

**ORDER:**

The Mayor Called the meeting to order at 6:13 PM

**ROLL CALL:**

**Chad Krawtz**  
**Robin Mozley**  
**Chuck Highlands**  
**Michelle Langdon**  
**Curtis Antoniak**

**ALSO, PRESENT:**

**City Clerk:** *Benjamin D. Walker*  
**Controller:** *Nancy Peters*  
**Chief Fiscal Officer:** *Ethan Keedy*  
**City Solicitor:** *Timothy Witt*  
**City Treasurer:** *Jacob Milliron*  
**Chief of Police:** *Donald Johnston Jr.*  
**Code Enforcement:** *Bill Whetzel*  
**Fire Chief:** *William Frye*  
**City Engineer:** *Edward Antonacci*

**ABSENT WITH CAUSE**

**City Foreman:** *Rich Ault*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

Please remain standing for a moment of reflection for the men and women in the armed services.

**INVOCATION:**

Pastor Bob Ross of the Heritage Baptist Church led the invocation.

**EXCEPTIONS TO OPEN MEETINGS (65 Pa.C.S.A. § 707):**

1. Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 10:00 AM to discuss contracts under negotiation.
2. Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 5:30 PM to discuss a Commercial Property Improvement Program matter.

**AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Krawtz to approve the agenda as presented.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (5): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak**

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to approve the meeting minutes for the Thursday, January 12, 2023 Council Meeting.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (5): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak**

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

**CITIZENS:**

1. **Reverend Cliff Hockensmith:** Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Jeannette addressed Council on the parking lot located on North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Hacker Avenue indicating that the building that was previously situated on the property location was used for drug trafficking and other illegal activities. The purpose of demolishing the building was to remove a blighted property and place a parking lot for use of outreach groups operating through the church. The church offered surveillance and other means of aiding law enforcement to reduce the illegal activities in the area. The church is currently in need of the funding to complete the parking lot

**CITIZENS: (Continued)**

to the City's requirements, and he indicated that there was no prior communication to the church regarding the City's requirements for the lot. The Church requests use of the lot until it is able to complete the project, for which plans have been submitted.

2. **John Timberlake:** A representative of the Living Hope Outreach group operating out of the First Baptist Church's basement uses the parking lot on North 3<sup>rd</sup> St. and Hacker Ave. for its outreach activities. They claim to serve 200-300 meals every Thursday, and they wish to continue this activity in conjunction with Rev. Hockensmith's request for use of the lot.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Letter of Interest – Chelsea Rager (Recreation Board)
2. Letter of Interest – Rachel Bartowick (Redevelopment Authority)
3. Letter of Interest – Erica J. Miller (Redevelopment Authority)
4. Westmoreland County Planning Dept. Letter
5. Pacelli Family Letter
6. Food Truck Thursday Event Request

**OFFICERS REPORTS:**

A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to approve the Officers Reports as presented.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (5): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak**

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

**BILLS:**

A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Krawtz to pay the bills for the month.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (5): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak**

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Mr. Krawtz:** Gave the monthly Streets Dept. Report.

**Mrs. Mozley:** Gave the monthly Sanitation Dept. Report. Bill Frye gave the monthly Fire Dept. Report and the annual Fire Dept. Report. Bill Whetzel gave the monthly Code Enforcement and Property Maintenance Monthly Reports. Bill Frye indicated that he distributed copies of a list of properties and their status for determination of public nuisance and demolition.

**Mr. Highlands:** Gave the monthly Finance Dept. Report. The IRS audit is near its completion. A CDBG Program audit will take place soon. Letters for the Business Registration Fee have been issued.

**Mrs. Langdon:** The insurance company representing the City performed an inspection of City Hall with some actions that will need to be taken for the fire extinguishers and the electrical panels used in the building. She thanked everyone for their letters of interest for the various boards and commissions in the City. She additionally wished everyone a happy Valentine's Day.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS: (Continued)**

**Mr. Antoniak:** Chief Johnston gave the monthly Police Dept. Report. The Mayor gave his State of the City Address as per Third Class City Code requirements. The Mayor additionally asked for people to reach out to their local representative to encourage them to vote for a law that would allow the use of radar devices for speed calculation in local police departments.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

No Unfinished Business at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Langdon to promote Patrolman Derek Manley to Sergeant in the Jeannette Police Department effective February 9, 2023.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (5): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak**

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

*Swearing in of Sergeant Manley*

2. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Krawtz to approve the curb cut request from the First Baptist Church of Jeannette for the property located on 134 N 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Jeannette, PA 15644 Tax Map No. 14-02-09-0-194 contingent on the requestor paying all applicable fees and providing the necessary paperwork pending approval from the City Engineer and Code Enforcement Officer.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (5): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak**

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

3. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to approve the request to use the bottom half of the 400 block and the entirety of the 500 block of Clay Avenue and the Amphitheater for the Food Truck Thursday Events pending a signed license and use agreement, approval by the Chief of Police and Fire Chief for safety, and payment of all applicable fees, referencing the following list of dates:

- May 25, 2023
- June 8, 2023
- June 22, 2023
- July 6, 2023
- July 20, 2023
- August 3, 2023
- August 17, 2023
- August 31, 2023

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (5): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak**

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

**NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)**

4. A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Mozley to appoint Chelsea Rager to the Jeannette Recreation Board for a term to begin February 7, 2023 and end December 7, 2023.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (5): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak**

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

5. A motion was made by Krawtz and seconded by Langdon to appoint Judy Soles to the Jeannette Recreation Board for a term to begin February 7, 2023 and end December 7, 2023.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (5): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak**

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

6. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to appoint Hannah Legarski to the Jeannette Recreation Board for a term to begin February 7, 2023, and end December 7, 2024.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (5): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak**

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

7. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Mozley to appoint Laura Smith to the Jeannette Recreation Board for a term to begin February 7, 2023, and end December 7, 2024.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (5): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak**

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

8. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Highlands to appoint Nancy Peters to the Jeannette Recreation Board for a term to begin February 7, 2023, and end December 7, 2025.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (2): Highlands, Antoniak**

**Nay (3): Krawtz, Mozley, Langdon**

**Motion Failed**

9. A motion was made by Krawtz and seconded by Mozley to appoint Rachel A. Ramsey to the Jeannette Recreation Board for a term to begin February 7, 2023, and end December 7, 2025.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (4): Krawtz, Mozley, Langdon, Antoniak**

**Nay (1): Highlands**

**Motion Passed**

10. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to appoint Cherie King to the Jeannette Recreation Board for a term to begin February 7, 2023, and end December 7, 2026.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (5): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak**

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

**NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)**

11. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Krawtz to appoint Erica Miller to the Jeannette Redevelopment Authority for a term to begin February 9, 2023, and end December 7, 2026.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (5): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak**

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

12. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Krawtz to hire Paul Gamble as a Part-Time Call Firefighter in the City of Jeannette pending successful completion of a NEPA physical and drug test to be paid for by the SAFER Grant.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (5): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak**

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

13. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to hire Nick Dreistadt as a Part-Time Call Firefighter in the City of Jeannette pending successful completion of a NEPA physical and drug test to be paid for by the SAFER Grant.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (5): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak**

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

14. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Krawtz to hire John Saloka as a Part-Time Call Firefighter in the City of Jeannette pending successful completion of a NEPA physical and drug test to be paid for by the SAFER Grant.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (5): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak**

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

15. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to join the GFOA (Greater Finance Officers Association) with an annual cost of \$75.00 for a government agency.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (5): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak**

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

16. A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Mozley to introduce and adopt **Resolution 23-02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE APPROVING THE PENNDOT AGREEMENT TO AUTHORIZE ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO PENNDOT SYSTEMS; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, CITY CONTROLLER, AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SUCH AGREEMENT AND TAKE FURTHER NECESSARY ACTIONS.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (5): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak**

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

**NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)**

17. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Mozley to introduce and adopt **Resolution 23-03**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE ESTABLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL PROCEDURES AND SETTING THE NON-ZONING APPEAL FEE FOR THE CITY OF JEANNETTE.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (5): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak**

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

18. A motion was made by Krawtz and seconded by Mozley to approve the application for the Tree Pennsylvania Grant from the DCNR.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (5): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak**

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

19. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Krawtz to approve and acknowledge the Community Forestry Program with Western Pennsylvania Conservancy at no expense to the City.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (5): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak**

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

20. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to pay 3 Rivers Fire Equipment \$9,936.65 for tools and equipment from the Fire Equipment Fund, to be paid by the 2022 OSFC Grant Funds.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (5): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak**

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

21. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to pay Kiski Valley Uniform \$6,000.00 for FR pants from the Fire Equipment Fund, to be paid by the 2022 OSFC Grant Funds.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (5): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak**

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

22. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to pay Kiski Valley Uniform \$2,000.00 for FR shirts from the Fire Equipment Fund, to be paid by the 2023 Omnova Foundation Grant Funds.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (5): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak**

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

**NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)**

- 23.** A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Krawtz to pay Antonacci Design Associates \$15,587.50 from the ARP Fund account for work performed on the Street Paving Project.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (5): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak**

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

- 24.** A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Antoniak to pay Antonacci Design Associates \$2,230.00 from the Capital Reserve for work performed on the Mapleton Water Grant.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (5): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak**

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

- 25.** A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Krawtz to pay KGD \$19,570.26 from the CDBG account for work performed on the Clay Avenue Reconstruction Project.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (5): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak**

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Krawtz to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea (5): Krawtz, Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak**

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

**Benjamin D. Walker**  
*CITY CLERK*