



Regular Council
Tuesday, November 18, 2025 - 6:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Donald Barnard called to Order the City of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for November 18, 2025 at 6:41 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, Dave Riepenhoff - City Legal Counsel, Kyle Cook - Planning & Zoning Commission, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

Public present - Matthew Huggins, Nicole Shook, Ray Speck, Nick Hubbell, Mike Foor

3. Invocation

Mr. Selan

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Approval of Agenda

ACTION: Bob Orsini moved to approve as written; 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

6. Correspondence

a. Department of Commerce

Council review of the Notice to Legislative Authorities by the Division of Liquor Control for all Class C and D permits that will expire in 2026. There were no objections to renewals and no hearing requested.

7. Action on Minutes

a. November 5, 2025

ACTION: Dave Selan moved to approve as written; Wesley Kobel 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

8. Citizen comments on matters not on the agenda
 1. Mike Foor
 - Said he saw a Facebook post on the proposed traffic flow pattern changes for the downtown, he listed some questions and provided comments for council consideration, he said he will forward all in an email.

9. Council Committee reports
 - a. **Planning & Zoning:** Met 11/12/25; Next 11/25/25 @ 6:30 pm council chambers
Reviewed a Conditional Use application for a wall mural on a downtown building. The application was tabled pending some requested information from the board.
 - b. **Design Review Board:** Met 11/12/25; Next 11/25/25 @ 5:30 pm council chambers
Review of applications considered, all were approved.
 - c. **Finance:** 11/18/25 @ 4:30 pm council chambers; Next Special if needed 11/24/25 @ 4:00 pm council chambers
Review of budget 2026
 - d. **Safety & Service:** Next 12/2/25, time tbd, council chambers

10. Director Reports
 - a. Police Chief
Report included in the council packet; Chief Smart highlighted items and answered council member questions.
 - b. City Manager
Report included in the council packet; Mr. Staneart answered council member questions on some items within.

11. Tabled Legislation - None

12. Public Hearings of Legislation
 - a. **ORDINANCE 12-2025** AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT AN AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN
Following the procedures in 1137 of the city's Codified Ordinance, tonight is the advertised public hearing on the zoning amendment request for 265 W. Coshocton Street to rezone from UR-1 (residential) to GCC-1 (commercial). This property has operated as commercial for many years, this will bring the zoning into alignment with its use. Approval was recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission, the staff report attached also recommends approval. Applicant Ray Speck was present to answer council member questions. Sean Staneart added that another determining factor is that this change does align with the city's Comprehensive Plan.

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

The second reading and vote will be in two weeks.

13. Introduction of Legislation
 - a. **ORDINANCE 13-2025** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 730 OF THE CITY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES
First reading; this legislation came by recommendation of the Safety & Service Committee. Mr. Green said this was feedback that came from the public, this cuts red tape and removes some

overly burdensome requirements for a Food Truck Permit.

Mayor Barnard opened the floor to public comments, there were none. Public Hearing and vote in two weeks at the next meeting.

Some discussion on the permit fee language, staff to review prior to second reading to check that the math makes sense.

14. Other Business

1. Bob Orsini continues to express concern for the twenty-mile per hour limit not being respected through the school zone. He reminds people to talk to their families and children about crossing safety. Mayor Barnard said he asked Mr. Liggett to get a quote on the same signs used downtown, something in the roadway may draw more attention.

2. Jeff Barr said Explore Licking County Board of Directors has a vacant position, they are travel and tourism based and he would like to nominate Ms. Hollis.

ACTION: Jeff Barr moved that council approve a recommendation for Councilwoman Hollis to be considered for an open seat on the Explore Licking County Board of Directors; Mayor Barnard 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

3. Mr. Barr offered congratulations to the many kids that have received honor roll designation and a thank you to the teachers and administrators who helped them get there.

4. Sean Staneart said there was discussion at the last council meeting on the 62/37 intersection improvements and holding a public interest meeting. American Structure Point has proposed Thursday, December 11th at 5:30pm if that is agreeable to council. There was no objection. This will be an opportunity for a presentation to be given and for residents that may have questions or concerns to attend.

5. Mr. Selan said there was another good breakfast at the Legion. A new outreach group has formed, named "One Town One Table" in cooperation with the two food pantries in town, they will be providing nutritious meals to feed families in need. The first meal is tomorrow night at the American Legion and will run for four consecutive Wednesdays.

6. Mr. Selan asked to revisit one of the topics from finance committee, about the \$10,000 from the city to sponsor the fireworks. Mayor Barnard said that it is in the budget but is on the list of things to be discussed with council during budget review the first meeting in December. Mr. Orsini said discretionary spending as a leisure activity is greater than just the finance committee's decision. He said this city is a one percent income tax town and any major expense, especially when it falls into a leisure category, in his opinion, should be discussed by the full body. There are other line items that will be reviewed also. Mr. Selan said he wanted to give full clarity to what a loss of \$10,000 would do. He said it would eliminate the donations and participation that went with:

- Big Red Band Boosters
- Johnstown PTO
- JHS National Honor Society
- Johnstown CCL
- JHS Cheer Team
- JHS Athletic Boosters
- JHS Soccer
- JYAA Wrestling
- JYAA 11U Select Team
- 2 Boy Scout troops
- Angels Persist

- Locally owned businesses that pledged to donate their participation to other JYAA interests such as the DJ, Graphics, Free Face Painting, Balloon animals, Caricatures, Highland Cows, Food for First Responders, allowed for the Legion to distribute glow necklaces and other items, and more than a hundred free desserts.

He asked council to keep in mind that removing the \$10,000 would return the fireworks to the level before because \$15,000 goes to fireworks, \$2,000 goes to signage, so they would have to look at not supporting Digital Impression, and possibly look at having them printed elsewhere and shipped in. They would have to look at eliminating a band to play as well as the porta-johns. So, this would wipe out the vast majority of events they had last year if the \$10,000 is removed. He said before finance or anyone else on council, this year or next, decides to erase that line item, he definitely understands it is discretionary funding, but he thinks last year's events was one of the best, he just asks them to keep that in mind.

7. Mayor Barnard stated a reminder that council meetings in December are the 2nd and the 9th. The Santa Parade is on the 6th, and Santa will be in attendance on the 9th.

15. Executive session concerning the Employment, dismissal, compensation of a public employee, to prepare for collective bargaining and matters required to be kept confidential by law

16. 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, to include all of council, the City Manager and the three future council members; 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

Prior to the roll call vote, Mr. Barr asked if the seven current council members could meet first and then call in the council members elect, Mayor Barnard said yes.

ACTION: Mayor Barnard moved to enter Executive Session concerning the employment, dismissal, compensation of a public employee, to prepare for collective bargaining and matters required to be kept confidential by law, to include members of council, the City Manager, Chief of Police, and our attorney; 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

Mayor Barnard stated there would be no business to follow.

Council entered Executive Sessions at 7:41 pm and returned to Regular Session at 8:15 pm.

17. Adjourn

With no further business, a motion to adjourn carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next Council Meeting December 2, 2025