

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



**Thursday  
July 11, 2024  
6:00 PM**

**ORDER:**

The Mayor Called the meeting to order at 6:03pm

**ROLL CALL:**

**James Miller**  
**Chuck Highlands**  
**Michelle Langdon**  
**Chad Kravtz (absent with cause)**  
**Curtis Antoniak**

**ALSO, PRESENT:**

**City Solicitor:** *Timothy Witt*  
**Chief of Police:** *Derek Manley.*  
**Fire Chief:** *William Frye*  
**City Engineer:** *Edward Antonacci*  
**Controller:** *Nancy Peters*

**ABSENT WITH CAUSE**

**City Manager:** *Ethan Keedy*  
**Code Enforcement:** *Bill Whetzel*  
**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. Also, Jacob Lazar of Penn Township.

**INVOCATION:**

Pastor Ross from Heritage Baptist Church

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

Prior to the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at 12:45 work session meeting. Also, a meeting prior to council meeting at 6:00pm

**AGENDA:**

A motion was made was made by Antoniak and 2nd Miller to approve the agenda

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (4): Miller, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd Antoniak to approve June 13, 2024 minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (4): Miller, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

**CITIZENS:**

Justin Capouellez - Pennsylvania Realtors® - Talked about the benches being installed at amphitheater, and dedication of benches.  
Rowland Bostock 711 Pine Street – Thank everyone for helping city. Neighbor is intoxicated all the time. Continue with Chief Manley.

Don Leone – North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Residents parking on sidewalk at Arlington Market. City hall not being handicap accessible.

Ed Day - 206 N. Second St – About letting him have the bid on property. South 316 – 318 Sout 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Father's Heart Ministries** (requesting to use the Amphitheater for our annual Backpack Give-a-way on August 3rd, 2024. They will need use of electric. The event is from 1:00pm – 4:00pm.)

**Jeannette American Legion Auxiliary Unit # 344**(Magee Parking Lot on January 27th, 2025 and March 31, 2025, for Westmoreland Food Bank's Military Share Program. A letter of support of this program and use of parking lot would be greatly appreciated. Time to be determined approximately starting at 930am)

**Lauren Maurhoff (maiden name Lauren Wagner)** and we spoke on the phone earlier this week about my potential purchase of Parcel ID 14-01-08-0-210.

**OFFICERS REPORTS:**

A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Langdon to approve the Officers Report.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (4): Miller, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

**BILLS:**

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

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (4): Miller, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Mr. Miller – Street poured footers for benches did great job. Keeping storm drains cleared out. Running well.

Mr. Highlands – No Report. Bill Whetzel absent with cause.

Ms. Langdon – Demo of Penn Brewery. Stairs of City Hall out front are fixed

Mr. Krawtz – Absent with Cause. No report from Chief Bill Frye – Fire department.

Mr. Antoniak - Chief Derek Manley Gave Report. Playgrounds coming together. School Zones will be painted.

Recognized Ciara Gregory. Also thanked Chuck Highlands for his service.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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1. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd Highlands to approve the request from Father's Heart Ministries to use the Elliott group Amphitheater and electricity on August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024 from 1:00pm-4:00pm pending approval from the Chief of Police and Fire Chief for safety, a signed license and use agreement, and receipt of a certificate of liability insurance.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (4): Miller, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

2. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd by Antoniak to approve the request from Jeannette American Legion Auxiliary Unit # 344 to use Magee Parking Lot on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and March 31, 2025, for Westmoreland Food Bank's Military Share Program, pending the approval of Chief of Police and Fire Chief for Safety, a signed license and use agreement, and submission of a certificate of liability insurance.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (4): Miller, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

3. A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Langdon to **APPROVE**/deny the sale of the property located at 730 Sellers Avenue, Jeannette PA. Parcel Tax Map #: 14-01-08-0-210 to Lauren Maurhoff (maiden name Lauren Wagner) in the amount of \$1,405.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (4): Miller, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

4. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd by Antoniak to approve payment to Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$405.00 for work on the 2025 Street paving project, money to be taken from the ARP Account.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (4): Miller, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

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5. A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Highlands to approve payment to Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$287.50 for work on the Mapleton Water Project, money to be taken from the Capital Reserve Account.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (4): Miller, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

6. A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Langdon to approve payment to Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$560.00 for work on the 2024 Street Paving Project, money to be taken from the liquid fuels account.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (4): Miller, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

7. A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Langdon to approve payment to Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$2,275.00 for work on the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Project, money to be taken from the Capital Reserve Account.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (4): Miller, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

8. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd by Miller to approve Operation and Maintenance agreement for the Elliott company for stormwater management best management practices in accordance with City ordinances and pending review and approval of the City Solicitor and City Engineer.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (4): Miller, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

9. A motion was made by Miller and 2nd Antoniak to approve Payment request #1 for Wright Asphalt Paving for the 2024 City of Jeannette Street Paving Project in the amount of 288,371.39 money to be taken from the liquid Fuels Account.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (4): Miller, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

10. A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Langdon to approve Payment request #2 for W Construction for the 2024 City of Jeannette Mapleton Avenue Waterline Replacement Project in the amount of \$103,966.00 Money to be taken from the Capital Reserve Account.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (4): Miller, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

11. A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Highlands to approve the transfer in the amount of \$240,321.10 from the Act 205 Account to the General fund to reimburse the City of Jeannette the cost of OPEBS for the year 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (4): Miller, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

12. A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Langdon to approve the transfer in the amount of \$224,291.24 from the Act 205 Account to the General Fund to reimburse the City of Jeannette the cost of OPEBS for the year 2022.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (4): Miller, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

13. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd by Antoniak to approve the transfer in the amount of \$252,305.39 from the Act 205 Account to the General Fund to reimburse the City of Jeannette the cost of OPEBS for the year 2023.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (4): Miller, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

14. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd by Miller to approve the quote from Gonofsky HVAC and Appliance Repair in the amount of \$5,950.00 for the purchase and installation of a Mini split air conditioning unit for the Police Department jail area. Money to be taken from the ARP Account.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (4): Miller, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

15. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd Highlands to approve the purchase of 18 32 Gallon Trash Can Lids from Tree Top Products for 228.85 Each for a total amount of \$4,119.30. Money to be taken from the ARP Account.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (4): Miller, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

16. A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Miller to hire John Carl as City Foreman effective Monday July 15, 2024 with a salary of \$65,000.00. Pending the completion of all necessary documents and signing of an employment agreement.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (4): Miller, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

17. A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Langdon to advertise for an open position with the public works department.

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18. A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Miller to APPROVE / deny Italiano Café LLC located at 417 Clay Ave Parcel ID 14-01-16-0-650 partial grant forgiveness for the Commercial Property Improvement Program (CPIP) Total amount being asked to be forgiven is \$10,000.00. Which would make the total amount outstanding on the CPIP loan as \$29,484.44.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (4): Miller, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Miller and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Langdon to adjourn meeting at 6:39pm.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (4): Miller, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

***Timothy Witt***  
**City Solicitor**