

ORDER:

The Mayor Called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Chuck Highlands
Michelle Langdon
Chad Krawtz
Robin Mozley
Curtis Antoniak

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Clerk: *Benjamin D. Walker*
Controller: *Nancy Peters*
Chief Fiscal Officer: *Ethan Keedy*
City Solicitor: *Timothy Witt*
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*
City Treasurer: *Jacob Milliron*

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:

Tim Witt of the Faith Bible Church in Connellsville led the invocation.

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

1. Monday March 27, 2023 at 10:00 AM to discuss contracts under negotiation.

AGENDA:

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to approve the Council Meeting Minutes for March 9, 2023, and March 28, 2023, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

CITIZENS:

Recognition of the Westmoreland County Fire Prevention Essay and Poster Contests: Fire Captain Joseph Matijevec gave a speech on the program and its history. Bill Frye commended Joe Matijevec for his involvement in developing the program in the region. Robin Mozley and the Fire Chief presented certificates of achievement to Allyson Hill and Reese Brennan for the essay contest and Elizay Cope for the poster contest.

1. **Sharon Bush:** A Jeannette resident living on Scott Avenue thanked Councilman Chad Krawtz for seeing to it that the railroad on an intersection on Gaskill Avenue was repaired.
2. **Mike Deluzio:** A Jeannette resident living on Arlington Avenue indicated that the fence along the Arlington Avenue park was removed and is presenting a dangerous situation with a drop-off adjacent to the property.

CITIZENS: (Continued)

Children are reportedly trespassing onto his property by stepping down the drop-off, and he is concerned with potential liability if a fence is not constructed.

3. **Laretta Pierce:** A Jeannette resident living on Dithridge Street indicated that there are 5 trees located in the City's right-of-way that are a potential fall-risk onto her property. She has a quote for \$800.00 to remove the trees, but feels that it is the City's responsibility to remove the trees due to the right-of-way. She further reported a stormwater runoff issue and presented pictures to Councilman Chad Krawtz, who addressed her by saying that he would speak with her on the matter.
4. **Joanne Bilheimer:** A Jeannette resident living on Cedar Street represented the Jeannette Public Library as a board member indicating that there was a story time scheduled for Saturday, April 15, 2023. There is also a Mothers Day event to occur on May 6, 2023 with songs to be sung at the Amphitheater.
5. **Sherry Mickey:** A resident of the Jeannette Manor indicated that there was an incident at the Manor involving a man who threatened to shoot the inhabitants of the Manor. She has been working with management to mitigate these issues but has had some difficulty in preventing problematic tenants from moving in. Some homeless people from Trafford were recently moved in, and there have been issues with slamming doors. She additionally expressed malcontent regarding Councilman Chad Krawtz's letter to the editor, as it suggested that the building should be torn down and replaced. According to her, this is a problematic suggestion, as indoor renovations are currently underway, and with 50 voters in the building it could be problematic during an election year.
6. **Eugene Mash:** A Jeannette resident living on Frank Avenue explained that he reached out to Councilwoman Robin Mozley and Councilman Chad Krawtz 2 weeks ago regarding the street paving project. Walter Street, a poorly maintained side road was not mentioned in the list, so he asked how the streets are selected for these projects. Robin Mozley asked if he would be willing to stay for the whole meeting and speak with City Engineer, Ed Antonacci after the meeting, as he could answer such questions. He additionally thanked Council for the work being performed.
7. **Anne Frye:** A Jeannette resident living on South 12th Street indicated that there is a condemned church on 13th Street that is being used as a dumping site. She also indicated that there is low visibility on 11th Street going toward the bridge that creates a potentially dangerous driving hazard, so she asked that the City look into these matters.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. JBA Glass City Heritage Festival Request
2. D7 Jeannette Summerfest Request
3. D7 Hot Air Balloon Ride Request
4. First Baptist Church Request for Tax Exoneration
5. JBA Sparkle of Christmas Event Request

OFFICERS REPORTS:

A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Mozley to approve the officers reports as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

BILLS:

A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to pay the bills for the month.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mr. Highlands: Gave the monthly Finance Department report. The IRS audit is completed with motion number 12 to make the first payment. The liquid fuels audit to begin, monies received from the State LSA Grant Program for bridges in the City and the County LSA Grant Program for stormwater separation.

Mrs. Langdon: Motion number 8 indicates the quote from McElwain for repairs to the City Hall boiler system, and motion number 9 indicates the bid from Turik's Electric to replace electrical panels in City Hall. Ms. Langdon addressed the Arlington Park concerns, stating that a fence could be placed to protect children from possible injury along the dropdown.

Mr. Krawtz: Gave the monthly Streets Department report and indicated that motion number 19 was for nonprofits to utilize the Elliott Group Amphitheater without having to pay a fee. He listed and thanked the donors for this sponsorship program, as it gathered the necessary \$6,000.00.

Mrs. Mozley: Gave the monthly Sanitation Department report and indicated that the City will be having a Spring Cleanup Week from May 14th through May 19th with dumpsters at the Magee Parking Lot and indicated details for the event. Fire Chief Bill Frye gave the monthly Fire Department report. Bill Whetzel gave the monthly Code Enforcement and Property Maintenance reports.

Mr. Antoniak: Chief of Police Donald Johnston Jr. gave the monthly Police Department report who spoke on the PCCD grants awarded to the City with one for \$322,012.00 for equipment and \$195,000.00 for training and narcotics prevention. The Mayor indicated that traffic stops would be significant over the next month due to the warming weather. The Mayor further touched on paving projects in the City, in which paving projects generate phone calls and complaints that cannot be fully addressed due to a lack of funds.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Krawtz to approve the JBA's request to use the 400 and 500 blocks of Clay Avenue, South 5th Street from Magee Avenue to the alley by the Post Office, and the Elliott Group Amphitheater for the Glass City Heritage Festival on September 16, 2023 from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM pending a signed use agreement, approval by the Chief of Police and Fire Chief for safety, and receipt of a certificate of liability insurance for the event.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

2. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Krawtz to approve the JBA's request to use the Elliott Group Amphitheater and to close South 5th Street from the Amphitheater to the Jeannette American Legion for the Jeannette Sparkle of Christmas Event to occur from 12:00 PM until 5:30 PM on December 2, 2023, pending a signed used agreement, approval by the Chief of Police and Fire Chief for safety.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

3. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Krawtz to approve the JBA's request to close Clay Avenue from 12:00 PM until 3:00 PM on December 2, 2023 for the Jeannette Sparkle of Christmas Parade pending approval by the Chief of Police and Fire Chief for safety and compliance with all prior actions of City Council to approve this event.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

4. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Antoniak to approve the request from D7 to utilize the Buster Clarkson West Jeannette Ballfield for a tethered hot air balloon ride on July 28, 2023, from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM pending approval from the Chief of Police and Fire Chief for safety and receipt of a certificate of liability insurance.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

5. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Mozley to approve the request from D7 to use the Elliott Group Amphitheater for the Jeannette Summerfest Car Show on July 29, 2023, from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM pending a signed use agreement, approval by the Chief of Police and Fire Chief for the event, receipt of a certificate of liability insurance for the event, and compliance with all other actions of City Council to approve the Jeannette Summerfest Event.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

6. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Krawtz to conduct the second reading of and adopt **Ordinance 23-03**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-07, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, AS AMENDED; TO MAKE "WAREHOUSING AND DISTRIBUTION, GENERAL" A CONDITIONAL USE IN ANY DOWNTOWN (D) DISTRICT; TO MAKE "WAREHOUSING AND DISTRIBUTION, LIMITED" A CONDITIONAL USE IN ANY DOWNTOWN (D) DISTRICT; TO REQUIRE SWIMMING POOL ENCLOSURES; TO ENABLE RESIDENTIAL FRONT YARD PARKING IN CERTAIN ZONING DISTRICTS; TO REDUCE THE MAXIMUM CURB CUT WIDTH; TO PROVIDE NOISE REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS; TO PERMIT AWNINGS AND CANOPIES EXTENDING INTO RIGHTS OF WAY UNDER SPECIFIC CONDITIONS; TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "FOOD TRUCK" AND "SIGN, CANOPY"; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

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

7. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to introduce and adopt **Resolution 23-04**

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY AS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF JEANNETTE.

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

8. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Krawtz to accept the bid from McElwain Mechanical Solutions, LLC for \$5,550.00 to be paid from the American Rescue Plan account to repair the boiler heating systems in City Hall.

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

9. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to accept the bid from Turik's Electric for \$6,350.00 to be paid from the American Rescue Plan account to replace the electrical panels in City Hall.

Point of Clarification: Mayor Curtis J. Antoniak suggested an amendment to the motion to include a condition that the electrical meter does not need to be moved to the outside of City Hall with the insurance company's blessing.

A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to amend the motion as follows: A motion to accept the bid from Turik's Electric for \$6,350.00 to be paid from the American Rescue Plan account to replace the electrical panels on the condition that the electrical meter does not need to be moved to the outside of the building with the insurance company's blessing.

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

10. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Mozley to exonerate the 2022 taxes owed to the City on the property located on 134 North 3rd Street, Jeannette, PA 15644, Tax Map No. 14-02-09-0-194.

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

11. A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Krawtz to approve and accept the audit performed by the Internal Revenue Service for budget years 2020-2021.

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

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

12. A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Mozley to pay the Internal Revenue Service \$69,617.28 from the Capital Reserve.

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

13. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to approve the final contract with the PCCD for the Medical Marijuana Act Enforcement Grant.

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

14. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Krawtz to approve the final contract with the PCCD for the Local Law Enforcement Support Grant.

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

15. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Mozley to authorize the Chief of Police and Chief Fiscal Officer to apply for the Firehouse Subs Grant.

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

16. A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Langdon to authorize the Chief Fiscal Officer and the City Engineer to apply for the DCED Multimodal Fund Grant for the 2nd Street Bridge Reconstruction Project.

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

17. A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Langdon to authorize the Chief Fiscal Officer and the City Engineer to apply for the DCED Flood Mitigation Grant.

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

18. A motion was made by Highlands and seconded by Mozley to authorize the Chief Fiscal Officer to apply for the DCED Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program Grant for work on the Altman Park Community Building.

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

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

19. A motion was made by Krawtz and seconded by Mozley to accept \$6,000.00 in sponsorship donations to waive the fees for non-profits to use the Amphitheater in the 2023 calendar year.

Point of Clarification: Tim Witt explained that the implementation of the fee waiver would be best suited for a future Work Session and then addressed in the use agreements signed by the organizations.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

20. A motion was made by Krawtz and seconded by Langdon to pay KGD \$19,810.74 from the CDBG account for work performed on the 700 Block of Clay Avenue.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

21. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Krawtz to pay Antonacci Design Associates \$1,092.50 from the Capital Reserve for work performed on the Mapleton Water Project.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

22. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Langdon to pay Antonacci Design Associates \$1,013.96 from the ARP account for work performed on the 2023 Street Paving Project.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

23. A motion was made by Krawtz and seconded by Langdon to pay Antonacci Design Associates \$5,000.00 from the CDBG account for work performed on the 7th-8th Street Clay Avenue Project.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

24. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to pay Antonacci Design Associates \$6,000.00 from the ARP account for work performed on the Lowry Avenue Project.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

**Jeannette City Council
City Council Meeting
Minutes**



**Thursday
April 13, 2023
6:00 PM**

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Krawtz to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

Benjamin D. Walker

CITY CLERK