

**Jeannette City Council**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Agenda**



**Thursday**  
**February 12, 2026**  
**6:00pm**

Mayor Called the meeting to order at:

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	<b>ALSO, PRESENT:</b>	<b>ABSENT WITH CAUSE</b>
<b><i>James Miller</i></b> <b><i>Denise Ward</i></b> <b><i>Richard Ault</i></b> <b><i>Chad Krawtz</i></b> <b><i>Michelle Langdon</i></b>	<b><i>City Manager: Ethan Keedy</i></b> <b><i>City Solicitor: Timothy Witt</i></b> <b><i>Chief of Police: Derek Manley</i></b> <b><i>Fire Chief: William Frye</i></b> <b><i>Code Enforcement: Bill Whetzel</i></b> <b><i>Controller: Nancy Peters</i></b>	<b><i>City Treasurer:</i></b> <b><i>City Engineer: Edward Antonacci</i></b> <b><i>City Foreman: John Carl</i></b>

**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

**PROCLAMATION:**

Retirement for Captain - Brad Shepler

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

**AGENDA:**

A motion to approve the Agenda.

**MINUTES:**

A motion to approve December 11, 2025 & January 5, 2026 and January 27, 2026 - Meeting Minutes

**CITIZENS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**OFFICERS REPORTS:**

A motion to approve officer Reports

**BILLS:**

A motion to pay bills

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Mr. Miller

Ms. Ward

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Mr. Ault  
Mr. Krawtz -  
Ms. Michelle Langdon -

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A motion to accept Captain - Brad Shepler's resignation/retirement letter for the position held at the City of Jeannette Police Department effective February 14, 2026.
2. A motion to re-appoint Amy Kujawa to the City of Jeannette Zoning Hearing Board for a term ending in 12/2030.
3. A motion to re-appoint Richard Radomski to the City of Jeannette Zoning Hearing Board for a term ending in 12/2029.
4. A motion to re-appoint John Cramer to the City of Jeannette Zoning Hearing Board for a term ending in 12/2030.
5. A motion to approve The Vine Boutique requests a street closure for 2nd street starting at static station, down Clay ending at 4th where Denunzios is. Then 4th street starts at Huntington and ends at 6th street, from 11am - 5pm. Pending approval by the Chief of Police and Fire Chief for safety and submission of all necessary certificates of liability of insurance for the event.
6. A motion to approve the Jeannette Redevelopment Authority request to hold a Night on Clay - Night Market. Wednesday's: June 10, 2026, July 8, 2026 and August 12, 2026. Further requesting the street closure for the 500 and 600 block of Clay Ave. Closures would be in effect from 3pm until 9pm. Pending approval by the Chief of Police and Fire Chief for safety and submission of all necessary certificates of liability of insurance for the event.
7. A motion to approve payment to Acrisure in the amount of \$1,312.50 for work conducted on the Firemen's Pension Plan, Money to be taken from Line Item 01-411-203.
8. A motion to approve payment to Acrisure in the amount of \$1,437.50 for work conducted on the Police Pension Plan. Money to be taken from Line Item 01-410-203.

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9. A motion to approve the transfer of \$2,750.00 from the Act 205 account to the City of Jeannette General Fund to reimburse Actuarial costs related to the Jeannette Fire and Police pension Plan.
10. A motion to approve the transfer of \$87,877.10 from the Act 205 Account to the City of Jeannette General Fund to reimburse 2025 OPEBS related to the PMRS Pension Plan.
11. A motion to approve the transfer of \$173,960.42 from the Act 205 Account to the City of Jeannette General Fund to reimburse 2025 OPEBS related to the Police Pension Plan.
12. A motion to approve payment to Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$645.00 for work completed on the Sellers Ave Road Reconstruction Project, Money to be paid out of the Capital Reserve Fund.
13. A motion to approve payment to pay Antonacci Design Associates \$1,075.00 for work completed on the LSA Stormwater Project, Money to be paid out of the Capital Reserve Fund.
14. A motion to approve payment to Antonacci Design Associates \$3,240.00 for work completed on the Lowry Ave Road Reconstruction Project, Money to be paid out of the Capital Reserve Fund.
15. A motion to approve payment to Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$340.00 for work completed on the 6th Street Bridge Project, Money to be paid out of the Capital Reserve Fund
16. A motion to approve payment to Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$1,475.00 for work completed on the LSA Stormwater Project, Money to be paid out of the Capital Reserve Fund.
17. A motion to approve payment to Antonacci Design Associates in the amount of \$5,965.00 for work completed on the Lowry Ave Street Reconstruction Project, Money to be paid out of the Capital Reserve Fund.
18. A motion to approve the transfer of \$261,837.52 from the City of Jeannette General Fund to the Somerset Trust Savings Account.
19. A motion to approve and adopt a Return to Work Policy for the City of Jeannette employees
20. A motion to approve and enter into a Reimbursement and Release Agreement with Columbia Gas and the City of Jeannette for reimbursement of restoration along Western Avenue and Orange Avenue, further authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to sign all necessary documents to execute said agreement, pending the review and approval of the City Solicitor.
21. A motion to approve the bid from D.G Construction in the amount of \$19,080.00 for work to be completed on the Buster Clarkson Field in West Jeannette, pending the approval of the Jeannette School District covering the cost of the Pitcher;s Mound Clay Brick and Grading in the amount of \$4,680.00, and the approval of the

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Jeannette Baseball Association to use \$4,400.00 of the recent grant received for this project, further authorizing the remaining balance in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be paid out of the City of Jeannette's Recreation Fund.

**22. A motion to conduct the first reading and introduce Ordinance 26-1**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING CITY DEPARTMENTS AND THE DETERMINING THE POWERS AND DUTIES TO BE PERFORMED BY EACH DEPARTMENT; REPEALING INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**23. A motion to approve Resolution 26-1**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING, EMPOWERING AND DIRECTING THE PROPER OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH BERKHEIMER WHEREUNDER BERKHEIMER IS RETAINED AS THE EXCLUSIVE TAX OFFICER FOR THE COLLECTION, ADMINISTRATION, RECEIPT AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE RESPECTIVE TAX ENACTMENT OF THE GOVERNING BOARD LEVYING AND ASSESSING THE BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX FOR THE TERM HEREIN DEFINED, TOGETHER WITH SUCH EXTENSIONS AS MAY BE AGREED UPON, SAID TAX ENACTMENT HAVING BEEN ADOPTED UNDER AND PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE PENNSYLVANIA LOCAL TAX ENABLING ACT (511,P.L.1257); AND APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PREPARED BY BERKHEIMER TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE THE BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX.**

**24. A motion to approve Resolution 26-2**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING, EMPOWERING, AND DIRECTING THE PROPER OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD TO APPOINT BERKHEIMER AS ITS TAX HEARING OFFICER UNDER AND PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL TAXPAYERS BILL OF RIGHTS FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF ADJUDICATING APPEALS THEREUNDER.**

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- 25.** A motion to enter into an agreement with Berkheimer for the collection of the City of Jeannette Business Privilege Tax, further authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to sign all documents, pending the review and approval of the City Solicitor.
- 26.** A motion to approve **Resolution 26-3**
- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE APPROVING THE  
PROGRAM MODIFICATION TO THE FY 2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
(CDBG) PROGRAM.**
- 27.** A motion to grant the Police Chief and Civil Service Commission to conduct civil service testing for the Jeannette Police Department.
- 28.** A motion to appoint Michelle Langdon as the liaison to the Jeannette Recreation Board.
- 29.** A motion to promote Patrolman Bryan DeFelice to the Rank of Sergeant effective February 15th 2026.
- 30.** A motion to hire \_\_\_\_\_ as a Patrolman for the City of Jeannette Police Department Contingent on submission of all necessary paperwork and tests, salary to be set by the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- 31.** A motion to hire Brandon Knauss as a Junior Firefighter for the City of Jeannette, pending completion of all necessary paperwork, tests, and subject to all City policies, manuals, requirements, rules, and regulations.
- 32.** A motion to hire Abner Fontanez As Public Works Laborer, effective following a two-week notice to the previous employee; salary to be consistent with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement and any applicable memorandum of understanding; and subject to all city of Jeannette personnel policies, procedures, handbooks, and manuals and any applicable benefits plans.
- 33.** A motion to approve Jeannette Business Association and Jeannette Initiative request to use the Elliott Group Amphitheater for food Truck Thursdays, pending a signed use agreement, payment of all applicable fees, and approval by the Police Chief and Fire Chief for safety and a receipt of a certificate of liability insurance for the event Dates for the event are as followed:, June 4 & 18, July 2,16,30 & August 13 & 27, & September 10, 2026

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Ethan Keedy  
CITY MANAGER**