

**Jeannette City Council  
City Council Meeting**

**6:00 PM**



**ORDER:**

The Mayor Called the meeting to order at

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**ALSO, PRESENT:**

**City Clerk:** *Ethan Keedy*  
**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*  
**City Controller:** *Nancy Peters*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

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

A moment of silence for

**INVOCATION:**

Tim Witt of the Faith Bible Church in Connellsville.

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

August 10<sup>th</sup> From 6:10pm-6:28pm

**AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Langdon and Seconded by Krawtz to approve the agenda as amended to include a motion to approve the release of information confidentiality agreement with the JPOBA.

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

**MINUTES:**

A Motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Krawtz to approve the minutes from the July 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 City Council Meeting.

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

**CITIZENS:**

1. Ron Kettters: Thanked the patching of the roads that have been done recently, and also discussed the parking issues along 4<sup>th</sup> street. Stated that with new businesses that are opening on 4<sup>th</sup> street parking has become very limited and is starting to impact those businesses along 4<sup>th</sup> street. Asked if the lot next to AB Ceramics could become a parking lot in the future.

2. Jackie Homan- lives at 622 1/2 Whiley Ave. She stated that there is an empty house across the street that she maintains and there is people that are dumping liter and other debris down the hillside and covering the garage that is behind it. There is also another house located next to her that has high grass and hasn't been cut this year. She provided photos for council to look at and asked if something could be done to solve these issues.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Letter from Yvonne Hall (Request to be zoning hearing board secretary)
2. Letter From Vince Altieri (Curb cut for 4 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street)

**OFFICERS REPORTS:**

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

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Ms. Langdon- Langdon discussed the three motions on the agenda. She discussed the planting and removing of the knot weed up at North end playground. She discussed how Brian Crooks will provide the chemicals and allow them to properly treat the knot weed. She discussed finding a grant to get someone licensed to buy the chemicals and help property owners get rid of the knot weed because this species is found all throughout the community. She discussed putting trees down along 4<sup>th</sup> street on the city lot and the School District lot. Also adding trees down in West Jeannette to provide some shade for where the kids are playing.

Mrs. Mozley- Gave the monthly Sanitation Dept. Report, Chief Frye gave the fire report. He stated there has been 99 calls since the last meeting, they have completed 144 hours of training since last month. He stated they held a demo hearing last month and only one parcel was given a year extension to repair their property. He stated they are aware of the issues on Wiley Ave and unfortunately it falls outside the ARP zones and will have to be City Demos in the future. Bill Whetzel gave the monthly Code Enforcement and property maintenance report.

Mr. Highlands- Highlands gave an update on the balance of the general fund and capital reserve fund. He stated that the audit is going to be starting and will be completed in a few months. He also stated that all businesses need to pay their business registration fee or they will be getting a citation

Mr. Krawtz- Gave the monthly Streets Dept. report.

Mr. Antoniak- Chief Johnston gave the monthly police report, he also gave an update on the K9 car and the purchase. He stated that they are behind on getting it outfitted due to backorder of supplies. Mayor Antoniak also gave the CDBG Report given from Urban Design Ventures. He addressed the parking down on 4<sup>th</sup> street and all the businesses that use to be on 4<sup>th</sup> street. He stated this problem has been going on for many years and we as the city are listening,

Unfortunately it is a state road and the City is limited on what we can do to solve this issue. However we will look into the situation.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Langdon to hire Yvonne Hall as zoning hearing board secretary at a rate of \$50.00 per meeting.

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

2. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Krawtz to approve the curb cut request from Vincent Altieri located at 4 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

3. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Langdon to approve the Change order for the 700 block of Clay Ave CDBG Project, and pay KGD \$13,879.38 from the CDBG account.

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

**Councilman Highlands asked if this would complete this street, and if the Punchlist was completed. City Engineer Ed Antonacci stated he is coming this week to complete the final punch list items and we will hold the check until all work is completed.**

4. A motion was made to Table by Mozley and seconded Highlands to accept the proposal from Brian Crooks, Community Forester and ISA Certified Arborist, Tree Vitalize Pittsburgh GIS Coordinator, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, for planting of the trees and assistance of invasive species at the Arlington (North) Playground.

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Nay (1): Langdon**

**Motion Tabled**

**Councilwoman Mozley stated that she really loves the idea of planting the trees and getting the knot weed out of the parks. However, with the upgrades that are being done at the parks it makes**

her nervous to do this before the upgrades are complete. Although we have plans in place construction often changes and things made need to be adjusted at these parks.

Tim Witt explained why we were voting on the motion to table and not the original motion that was seconded.

Councilwoman Langdon stated these trees are not going to be In the way of the construction. She stated that these trees are not set in stone and the final place for them can be changed. Langdon stated there will be another planting in the spring, but the only problem is that we need to address the species that is attacking the city parks. Councilwoman Langdon expressed the need to find a grant to get someone trained and able to tackle the Knot Weed across the City. Mayor Antoniak asked if we can vote on the motion to table because there is additional information that needs to be discussed.

Mayor Antoniak stated he is not against planting trees; however, we need to find out who is going to water the trees, how much we will pay Antonacci, and that we need to address the species as well but it will all be costly. He stated he did not get the drawings until noon today and did not have time to review all the information that was provided. He also stated that we paid Butz half a million to remove trees at West Jeannette and we need to be smart in where we will place additional trees.

5. A motion to table was made by Mozley and seconded by Antoniak accept the proposal from Brian Crooks, Community Forester & ISA Certified Arborist, TreeVitalize Pittsburgh GIS Coordinator, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy for the planting of trees on the City lot located on S 4<sup>th</sup> Street, pending the approval of the Jeannette City School District for their corresponding lot.

**Roll Call Vote**

**Yea (3): Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak**

**Nay (2): Langdon, Krawtz**

**Motion Tabled**

Councilwoman Mozley asked if there would be any costs associated with this from engineering and City Engineer stated he would have to do a survey to show the City Right of Way.

Councilwoman Langdon asked if we can amend the motion to include the approval of PennDOT. Tim Witt asked Councilman Krawtz if he was okay with the amended motion. He then asked Councilwoman Mozley if she was still wanting to table the motion even as amended, she asked the City Engineer again if there would be any costs associated with the request. City Engineer Ed Antonacci stated that if you want to know the property Line then he will have to be involved. Mayor Antoniak stated these questions are why these motions need to be tabled for further discussion.

6. A motion to table was made by Mozley and seconded by Antoniak accept the proposal from Brian Crooks, Community Forester & ISA Certified Arborist, TreeVitalize Pittsburgh GIS Coordinator, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy for the planting of trees in the playground portion of Buster Clarkson ball field, pending approval from the City Engineer.

**Roll Call Vote**

**Yea (3): Mozley, Highlands, Antoniak**

**Nay (2): Langdon, Krawtz**

**Motion Tabled**

7. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Krawtz to allow the Fire Chief and Chief Fiscal officer to solicit bids for engineering services for the new fire station.

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

8. A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Antoniak to introduce and adopt **Resolution 23-08**

A Resolution of the City Council of Jeannette, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, awarding a contract for the installation of playground equipment and park improvements to six (6) recreational facilities in the City of Jeannette, to Franjo Construction.

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

**Councilwoman Langdon asked if the money that we received would be enough to cover the full cost of the project. At this time City Clerk Ethan Keedy stated this would put us on target to complete the project**

9. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to allow the City Engineer to prepare bid documents and go out to bid for the Mapleton Water Project

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

10. A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Krawtz to accept the bid from Minniefield Demolition Services in the amount of \$111,500.00 for the 2023 CDBG demolition project.

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

11. A motion was made by Krawtz and seconded by Mozley to pay Antonacci Design Associates \$3,775.00 from the Capital Reserve for work completed on the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Project.

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Nay (0):**

**Abstain (1) Langdon**

**Motion Passed**

**Councilwoman Langdon said she has asked for revenue and expense reports and have not received them, she will be abstaining from voting from those funds until she sees those documents.**

- 12.** A motion was made by Antoniak and seconded by Mozley to pay Antonacci Design Associates \$4,847.50 from the American Rescue Plan account for work completed on the Lowry Ave Project.

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Nay (0):**

**Abstain (1) Langdon**

**Motion Passed**

- 13.** A motion was made by Mozley and seconded by Highlands to pay Ethan Keedy \$29,476.09 from the American Rescue Plan Account for the 2% commission on various grants awarded.

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Nay (0):**

**Abstain (1) Langdon**

**Motion Passed**

**Councilman Highlands stated that this is because Ethan Keedy applied and received more than 5 million dollars in grants. Council has agreed to give a 2% commission for these grants and he even cut down his 2% down to 1% on some of the grants to save the City Money. Councilwoman Langdon stated that she is going to abstain but she stated that you deserve to be paid. Mayor Antoniak thanked Ethan for his work and for taking on all the duties that he has taken on for the City. He stated he does a great job and the City is blessed.**

- 14.** A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Mozley to introduce and adopt **Resolution 23-09**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE  
APPROVING A REVISION TO THE FY 2021 CDBG PROGRAM YEAR**

**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 conduct the first reading of and introduce **Ordinance 23-06**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CREATING THE POSITION OF CITY MANAGER AND PROVIDING FOR THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF SUCH OFFICE; REPEALING INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

**Councilwoman Langdon stated this position will have a lot of responsibilities and requirements, she stated in the past the City had a Deputy CFO and she would love to see that position recreated to assist with the day to day activities.**

16. A motion was made by Langdon and seconded by Krawtz to introduce and adopt **Resolution 23-10**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING THE BUDGET MODIFICATION OF THE FY 2020 CDBG-CV COMPETITIVE PROGRAM**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

17. A motion was made by Mozley and Seconded by Antoniak to approve the release of information confidentiality agreement with the JPOBA

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

**There was no public comment on the motion that was added to the agenda.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Krawtz and seconded by Mozley to adjourn at 7:22pm

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Nay (0):**

**Motion Passed**

**Ethan Keedy**

*CITY CLERK/ CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER*