

**Jeannette City Council
City Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes**



**Thursday
March 14, 2024
6:00 PM**

ORDER:

The Mayor Called the meeting to order at 6:04pm

ROLL CALL:

James Miller
Chuck Highlands
Michelle Langdon – Via Phone
Chad Krawtz
Curtis Antoniak

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager: *Ethan Keedy*
Controller: *Nancy Peters*
City Solicitor: *Timothy Witt*
Chief of Police: *Derek Manley.*
Code Enforcement: *Bill Whetzel*
Fire Chief: *William Frye*
City Engineer: *Edward Antonacci*

ABSENT WITH CAUSE

City Foreman:
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:

Pastor Bob Ross of the Heritage Baptist Church

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

AGENDA:

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Highlands and 2nd Antoniak to approve February 8th 2024 minutes:

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

CITIZENS:

COMMUNICATIONS:

Veterans of Foreign War Post 8240 (requesting a loading zone sign)

Nicholas Arroyo- (Requesting a No parking sign in front of driveway)

Domonic Criscione- (Requesting a student Internship at City Hall)

Westmoreland County Drug Treatment Court- (Asking if any volunteers will be needed for a city project)

Jacob Milliron- (Resignation from Redevelopment Authority)

Justin Bartowick-(Resignation from Redevelopment Authority)

You are Here- (Requesting use of Amphitheatre for “Open Mic Night”)

Jeannette Recreation Board-(Requesting Halloween Parade on October 30th)

Jeannette Redevelopment Authority-(Approving the sale of 2 lots on 5th Street to New Day Coalition)

Letter from Tax Claim- (Approving sale of a lot on North Penn Ave)

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Letter from JBA- Requesting a change of date for the Glass City Heritage Festival)

OFFICERS REPORTS:

BILLS:

A motion was made by was made by Krawtz and 2nd Highlands to pay the bills for the month

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mr. Highlands - Gave report on General Fund and Capital Reserve. Annual Business Registrations due by April 30, 2024. Taxes went out on March 1, 2024. Audit Request for Mark Turney started for 2023 City Audit. Need to upgrade Edmund’s software. Bill Whetzel gave report.

Mr. Krawtz – Sanitation Report. Jeannette Recreation Board and You Are Here to use the Elliott Group Amphitheater for “Open Mic Night” every 4th Wednesday from April-October 2024. Bill Frye gave fire department report.

Mr. Miller – East division street cleaning storm drains. They also cleaned storm drains at following locations: 600 block on Wylie Ave, Pine Street, Patterson Ave, Orange Ave, Chestnut Ave, 7 dump truck of debris.

Ms. Langdon – No report

Mr. Antoniak – Chief Manley gave monthly police report for February. Mayor Antoniak gave the monthly CDBG report that was provided by Urban Design Ventures. Stop random signs being put in Jeannette yard and public places. Gave report on playgrounds and grants. Announced Glass City Café 1 year anniversary. Congratulated the Jeannette Boy Basketball team.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Antoniak to approve a student internship with Domonic Criscione with the City of Jeannette under the direction of the City Manager, pending the completion and approval of a daily task list by the City Solicitor.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

2. A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Highlands to approve the Westmoreland Couty Drug Treatment Court to complete a community service project within the City of Jeannette on May 4th 2024, project and direction will be provided by the City Manager.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

3. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Antoniak to approve the resignation of Jacob Milliron from the Jeannette Redevelopment Authority effective March 5th 2024

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

4. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Highlands to approve the resignation of Justin Bartowick from the Jeannette Redevelopment Authority effective February 27th 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

5. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Antoniak to approve the Jeannette Recreation Board and You Are Here to use the Elliott Group Amphitheater for “Open Mic Night” every 4th Wednesday from April-October 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

6. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Highlands to approve the Jeannette Recreation Board to have the Annual Halloween Parade on October 30th 2024, pending approval from Police Chief and Fire Chief for all street closures.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

7. A motion to approve the sale and transfer of the property located at 312 South 5th street Tax Map # (14-01-16-2-059) and 314 South 5th Street Tax Map # (14-01-16-2-058), conditioned upon approval by the Redevelopment Authority and transfer to the Redevelopment Authority.

NO MOTION

8. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Miller to **deny** the sale of the property located Near Penn Avenue Jeannette Pa 15644, Tax Map #14-01-11-0-029 to Ryan Mahony in the amount of \$500.00.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

9. A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Miller to deny the sale of property located Near Penn Avenue Jeannette Pa 15644, Tax Map # 14-01-11-0-291 to Ryan Mahony in the amount of \$500.00

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- 10.** A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd by Krawtz to approve the Jeannette Business Association 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 Elliot Group Amphitheater for the Glass City Heritage Festival on September 14th 2024 from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM pending a signed use agreement, payment of all applicable fees, and approval by the Chief of Police and Fire Chief for safety, also after submitting all necessary certificates of liability of insurance for the event.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

- 11.** A motion was made by Highlands and 2nd Antoniak to approve the purchase of the Edmunds Cloud Hosting software in the amount of \$5,280.00 annually, money to be taken from the General Fund.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

- 12.** A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Miller to grant permission to the City Manager to apply for a DEP 902 Recycling grant for a purchase of a new recycling truck and chipping truck.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

13. A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Highlands to approve the loan modification plan with A B Ceramics and the City of Jeannette for their Commercial Property Loan, and their Façade Loan, contingent upon acceptance by A B Ceramics.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

14. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Miller to approve payment to Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$1,580.00 from the Capital Reserve Account for work completed on the 6th Street Bridge Project.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

15. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd by Krawtz to approve payment to Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$7,419.55 from the American Rescue Plan Account for work completed on the Lowry Ave Reconstruction Project.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

16. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Antoniak to approve payment to Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$2,325.19 from the Capital Reserve Account for work completed on the Mapleton Water Project.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

17. A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Krawtz to approve payment to Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$8,262.91 from the American Rescue Plan Account for work completed on the 2024 Street Reconstruction Project.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

18. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd by Krawtz to conduct the first reading of and introduce

(Ordinance 24-1)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NOS. 14-03, 16-06, AND 19-03; TO CORRECT PORTIONS OF THE DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN (DROP) PROVISIONS; TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF “COMPENSATION” AND OTHER PROVISIONS TO MAKE CERTAIN COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS AND DEFINITIONS CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE LAW; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

19. A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Krawtz to purchase new police taser for the Jeannette Police Department from Axon for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, contingent on receiving a grant to cover the first \$50,000.00.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

20. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Highlands to hire Brayden Armstrong as a Junior Firefighter, contingent on completion of all necessary test and paperwork.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

21. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Langdon to authorize the Fire Chief to implement a Fit for Duty test in the Jeannette Fire Department, further approving the initial 15 test at a cost of \$6,000.00, money to be taken from the Fire Equipment Fund.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

22. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Highlands to accept the proposal from Architecture Design Collaborative for an amount not to exceed of \$99,000.00 for Architectural Engineering, Structural Engineering, and MEP Engineering for the construction of the new Jeannette Fire Station, subject to execution of an agreement with the City and pending review and approval by the City Solicitor.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

23. A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Krawtz to accept the proposal from Widmer Engineering for an amount not to exceed of \$25,000.00 for Civil Engineering for the construction of the new Jeannette Fire Station, subject to execution of an agreement with the City and pending review and approval by the City Solicitor.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

24. A motion was made by Highlands and 2nd Antoniak to approve **Resolution 24-2**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE WESTMORELAND COUNTY, TO APPLY TO WESTMORELAND COUNTY FOR THE DEMOLITION OF A BLIGHTED STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 296/298 NORTH 9TH STREET AND 826 SCOTT AVENUE.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

25. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Highlands to approve **Resolution 24-3**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE WESTMORELAND COUNTY, TO APPLY TO WESTMORELAND COUNTY FOR THE DEMOLITION OF A BLIGHTED STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 105 NORTH 3RD STREET.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

26. A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Miller to rehire John Breegle and Chistopher Heminger for supplemental help for the Public works department at an hourly rate of \$17.70 per hour, with a start date of March 25th 2024, pending completion of all necessary paperwork.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

- 27.** A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Krawtz to hire Tyler Horn for supplemental help for the Public works department at an hourly rate of \$17.70 per hour, with a start date of May 13th, pending completion of all necessary paperwork and tests.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

- 28.** A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Miller to approve **Resolution 24-4**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE WESTMORELAND COUNTY, TO APPLY TO WESTMORELAND COUNTY FOR THE DEMOLITION OF A BLIGHTED STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 131 NORTH 3RD STREET.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

- 29.** A motion was Made by Miller and 2nd by Langdon to approve **Resolution 24-5**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE WESTMORELAND COUNTY, TO APPLY TO WESTMORELAND COUNTY FOR THE DEMOLITION OF A BLIGHTED STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 113 NORTH 3RD STREET.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

30. A motion was made by Highlands and 2nd Antoniak to approve **Resolution 24-6**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE SETTING RATES, CHARGES, AND FEES FOR GARBAGE AND RECYCLING REMOVAL, COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION, AND DISPOSAL SERVICES.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

31. A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Miller to pay Franjo Construction \$48,456,86 from the CDBG account for work completed on the Park Reconstruction Grant.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by was made by Antoniak and 2nd Krawtz to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

Ethan Keedy
CITY MANAGER