



Regular Council
Tuesday, December 9, 2025 - 6:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Donald Barnard called to Order the City of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for December 9, 2025 at 6:35 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present - Mayor Donald Barnard, Tiffany Hollis, Ryan Green, Wesley Kobel, Dave Selan, Bob Orsini
Absent - Jeff Barr

Staff present - Sean Staneart - City Manager, Dave Delande - Finance Director (virtual), Jack Liggett - Service Director, Rusty Smart - Chief of Police, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

Public present - Matthew Huggins, Rodney Johnson, Beth Kisher Olds, Alan Benton, Aaron Underhill, Allison Rollin, Matt McColister, Bill Ebbing, Justin Bickley, family members and children of city council members Wyatt Selan, Emma Green, Thomas Green, Amelia Hollis, Addy Barnard, Izzy Barnard, Sophia Kobel, Lincoln Cromer

3. Invocation

Mr. Orsini

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Approval of Agenda

Dave Selan requested agenda item 13g be moved to just ahead of the action on minutes.

ACTION: Bob Orsini moved to approve as amended; Dave Selan seconded and all were in favor.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

6. **RESOLUTION 2025-51** A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN TRAFFIC CODE AND COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER FOR SANTA

Mr. Selan introduced Resolution 2025-51 and read the first paragraph. Each council member took turns reading the rest of the legislation.

Public Hearing:

1. Santa Claus

- Said the children and youth of the community have been exceptionally good this

year.

- He is here tonight to request the help of city council in order to help him make accurate and timely deliveries, especially for kids who are so well behaved including but not limited to, Addy, Amelia, Chloe, Emma, Izzy, Jackson, Jen, Lincoln, Sophia, Tommy, Wyatt, and Zev.
- Asked council that he be allowed to drive a little faster on the streets and in the skies of the City of Johnstown, exceeding normal posted speed limits.

Mayor Barnard asked the children to vote on the legislation.

ACTION: Addy Barnard moved to approve Resolution 2025-51; Emma Green seconded and all were in favor

AYES: Wyatt Selan, Emma Green, Thomas Green, Amelia Hollis, Addy Barnard, Izzy Barnard, Sophia Kobel, Lincoln Cromer

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

8 - 0 passed

Mayor Barnard said as this was the last council meeting of the year, the city wanted to recognize three council members for their years of service to the city. Wesley Kobel, Dave Selan and Bob Orsini were presented with a memory gift.

7. Action on Minutes

a. November 18, 2025

ACTION: Dave Selan moved to approve as written; Wesley Kobel seconded and all were in favor.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

8. Correspondence

a. Department of Commerce

Council received correspondence from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control for a permit transfer. No hearing was requested.

9. Citizen comments on matters not on the agenda

No comments

10. Executive Session to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance.

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to enter Executive Session to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, to include members of council present, city manager, the three incoming

council members, members from NACO and Jobs Ohio, Allison Rollin, Matt McColister, Bill Ebbing, Aaron Underhill, Justin Bickley and city legal counsel (virtual); Tiffany Hollis seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Bob Orsini, Dave Selan, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

City Council entered Executive Session at 6:57 p.m. and returned to Regular Session at 7:54 p.m.

11. Council Committee reports

- a. **Planning & Zoning:** Met 12/3/25; Next 1/13/26 @ 6:30 pm council chambers
The Planning & Zoning and DRB meetings swapped times for these meetings so a variance for setback could be approved ahead of the COA for a front porch. The Zoning Commission recommended approval for rezoning 333 W. Coshocton Street from UR-1 to GCC-1, council will see this on January 6th.
- b. **Design Review Board:** Met 12/3/25; Next 1/13/26 @ 5:30 pm council chambers
COA approval for design of a front porch addition to 48 Benedict Drive.
- c. **Finance:** 12/9/25 @ 5:00 pm council chambers
Final review of 2026 budget.
- d. **Facilities Committee:** 12/9/25 @ 5:30 pm council chambers
Committee saw a contract amendment for American Legion Post 254 and decided not to move it forward to council at this time.

12. Director Reports

- a. Police Chief
Chief Smart's report was included in the packet. Mayor Barnard noted that calls for service were up, Chief attributed some of this to house checks and the holidays. Ms. Hollis asked if we had started enforcing the no through trucks yet, Chief said the signs are up, they have contacted a number of dump truck companies in order to be proactive. Ms. Hollis said she also sent it to the International Business Park.

13. Tabled Legislation - None

14. Public Hearings of Legislation

- a. **ORDINANCE 14-2025** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1159 OF THE CITY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES
Second reading. Sean Staneart said there was discussion at the last council meeting and having some minor modifications makes sense, but Councilman Green brought up evaluating the expansion of permitted uses to an additional 150-200 acres. With that being such a substantial request, his recommendation would be that this legislation be pushed back to Planning & Zoning so they have an opportunity to discuss.

Public Hearing:

1. Alan Benton

- Said it was a year ago that he was here and asked council to take a look at the zoning for Light Industrial, he appreciates the work that the zoning commission has done. He also appreciates Mr. Stanearth's time in discussing this and the position of the council. He appreciates the council taking the time to take a hard look at the older industrial park. He and his family own ABY leasing, sixty-seven acres within the industrial park, he appreciates them taking the time to look at what can be done with the property. He is here tonight, along with the Johnson family who owns the sixty acres next to him, they would like to be part of this process and sending it back to zoning gives them the opportunity to do that.

ACTION: Tiffany Hollis moved to withdraw this legislation from the agenda and send it back to Planning & Zoning; Donald Barnard seconded and the vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

b. **ORDINANCE 15-2025** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1177 OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN CODIFIED ORDINANCES

Second reading. Sean Stanearth said this change to signs only applies to the GCC-2 zoning district. No further discussion by council.

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

ACTION: Ryan Green moved to approve as written; Tiffany Hollis seconded and the vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

c. **ORDINANCE 16-2025** AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, LICKING COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026

This is the annual city budget for 2026, Mayor Barnard said a couple of changes were made tonight and the clerk will update for publication. Slight adjustments were made in water and sewer operating and the sewer enterprise fund dropped some expenses, \$50,000 total, also a change to the general operating, reducing expenses by \$5,000.

No further questions or discussion by council on the budget.

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

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to pass Ordinance 16-2025 with the changes made earlier; Bob Orsini seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Bob Orsini, Dave Selan, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

- d. **ORDINANCE 17-2025** AN ORDINANCE TO REALIGN PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS BY MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FROM ONE ACCOUNT TO ANOTHER WITHIN THE FUND AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 31-2024, TO APPROVE NECESSARY CHANGES OF APPROPRIATIONS

Mayor Barnard said this is year-end cleanup, moving funds around to cover expenses. Sean Stanearth said it was great to have Finance Director Delande back in the office last week to work on this. It was requested that council waive the second reading for passage tonight, appropriations are effective immediately upon passage.

No questions by council.

ACTION: Bob Orsini moved to waive the second reading of Ordinance 17-2025; Wesley Kobel seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Bob Orsini, Dave Selan, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis, Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

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

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to pass Ordinance 17-2025 as written; Dave Selan seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Bob Orsini, Dave Selan, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

- e. **RESOLUTION 2025-49** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

This is annual legislation that needs to be submitted to the county auditor. No discussion or questions from council.

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

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

Passed 6 - 0

f. **RESOLUTION 2025-50** A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A CITY LAW DIRECTOR AND SPECIAL COUNSEL TO SERVE THE CITY AND ITS EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2026

Mayor Barnard said this is annual legislation for appointments. There was no discussion or questions from council.

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

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

Passed 6 - 0

15. Introduction of Legislation - None

16. Other Business

1. Bob Orsini wished all of the incoming council members the best of luck.
2. Wes Kobel read a prepared statement that reflected on his time on city council and said serving this community has been one of the greatest honors of his life, he said he leaves this role with a full heart, a grateful spirit and a deeper love for his family and this community, he said Johnstown will always be home.
3. Dave Selan thanked the residents of Johnstown, Monroe Township and surrounding areas, the conversations have been productive. He said we have good candidates coming in to build upon the successes of the past two years. He said it is amazing to see the "Hallmark" moments in this town over and over whether through the lens of Mike Eltringham or just walking through the streets. It is a direct reflection of what it is to be a part of small-town America. He thanked the residents, his colleagues, the families, the school district and the amazing spirit of what it means to be a Johnnie.
4. Ryan Green said he is closing out the first four years of his term, he looks forward to the next four.
5. Tiffany Hollis thanked the outgoing council members for serving.
6. Mayor Barnard thanked the CCL and everyone who helped with the parade, it was a fantastic event.
7. Bob Orsini thanked Sean, Teresa, Chief, Jack and Trevor, adding that the community only sees bits and pieces of what staff does. He said they love it and hate it and everything in between, but, being on council, he sees a little more. He said the city has good people

working for it, be patient, always look for something not seen before making a snap judgment, because everyone's intentions are good, these are good people that work hard every day.

8. Mayor Barnard said he has two more years on council and a little over three years ago, he became the accidental Mayor, he wasn't prepared for it and wasn't ready after five months on council. He said it has been a really cool three years, this is the third council group he has worked with, and because he knew he needed a break, has spent the last year getting Ms. Hollis ready for this position. He thinks she is the best candidate to become Mayor for the next two years, they have spent a lot of time on the phone for different things with the city, he knows where her heart is and he hopes council will see the same thing. He said this city needs to move forward and he believes we can do it, they need to put egos aside and put Johnstown first always. He thanked those who have trusted him and thanked the staff.

17. Adjourn

ACTION: Mayor Barnard moved to adjourn; Dave Selan seconded and all were in favor.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Next Council Meeting Tuesday, January 6, 2026