

Jeannette City Council
City Council Meeting
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Thursday
February 12, 2026
6:00pm

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

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

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 was made by Miller and 2nd Krawtz to approve the Agenda.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Ault and 2nd Ward to approve December 11, 2025 & January 5, 2026 and January 27, 2026 - Meeting Minutes

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

CITIZENS:

1. John Orange: Orange Avenue - Wanting to know why the road needs paved. He takes care of the road.
2. Kristie Linden: The Jeannette Initiative - JBA and JI teaming up for summer concerts. Night Market. Talks about the Walk Works program and grant.
3. Larry Cook: 814 North 2nd Street - Concerned about the Hopewell Baptist Church on Chestnut Street. The wall. No parking.
4. Done Leone: Congratulations to Mr. Ault. Not happy about the timer.

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Jeannette police department.

5. Kenneth Fredrick: N 8th Street. Interviewed with Ethan. Public Works said he never showed up for an interview.
6. Ed Day: 206 North 2nd Street. Congrats to Michelle for winning mayor. Martin Luther King Day should be a holiday for the City of Jeannette. Shout out for Jasmine Jones. Repairs for Streets. Congrats to Mr. Ault, and Ms Ward.

COMMUNICATIONS:

OFFICERS REPORTS:

A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd Krawtz to approve Officer Reports

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

BILLS:

A motion was made by Miller and 2nd Ward to pay bills

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mr. Miller - Gave Street Department Report.

Ms. Ward - Gave Financial Report, Code Enforcement Gave Report.

Mr. Ault - Nothing to Report.

Mr. Krawtz - Gave EMS Report.

Ms. Michelle Langdon - Gave Police Report & Library Report, AARP, Imagination Library, Appointment & Promotion, West Jeannette Baseball Field.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Ault and 2nd Ward to accept Captain - Brad Shepler's resignation/retirement letter for the position held at the City of Jeannette Police Department effective February 14, 2026.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

2. A motion was made by Ward and 2nd Krawtz to re-appoint Amy Kujawa to the City of Jeannette Zoning Hearing Board for a term ending in 12/2030.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

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3. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd Ward to re-appoint Richard Radomski to the City of Jeannette Zoning Hearing Board for a term ending in 12/2029.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

4. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Ault to re-appoint John Cramer to the City of Jeannette Zoning Hearing Board for a term ending in 12/2030.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

5. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Ward to approve The Vine Boutique requests a street closure for 2nd street starting at the static station, down Clay ending at 4th where Denunzio 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.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

6. A motion was made by Miller and 2nd Langdon 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.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

7. A motion was made by Ault and 2nd Langdon 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.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

8. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd Miller 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.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

9. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd Miller 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.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

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10. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd Krawtz 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.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

11. A motion by Ward and 2nd Langdon 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.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

12. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Miller 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.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

13. A motion was made by Ault and 2nd Ward 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.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

14. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd Miller 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.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

15. A motion was made by Miller and 2nd Ault 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.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

16. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Miller 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.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

17. A motion was made by Miller and 2nd Ward 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

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Reserve Fund.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

18. A motion was made by Ault and 2nd Langdon to approve the transfer of \$261,837.52 from the City of Jeannette General Fund to the Somerset Trust Savings Account.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

19. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd Ward to approve and adopt a Return to Work Policy for the City of Jeannette employees

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

20. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd Ault 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.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

21. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd Krawtz 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 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.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

22. A motion was made by Ault and 2nd Ward 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.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

23. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd Miller 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.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

24. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd Miller 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.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

25. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd Ault 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.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

26. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd Krawtz 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.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

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27. A motion was made by Ault and 2nd Ward to grant the Police Chief and Civil Service Commission to conduct civil service testing for the Jeannette Police Department.

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Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon
Nay (0):
Motion Passed

28. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Langdon to appoint Michelle Langdon as the liaison to the Jeannette Recreation Board.

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

29. A motion was made by Langdon and 2nd Krawtz to promote Patrolman Bryan DeFelice to the Rank of Sergeant effective February 15th 2026.

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

30. A motion was made by Ault and 2nd Langdon to hire Anthony Peduzzi 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.

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

31. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd Ward 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.

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

32. A motion was made by Ault and 2nd Ward 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.

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

33. A motion was made by Ward and 2nd Krawtz 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.

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Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

34. A motion to amend the agenda by Langdon and 2nd Krawtz.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

35. A motion was made by Krawtz and 2nd by Ward to appoint Paula Ritson as treasurer effective immediately.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Ault and Ward.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea (5): Krawtz, Ault, Miller, Ward, Langdon

Nay (0):

Motion Passed

Ethan Keedy
CITY MANAGER