



Regular Council
Wednesday, November 5, 2025 - 6:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Donald Barnard called to Order the City of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for November 5, 2025 at 6:48 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, Jack Liggett - Service Director, Rusty Smart - Chief of Police, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

Public present - Joe Poland, Gail Hatfield, Beth Kisher Olds, Matthew Huggins, Kyle Cook, Nicole Shook, Don Fairbanks

3. Invocation

Mayor Barnard

4. Pledge of Allegiance

After the pledge, Mayor Barnard said he would like to congratulate and recognize the three new council members in the audience. Council members elect are Kyle Cook, Nicole Shook and Matthew Huggins.

5. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Barnard asked to remove item fourteen, Executive Session to consider the employment of a public employee.

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to approve with the change of striking item fourteen; Dave Selan 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

6. Action on Minutes

a. October 21, 2025

ACTION: Bob Orsini moved to approve as written; Dave Selan 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

7. Citizen comments on matters not on the agenda

1. Gail Hatfield

- Thanked the Council and Safety & Service Committee for the work so far on the Middleburn and Hanebrink intersection and approval of the second stop sign. He said cars running the stop sign has been an ongoing thing for the last four or five years, they have addressed this with their HOA and police have monitored. Additionally dangerous is that there are lots of things that pedestrians walk to, the clubhouse/pool/basketball courts/pickleball courts, when they get to the intersection, there is nowhere for them to go other than the street (Hanebrink). He said there are unfinished sidewalks, they are asking for council involvement in having the HOA finish the sidewalk on the clubhouse side of Hanebrink to the intersection. Mayor Barnard said that he is working with Schlabach to see what price they would discount finishing that sidewalk. Mr. Green said that in that section they are doing final plats in smaller sections so it will be up for discussion.
- Asked if the city would consider putting in pedestrian crossings at the end of Middleburn, if the sidewalk is put in on the north side of Hanebrink, so people could cross Middleburn and then they could cross Hanebrink. Another crossing down over the hill across from the clubhouse and pool where all the activities happen. They would like pedestrian crossing signs with paint on the roadway indicating the crossing.

Mayor Barnard said he thought they had talked about painting something on the road. Jack Liggett said they did, but to make that legal, they have to have sidewalk taken out, truncated domes put in, which they can do, he just needs authorization from council. Mayor Barnard asked what the cost would be, Mr. Liggett said he would have to investigate that if they would like him to. Mr. Barnard said yes.

2. Don Fairbanks

- Said Copilot says that 125 foot of concrete sidewalk would be about \$8,000.
- Said the worst was when big trucks were hauling dirt barreling down Middleburn, they knew there was a stop sign there but because there was nothing to the right or straight ahead, they just go right through it. There are children in the neighborhood that are young or have some handicaps that might make it harder for them to recognize danger before it becomes critical. He thinks the crosswalks going north to the pet side of Hanebrink and down in front of the activity center would be a real good idea.

3. Steven Braymeyer

- Lives on the corner, has a five-year old, so this issue does make him nervous. He said for him, it is less of an issue that people run the stop sign, it is the speed at which they do so. Concerned it is only a matter of time before someone gets hit. His request to council would be a speed bump for that stop sign as well as "children at play" signs throughout the neighborhood. He said people know the stop sign is there, they just don't feel it is necessary to stop because the two outlets of the

intersection are not active yet so they just blow through it. In his opinion, the fix is a speed bump.

8. Council Committee reports

- a. **Planning & Zoning:** Next 11/12/25 @ 5:30 pm council chambers
- b. **Design Review Board:** Next 11/12/25 @ 4:30 pm council chambers
- c. **Safety & Service:** 11/5/25 @ 5:00 pm council chambers
Discussed the Concord Crossing East intersection at Middleburn and Hanebrink. Talked about the Food Truck ordinance and easing some permit requirements. Also talked about the 2026 fireworks.
- d. **Finance:** 11/12/25 @ 5:45 pm council chambers
Flock Safety presented on some traffic enhancement for the city, it will be in the budget for next year. Talked about the budget, will meet on the 18th starting at 4:30 pm and again if needed on the 24th at 4:00 pm. They are hoping to have the budget first reading at the December 2nd meeting. Mayor Barnard encouraged all current and future council members to come when they go over the budget.

9. Director Reports

- a. Service Departments: Water, Sewer, Street
Reports included in the packet; Mr. Liggett answered council member questions on items within.
- b. Service Director
Report included in the packet; Mr. Liggett reviewed items.

Bob Orsini asked if the Coughlin apartments were open ended. Sean Staneart said no, our permits have an expiration date of two years, their permit was issued in October of 2023, he did previously notify the company that they were coming up on the expiration date of the permit. He will now be notifying them that the permit has expired and that they will need to submit an application for renewal. The Planning & Zoning Commission will evaluate and if they see fit, will issue the renewal, if not, Coughlin will have to resubmit for an entirely new permit.

10. Tabled Legislation - None

11. Public Hearings of Legislation

- a. **RESOLUTION 2025-39** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/ OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED

Sean Staneart said this resolution, and the next, are in preparation for OPWC submission, that deadline is November 7th. He said these were both heavily vetted in Safety & Service and Finance Committees. The city is applying for OPWC funds for assistance on both projects; the SR37 resurfacing and traffic signal at Leafy Dell and the 62/37 intersection

improvements, a project engineered by American Structure Point through the TID. State funding total package of around eighty million dollars, associated funds with this was a million dollars. That million dollars is not all for construction, some had to do with studying the intersection and alternative routes and coming up with a conclusion that would meet either a short, mid, or long term solution. The committees worked through these projects and came up with a recommendation, the funding has been outlined and these projects will be submitted in hopes that we receive grant funding.

Ryan Green asked if they would have a much larger presentation on everything that is going to happen with 37/62. Sean Staneart said they can certainly request that from American Structure Point, they have brought it to committee a couple times. If the council wants, he can request that they do a singular event for that to identify what they worked through. Mr. Green said he thinks before they go too much further with 37/62 they need to have a more public presentation on it, he said the last committee meeting was pretty solid but they did not have great attendance, he thinks that is something they would want to see before they fundamentally alter the downtown area. Mayor Barnard said they need to approve the funding tonight because it is due by the seventh. Tiffany Hollis said that doesn't lock them in on the exact design, so they can go ahead. Mr. Green said they can approve the funding, they could always turn down the funding if they got it, if for some reason they wanted to change something, it doesn't lock us into that exact design but he does want to have a more public presentation, he had hoped they would have that tonight. Mayor Barnard said they didn't have it tonight because they have had it at the last couple, people are notified that they can come to these meetings. Dave Selan said just so he is clear, this is the same information they talked about right here, last Safety & Service, with the intersections and the right-hand turns; members said yes. Jeff Barr said so they can approve the funding piece and to Ryan's point they could schedule a meeting, it sounds like they would come and do one. Mr. Staneart said he thinks so, he can certainly reach out to them and see if it is part of the scope that the TID provides. Mr. Barr said it could just be an open house. Mayor Barnard asked Mr. Green if there were parts he was concerned with that residents may not want or like. Mr. Green said he was, but not as it relates to the funding.

No further discussion.

Mayor Barnard said that this Resolution 2025-39 is for the intersection of State Route 37 and US Route 62.

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

ACTION:	Bob Orsini moved to approve Resolution 2025-39 as written; Jeff Barr 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 2025-40** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC

WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/ OR LOCAL
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS
AS REQUIRED

Mayor Barnard said this Resolution 2025-40 is for the resurfacing and related work to install a northbound right turn lane and traffic signal at State Route 37 and Leafy Dell Road intersection.

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

ACTION: Bob Orsini moved to approve Resolution 2025-40 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

Mayor Barnard asked Mr. Staneart to get with ASP to see when they could do, not necessarily a presentation, but have some pictures that people could walk around and look at. Mr. Barr asked if this would include the 62/37 and Leafy Dell projects. Mr. Staneart said that ASP is only tasked with the 62/37 project, the other is an ODOT facilitated project, they are doing the engineering and design. Mr. Barr asked if ODOT could print out some nice boards to show the project, Mr. Staneart said he could ask.

- c. **RESOLUTION 2025-41** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM
The city needs to join this cooperative program in order to participate in the state bid process that will allow Strawser to guarantee the price quoted for the micro-sealing project next year.

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

ACTION: Jeff Barr moved to pass Resolution 2025-41 as written; Bob Orsini 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

- d. **RESOLUTION 2025-42** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF LEGAL COUNSEL FOR INDIGENT DEFENDANTS FOR THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO
The Licking County Commissioners office requires the city to pass this legislation annually for indigent legal defense if needed.

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

ACTION: Bob Orsini moved to approve as written; Jeff Barr 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

e. **RESOLUTION 2025-43** A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE NEW DESIGN CRITERIA FOR CITY STREET SIGNS

Committees have been working on a new street sign design for better city branding. The committee recommended design of the white sign with the cupola has been brought tonight for approval. Mayor Barnard said that they are not replacing all signs now but as they go bad, they will be replaced with these and developers will need to use this design in new neighborhoods.

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

ACTION: Tiffany Hollis moved to approve Resolution 2025-43; Dave Selan seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Tiffany Hollis, Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Jeff Barr, Bob Orsini, Dave Selan, Ryan Green
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

f. **RESOLUTION 2025-44** A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE JOHNSTOWN NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

This reappoints two members initially appointed to one-year terms. Mr. Barr asked if both were willing to continue, Ms. Monroe said yes, she did check with them. Mr. Barr asked if we had advertised for this like other boards, Ms. Monroe said she did not this time as these were initial terms set in order to get staggered terms on the board, actual appointments will be for two years. Mr. Orsini said that this board is really just forming now, it is not like there would be an opportunity to change direction or add more people to the mix because they functionally have not operated until now. He said if their initial intent was to appoint a couple of folks who are capable, he thinks that carries through without opening it back up. He would advocate opening it back up in the future.

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

ACTION: Bob Orsini moved to approve as written; Jeff Barr seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Tiffany Hollis, Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Jeff Barr, Bob Orsini, Dave Selan, Ryan Green

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

12. Introduction of Legislation - None

13. Other Business

1. Jeff Barr congratulated all of the high school and middle school students on their straight A honor role, A,B honor role and A,B,C honor role, he thinks there are several proud parents here. Congratulations to the children and applause to the parents and a big thank you to the teachers and administrators.

2. Ryan Green congratulated everyone that was in the election, both in the city and everywhere else locally, he said get ready to work, there is a lot coming our way and he is happy to work with everyone.

3. Ryan Green introduced a DORA (Downtown Outdoor Refreshment Area) draft he would like to send to a committee, he said he has written a draft and hopes they can have this in the works for this spring and in time for all the events and good weather. Mayor Barnard asked if someone had to pay for that. Mr. Green said typically you have to pay for it but he wrote this himself, he went through a bunch of cities that he liked, he said they have talked about it for at least a year and he was tired of waiting. He said he is not trained to write these but did the best he could with what he could find and he thinks they can carve it up themselves as a group and maybe submit it to legal at the end. He said basically they write the criteria, they pass it as a resolution and the city manager sends it to the state. Mayor Barnard asked if they could each get a copy electronically, Mr. Green said he could do that. Decision to send to Safety & Service committee.

4. Dave Selan congratulated candidates across the board, council, trustees and school board. He said he hopes to see continuation of the progress they have been able to make, it has been a great two years, they got the train back on the tracks and he thinks they are moving in a good direction, just continue the progress.

14. Executive Session to consider the employment of a public employee
Removed from agenda.

15. Adjourn

With no further business, Mayor Barnard moved to adjourn; Ms. Hollis seconded and all were in favor. Motion carried 7-0 and the meeting ended at 7:30 pm.

Next Council Meeting November 18, 2025