

**Jeannette City Council
City Council Meeting
Minutes**



**Thursday
August 8, 2024
6:00 PM**

The Mayor Called the meeting to order at 6:23pm

ROLL CALL:

James Miller
Chuck Highlands
Michelle Langdon
Chad Krawtz
Curtis Antoniak

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager: *Ethan Keedy*
City Solicitor: *Timothy Witt*
Chief of Police: *Derek Manley*
City Engineer: *Edward Antonacci*
City Foreman: *John Carl*

ABSENT WITH CAUSE

Controller: *Nancy Peters*
Code Enforcement: *Bill Whetzel*
Fire Chief: *William Frye*

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 Ross from Heritage Baptist Church

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

AGENDA:

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Miller to approve July 11, 2024 minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

CITIZENS:

1. Jenifer Deemer (1020 Whiteman Street Apt #9) – Helping with no motive on FB page. In favor of K-9 program.
2. Don Leone (North 3rd Street) – No parking sign at Arlington Market
3. Amy Gray (613 Jefferson Avenue) – In favor of K-9 program.
4. Kathie Tanyar (803 Laura Avenue) – In favor of k-9 program and wants Budget Reports
5. Zach Jamnik (1301 Harrison Avenue) – Neighbor's Carport is in alley, wants it removed
6. Tayna Williamson (84 Cuyler Avenue) – Wants a memory plaque of her mother / son on benches.
7. Ted Williamson (401 South 4th Street) - In favor of k-9 program.
8. Rita Miller (730 Dithridge St) – Sunshine ACT and blindsided by K9 program being stopped.
9. Bob Watkins – About cost for K-9 units
10. Ed Day (North 2nd Street) – Wants to purchase two lots. Add a stem playground
11. John Ryan – Please take dog out of kennel
12. Roland Bostick – Neighbor is not taking care of his property.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Unity in Community: Ronel Baccus - March 15, 2025, April 19, 2025, May 24, 2025, June 14, 2025, July 19, 2025, August 2, 2025, September 20, 2025, October 18, 2025, November 8, 2025 - The Jeannette amphitheater

Steve Fulton: – painting a mural on wall Northend Playground – 502 Walters Street Jeannette, PA 15644

Jeannette Ministerial Alliance: Anthony Murry --- Hold a community day of prayer at the Jeannette amphitheater on October 2024, from 1230 – 3:00pm.

Westmoreland Food Bank: Michelle Heller: is request for the Magee parking lot for our Military Share distribution with American Legion Post #344 for the 9/11 Week of Service From 8-12.

Halloween Parade: Wednesday October 30 at 7pm

Trick of Treat - Thursday October 31 6-8pm

Adam Chirico - Request for In-person Explanation of Bid on Tax Sale Property: Parcel Tax Map Number: 14-01-16-0-498: Parcel Address: 602 Division Street, Jeannette P.A 15644. Parcel Owner: George C. Colucci, Jr and Ardith I Colucci. Amount of Bid: \$878.00.

Jeannette Business Organization: Sparkle Christmas December 7th, 2024 from 12-5pm. request to use the Elliott Group Amphitheater

OFFICERS REPORTS:

A motion was made by Miller and 2nd Krawtz to approve the officer's reports as presented:

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

BILLS:

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mr. Miller – City Foreman

Mr. Highlands – No Report

Ms. Langdon - No Bee's found at Altman Park. Doggie Bag station at amphitheater. Electric Box fixed at Altman Park. Sewage leak in tax office. Sewage water leak on evidence department in police station. Damage was done at playgrounds. Show love for our businesses.

Mr. Krawtz – Sanitation Report. EMS Report. Halloween Parade and Trick or Treat. Library Report. Fire Department Report. Report on new building for Fire Department.

Mr. Antoniak – Chief Manley Police Report. Thank you to police department for the work done. Thank you to Ethan

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about grants for playgrounds.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Langdon to approve the request from Unity in Community to use the Elliott group Amphitheater and electricity on March 15, 2025, April 19, 2025, May 24, 2025, June 14, 2025, July 19, 2025, August 2, 2025, September 20, 2025, October 18, 2025, November 8, 2025 March 15, 2025, April 19, 2025, May 24, 2025, June 14, 2025, July 19, 2025, August 2, 2025, September 20, 2025, October 18, 2025, November 8, 2025 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, and pending sponsorships.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

2. A motion was made by Miller and 2nd Antoniak to approve the request from Jeannette Ministerial Hold a community day of prayer at the Jeannette amphitheater on October 20, 2024, from 1230 – 3:00pm., 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 (5): Miller, Krawtz, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

3. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd by Krawtz to approve the request from Westmoreland Food Bank Michelle Heller: is request for the Magee parking lot for our Military Share distribution with American Legion Post #344 for the 9/11 Week of Service From 8-12, 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 (5): Miller, Krawtz, Highlands, Langdon, Antoniak

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

4. A motion was made by Miller and 2nd Antoniak to approve Halloween parade on Wednesday October 30th, 2024- parade starting at 7pm.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

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5. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd by Antoniak to approve Trick of Treat on Thursday October 31, 2024 6-8pm

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

6. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd 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 7, 2024, pending signed used agreement, approval by the Chief of Police and Fire Chief for safety.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

7. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Langdon to **APPROVE**/deny the sale of the property located at 603 Division Street, Jeannette PA 15644. Tax Map # 14-01-16-0-498 to Adam Chirico in the amount of \$878.00 by the Tax Claim Bureau in repository sale.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

8. A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Miller to approve Motion to approve the submission of bids/purchase of the following properties from the Westmoreland County Tax Claim Bureau for the acceptable minimum purchase price in accordance with rules and procedures of the City and the Tax Claim Bureau:

1. Parcel ID 14-01-11-0-257 (113 South 12th Street)

2. Parcel ID 14-01-11-0-258 (115 South 12th Street)

3. Parcel ID 14-01-12-0-092 (1016--1018 Scott Avenue)

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (1): Langdon

Motion Passed

9. A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Langdon to approve payment to Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$617.87 work completed on the 2024 Street Reconstruction Project, money to be taken from the ARP account.

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

- 10.** A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd by Miller to approve payment to Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$310.00 work completed on the Mapleton Water Project, money to be taken from the Capital Reserve Account.

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

- 11.** A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Krawtz to approve payment to Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$4,027.50 for work completed on the 6th street bridge project, money to be taken from the Capital Reserve Account.

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

- 12.** A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd by Miller to approve payment to Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$6,400.00 for work completed on the Cypress Street Project, money to be taken from the Capital Reserve Account.

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

- 13.** A motion was made by Miller and 2nd Krawtz to approve payment to Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$2,695.00 for work completed on the 2025 Street Reconstruction Project, money to be taken from the ARP Account.

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

- 14.** A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Krawtz to approve payment request #2 from Wright Asphalt Paving in the amount of \$19,096.76 for work completed on the 2024 Street Reconstruction Project. Money

to be taken from the Liquid Fuels account.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

15. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd by Miller to approve payment in the amount of \$5,000.00 to Gallegher Bassett for the City of Jeannette's deductible for work completed on the Vucish Lawsuit, money to be taken from General Fund.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

16. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Miller to authorize the City Manager to place the following items on

Municipibid: Foreman Truck: 2011 Chevy Silverado, Garbage Truck: 2011 Mack Truck.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

17. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd by Krawtz to approve to purchase a 2024 Toyota Tacoma in the amount of \$37,381.00 for City Foreman, owned by the City for City activities; subject to all City policies, procedures, and practices relating to the use and return of City-owned property. Money to be taken from the Capital Reserve account and repaid by the General Fund over a 5 year term.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

18. A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Langdon to authorize the City Manger to open a savings account with Somerset Trust Company with an interest rate of 4.55%. Also authorizing the signatories on that account to be the City Manager, City Treasurer, Mayor, City Controller, and the Director of Accounts and Finance.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

19. A motion was made by Antoniak and 2nd Miller to transfer \$716,917.73 from the General Fund to the new Somerset Trust savings account.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

20. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd by Miller to approve the Stormwater best management practices

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maintenance and monitoring agreement with the Elliot Company and the City of Jeannette.

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 Miller to adjourn the meeting

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

Ethan Keedy
CITY MANAGER