

ORDER:

The Mayor Called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM

ROLL CALL:

Robin Mozley
Chuck Highlands
Michelle Langdon
Chad Krawtz
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:

Deacon Tim Witt of the Faith Bible Church in Connellsville.

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

1. Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 10:00 AM to discuss contracts under negotiation.
2. Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 12:55 PM to discuss demolition appeal determinations.

AGENDA:

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Langdon to approve the meeting minutes for the Thursday, February 9, 2023 Council Meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

CITIZENS:

1. **Sharon Bush:** A Jeannette resident living on Scott Avenue requested that Council look into the intersection on Gaskill Avenue that intersects with the old train tracks.
2. **Joann Billheimer:** A Jeannette resident living on Cedar Street spoke on the library being open on Mondays and how more people are going to the library on Mondays. She additionally announced the Three Rivers Community Band Festival to be held at Franklin Regional Highschool at 2:00 PM on Sunday, March 26, 2023 with free admission.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Request for registration of pit bulls – Barbara Foos

COMMUNICATIONS: (Continued)

2. Dee Shipley Letter – Narcan distribution.
3. Ty Daniels Letter – Jeannette Summerfest

OFFICERS REPORTS:

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

BILLS:

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mrs. Mozley: Gave the monthly Sanitation Department report. Fire Chief Bill Frye was absent from the meeting, so Ms. Mozley gave the monthly Fire Department report. Bill Whetzel gave the monthly Code Enforcement and Property Maintenance monthly reports. Bill Whetzel indicated that he had contacted Norfolk Rail Road Co., and they are currently busy handling the derailment issue in Palestine, Ohio.

Mr. Highlands: Gave the monthly Finance Department report. The IRS audit is completed, and the City is awaiting the final amount owed. Tax anticipation note (TAN) loans have not been necessary for multiple years now, which is a good indication of the City's financial condition. There is a \$50.00 Business Registration Fee that all commercial entities doing business in the City must pay.

Mrs. Langdon: Touched on the meeting with Brian Lawrence, the Westmoreland County Planning Dept. Director, and indicated that the City is a step ahead of the other municipalities for tackling blighted property issues. Ms. Langdon praised the efforts of Bill Frye, Bill Whetzel, and Tim Witt for all that they are doing in working with the County on the blight issues in the City. The City Garage to look into insulating the roof of their building to reduce the cost of heating, and the boiler in City Hall is being looked into as well.

Mr. Krawtz: Gave the monthly Streets Department report.

Mr. Antoniak: Chief Donald Johnston Jr. gave the monthly Police Department report. Ten (10) trees to be planted in the City through Tree PA, and the Police Department will be having a fundraiser to appoint a second K-9 Officer, Matt Painter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to authorize the City Clerk to advertise the dates for the Recreation Board meetings to occur in 2023.

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

2. A motion was made by Krawtz and seconded by Langdon to authorize the City Clerk to advertise for Supplemental Help in the City of Jeannette Public Works Department.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

3. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Krawtz to deny the appeal of Charles Schade for the determination of public nuisance and demolition of the property located on 313 South 5th Street, Jeannette, PA 15644, Tax Map No. 14-01-16-2-041.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

4. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Highlands to deny the appeal of Sherran N. Herring for the determination of public nuisance and demolition of the property located on 420 Division Street, Jeannette, PA 15644, Tax Map No. 14-01-16-0-556.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

5. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Highlands to deny the appeal of Lyle Milner for he determination of public nuisance and demolition of the property located on 12 South 12th Street, Jeannette, PA 15644, Tax Map No. 14-01-12-0-493.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

6. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Krawtz to permit the use of the Magee Avenue Parking Lot and electricity on Saturday, July 29, 2023, from 12:00 PM until 10:00 PM for the Jeannette Summerfest Event pending review of the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief for safety, receipt of a certificate of liability insurance for the event, and payment of any applicable fees for use of electricity and road closures.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

7. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Mozley to close Clay Avenue from South 4th Street to South 7th Street on Saturday, July 29, 2023, from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM for a car show pending payment of the road blocking fee, review of the Chief of Police and Fire Chief for safety, and receipt of a certificate of liability insurance for the event.

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

8. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to approve the closure of the Clay Avenue Extension from 12th Street to 9th Street for the Jeannette Summerfest Event to occur on Saturday, July 29, 2023, for the setting off of fireworks at approximately 10:00 PM pending approval of the Chief of Police and Fire Chief for safety, PennDOT approval, and compliance with all conditions of prior actions of City Council to approve this event.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

9. A motion was made by Krawtz and seconded by Mozley to authorize the Fire Department to provide standby coverage for the Jeannette Summerfest fireworks to occur on Saturday, July 29, 2023, at approximately 10:00 PM pending full compliance with all conditions of prior actions of City Council to approve this event.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

10. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to approve the request from the Lions Club to hold a rabies clinic in City Hall in May , 2023 pending approval by the Chief of Police and Fire Chief for safety.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

11. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Langdon to approve the curb cut request made by MPC Highland Real Estate, LLC for the property located on 210 Magee Avenue, Jeannette, PA 15644, Tax Map No. 14-01-16-0-284, pending approval by the City Engineer and Code Enforcement Officer and execution of an encroachment agreement with the City of Jeannette.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

12. A motion was made by Langdon to approve the ADA ramp for Assetgenie, Inc. for the property located on 104 South 5th Street, Tax Map No. 14-01-16-0-162 pending approval by the Code Enforcement Officer and an executed encroachment agreement with the City of Jeannette.

No Second

Motion Failed

13. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Mozley to authorize the City of Jeannette Police Department to hold a fundraiser for a second K-9 patrol vehicle.

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

- *Point of Clarification: checks should be issued to the City of Jeannette with K-9 Fund listed on the memo line.*

Roll Call Vote:
Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion Passed

14. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Antoniak to accept the bid from Mr. John for porta johns to be placed at Altman Park from March 31, 2023, until October 1, 2023, for \$181.00 for an initial 28 days of service and \$131.00 for the remaining months of service.

Roll Call Vote:
Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion Passed

15. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Langdon to accept the bid for new GPS units Mastrack for \$3,387.81 per year for twenty-one (21) devices and a total startup cost of \$3,387.81.

Roll Call Vote:
Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion Passed

16. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to pay Antonacci Design Associates \$10,192.28 from the ARP fund account for work performed on the 2023 Street Paving Project.

Roll Call Vote:
Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion Passed

17. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Krawtz to pay Antonacci Design Associates \$652.50 from the Capital Reserve for work performed on the Mapleton Water Project.

Roll Call Vote:
Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion Passed

18. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Krawtz to pay Antonacci Design Associates \$6,000.00 from the ARP Fund account for work performed on the Transportation Alternatives Set Aside Program for Lowry Avenue.

Roll Call Vote:
Yea (5): Mozley, Highlands, Langdon, Krawtz, Antoniak
Nay (0):
Motion Passed

**Jeannette City Council
City Council Meeting
Minutes**



**Thursday
March 9, 2023
6:00 PM**

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 PM.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

Benjamin D. Walker

CITY CLERK