different than other fees and pay structures, this should be considered in the same way, it shouldn't be personal, it should be considered for the position, the seat, not the person, because the onus gets harder and harder. Clerk Monroe added that the last increase was in 2019 and that the Charter directs council to review this in odd number years. Ms. Hollis said she agreed on considering the position, not the people, because it is awkward when you are discussing something you are sitting in a seat for. After further discussion, Ms. Monroe said she would update the Ordinance for the next meeting and second reading/public hearing and vote.

16. Other Business

1. Jeff Barr asked council to take time to look over the proposal submitted earlier and ask if there are questions.
2. Ryan Green thanked all who were involved in the road repairs completed this week at Liberty and McCracken, it is very smooth, he hopes for more road repairs that are that easy. Fireman's Festival this week and parade on Saturday,
3. Ryan Green said there have been some issues with cars going across the walking path in Concord East. There were previous discussions on bollards or other obstacles to keep cars from going through there but allowing emergency vehicles through. There is a huge do not enter sign and barricades, but people are moving the barricades. The intent of the roadway is for emergency vehicles only. Discussion on enforcement. Staff to research

some options and provide for discussion at Safety & Service committee.

4. Dave Selan said fireworks are July 3rd. Breakfast at the Legion on Saturday, followed by the parade. Miss Johnstown pageant at 7:00 pm at the PAC. One last opportunity for sponsoring the fireworks, the Sparks program, directly benefits the PTO, the Big Red Band Boosters, the JYAA wrestling team and the JHS National Honor Society. After that, it will go to other volunteer groups assisting with activities. Still looking for additional questions for the "How well do you know Johnstown" quiz coming out at the fireworks event.

5. Mayor Barnard said the Licking County Humane Society is having their first "Bark and Brew" June 21st at 5:00 pm, bring your dogs, they will have live music & beer, at the humane society. Additionally, he offered condolences, he said they lost a dear friend in their neighborhood, Brad Hughes, who passed away yesterday.

6. Sean Staneart said with item number fourteen being tabled, another meeting will need to be scheduled within thirty days to take it off the table for consideration. The meeting was set for June 24th at 5:00 pm.

7. Jeff Barr said this weekend JYAA will host a baseball and softball tournament, they are still looking for paid employees (\$15/hour) to assist.

17. Executive Session to consider the employment of a public employee

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to enter Executive Session to consider the employment of a public employee, to include all of Council and Mr. Staneart, with no business to follow; Bob Orsini 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 8:16 pm and returned to Regular Session, time not recorded.

18. Adjourn

With no further business, a motion to adjourn carried, meeting end time not recorded.