



Regular Council
Tuesday, September 16, 2025 - 6:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Donald Barnard called to Order the City of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for September 16, 2025 at 6:34 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, Rusty Smart - Chief of Police, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

Public present - Ben Lee and family, Nick Hubbell, Jamie McNalley, Matthew Huggins, Mike Sileargy

3. Invocation

Mr. Barr

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Approval of Agenda

ACTION: Dave Selan moved to approve; 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

6. Proclamation

Mayor Barnard said the city has been honoring its past by honoring those who have served the city in different ways, this year they decided to honor all of the former living Mayors. Mayor Barnard read a proclamation honoring former Mayor Benjamin Lee for his service to the city.

7. Action on Minutes

a. September 2, 2025

ACTION: Dave Selan moved to approve; 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

8. Citizen comments on matters not on the agenda

No comments

9. Council Committee reports

- a. **Planning & Zoning:** Met 9/9/25; Next 9/23/25 @ 6:30 pm council chambers
Mr. Green said there are a couple of recommendations from them that council will see tonight.
- b. **Design Review Board:** Met 9/9/25; Next 9/23/25 @ 5:30 pm council chambers
Board continues review of exterior modifications to 67 S. Main Street (old hardware building), the application is tabled. Review of sign application for downtown business at 68 S. Main Street, some design changes were requested, application tabled. Demolition of a residential home on Green Chapel was approved.
- c. **Finance:** 9/16/25; Next 10/7/25 @ 5:30 pm council chambers
Committee reviewed costs and financing for the water plant.
- d. **Safety & Service:** Next 10/7/25 @ 5:30 pm council chambers

10. Director Reports

- a. Police Chief
Report was included in the council packet. Mr. Orsini said he would like to thank the Chief, he has noticed a police presence at both crosswalks in the morning, out of their cars, high-fiving the kids as they cross the street, he said this is outstanding community policing.
- b. City Manager
Report was included in the council packet, no questions were asked.

11. Tabled Legislation

- a. **RESOLUTION 2025-35** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A GREEN CHAPEL ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY AND TRANSFER AGREEMENT. Tabled 9/2/25
Mr. Green said that zoning had brief discussion on the agreement but ultimately kicked this to Safety & Service committee. He asked if there was a motion to bring this off the table.

ACTION: Dave Selan moved to take Resolution 2025-35 off the table; Ryan Green seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Dave Selan, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis, Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Jeff Barr, Bob Orsini
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

Mr. Selan asked what was discussed by the planning commission and the ultimate takeaway. Mr. Green said they had very brief discussion and ultimately decided that they were not the correct venue to make a ruling and decided to send it to Safety & Service. Mayor Barnard asked Mr. Green if there was anything that they would bring up that council couldn't move on with. Mr. Green said he thinks council could move on this without going to Safety & Service. Mr. Selan inquired on the white fence for the Johnstown side, he asked if this was set in stone, that in his mind that is almost a trademark of New Albany. Sean Staneart said he believes there is a desire to have some uniformity in that area, he referenced the agreement and said there is mention of potential for fencing in the easement. Mayor Barnard asked Jamie McNally if he had any idea on this. Mr. McNally said the fence would probably be part of a final development plan, they don't know yet if Green Chapel is going to get developed for industrial or the original multi-family plan since Intel's scope and timing has changed. He said he doesn't know what the right answer is right now, if there is a fence on one side and not the other, it might be weird, if there is a white fence on one side and a black fence on the other, that is also weird. Mr. Selan said they would like to find their

own fingerprint that says Johnstown, he agrees there needs to be some barrier/fence but that they need to find out what that trademark is going to be. Mr. Orsini said he is not one to leave things to chance but he thinks it is safe to assume that there will be communication and agreement, he is not concerned with the language as it sits. Mr. Green said he just wants to make sure we are not obligating ourselves or abdicating certain rights that would be a detriment to us in the future, he wants to make sure we have a say in the look and feel of that area; he did agree with the belief that conversations would be ongoing. Sean Staneart said that the agreement identifies that there could be a fence, so he doesn't want there to be a shock later that there is a fence, but council will have some say on that in the final development plan. He wants to be discussing this with New Albany in good faith, whenever we do deliver a signed agreement, he will certainly relay the information that a fence on both sides may not be the final outcome and there may be some resistance to a fence. Some discussion on branding and cost of maintenance consideration. Mr. McNally said they were excited to participate or lend resources however they can as they work with Johnstown to find its own identity because they want Johnstown's brand to be more of Johnstown too. Ryan Green asked what their ability was on curb cuts through there. Jamie McNally said on the exhibit, they took their best guess about where curb cuts are going to be or where curb cuts could possibly be, it shows six, which may not all be needed. Some of the roundabouts already exist, curb cuts at a later date would have to be negotiated. Tiffany Hollis inquired about utilities, and that she did not see anything in the agreement. Jamie McNally said there is a whole spaghetti of utilities on Green Chapel, the street lights on the northern side of the curb will be owned and maintained by the City of New Albany. There is another layer when it comes to utilities, for example, LRE has a blanket easement, they have the right to extend utilities along Green Chapel if they need to. Water and sanitary will be coming down Mink so everything in Green Chapel will probably be served from the north. Jamie McNally said they feel good that this "future-proofs" all parties, something might happen they cannot project, but, it protects for as much as they know today, the City of New Albany, the City of Johnstown and the private land developers and Intel.

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

ACTION:	Dave Selan moved to approve Resolution 2025-35 as written; Tiffany Hollis seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES:	Dave Selan, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis, Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Jeff Barr, Bob Orsini
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Passed 7 - 0

12. Public Hearings of Legislation

- a. **ORDINANCE 08-2025** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART THREE – TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN. Introduced 9/2/25
Second reading, this legislation adds Jersey Street, Edwards Road, Concord Road, South Oregon Street from West Coshocton Street to West Jersey Street, to the no-through trucks city ordinance.

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

Sean Staneart said this lays the legal groundwork but the mechanics still need to be worked out relative to where signage can go, we need to coordinate with our legal team to confirm placement outside Johnstown's jurisdiction.

ACTION: Bob Orsini moved to approve Ordinance 08-2025; 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: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

- b. **RESOLUTION 2025-36** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN ANNEXATION OF 6.7 +/- ACRES, MORE OR LESS, FROM MONROE TOWNSHIP, LICKING COUNTY TO THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN

Jamie McNally said this is the last "missing tooth" along Green Chapel, it will be absorbed to Subarea 1 and be zoned with the surrounding property. No questions or comments by council.

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

ACTION: Bob Orsini moved to approve Resolution 2025-36 as written; Dave Selan seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Bob Orsini, Dave Selan, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis, Mayor Barnard, Wes Kobel, Jeff Barr
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

13. Introduction of Legislation - None

14. Other Business

1. Mr. Barr asked that the city have Johnstown Pointe clean the construction dirt off of US62. Chief Smart said he has asked Mr. Liggett to get with the foreman at the job site to get that taken care of.
2. Mr. Barr said that yesterday, OSU President Carter and Columbus State Community College President Dr. Harrison announced a huge opportunity for all Ohio students. Buckeye Bridge starts in spring of 2026; if you graduate from Columbus State Community College with an associate's degree, you can continue your education at Ohio State tuition and student fee free (Household income less than \$100,000/year)
3. Mr. Green said that council will see a sign code amendment recommendation coming from Planning & Zoning Commission in the near future.
4. Mr. Green thanked Dr. Wagner and the school board for the invite to the ribbon cutting on the new wing of the high school.
5. Mr. Selan said there is breakfast at the legion this weekend and bonus football under the lights at the high school stadium on Saturday night as JYAA teams take to the field.
6. Mr. Barr said that having some maps with highlighted areas would be helpful instead of "northwest/southwest corner" when discussing items.
7. Mr. Barnard said that a council member suggested work sessions once a month, he asked for input. Mr. Barr said that he was glad Mr. McNally was here, but any upcoming "teeth" legislations, could have been discussed in a work shop. Or items like all of these "other business" highlights, or give time to ask more questions to the manager or city staff. Mr. Green said he thinks work sessions are a great idea and would definitely like to see more. Discussion on when meetings could occur, potential for daytime meetings.
8. Mr. Barnard asked how council wants the manager to handle responses to reporters for news articles etc. Does council want to see the responses first. Mr. Orsini said he doesn't think they

need to review. Mr. Barr asked Mr. Staneart if we were using any kind of resource to vet, a public relations provider, or is it just him. Mr. Staneart said most of the time just him, usually the media wants a pretty quick turnaround so there is not a lot of time for review, he said that he puts out the viewpoint of council and does so in writing so nothing can be manipulated or misconstrued. Mayor Barnard asked if council wanted to review everything he puts out or are they good with what he is doing. Mr. Orsini said he did not, Mr. Selan said he did not. Mr. Green said he doesn't want to review everything but on some of the press releases it might not be a bad thing, he understands they won't get enough notice to get feedback from them, but if it is going out in writing at least shoot it to them in an email to give them heads up that an article or press release is coming out. Mr. Barr said he agrees with the notification, he wishes we had someone to vet it through because some of the things he is responding to are not always good news. Ms. Hollis said she thinks typically, if there is an issue with legality, he does vet it through legal counsel, Mr. Staneart said for sure. Mr. Orsini said he navigates the sticky ones fine.

9. Mr. Barnard said the last farmers' market is tomorrow.

10. Ms. Hollis asked who was on the CODA board; members are Ms. Hollis, Wes Kobel, Ryan Green. Mr. Staneart said there is an application for review and the board will need to meet.

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

ACTION: Mayor Barnard moved to enter Executive Session to consider the employment of a public employee with members of council, Sean at some point, no other business to follow; Bob Orsini seconded and the vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

Council entered Executive Session at 7:27 pm and returned to Regular Session at 8:17 pm.

16. Adjourn

With no further business, a motion to adjourn carried and the meeting ended at 8:17 pm.

Next Council Meeting October 7, 2025