

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL (VIA ZOOM)  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020

City Council met in a stated session for the general transaction of business. Mayor Janakovic called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Mr. Britt offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following members of Council were present for roll call:

Charles Arnone, Ricky Britt, Mayor Frank Janakovic, Reverend Sylvia King, Marie Mock, David Vitovich (6).

Absent: Michael Capriotti (1).

John Trant, Interim City Manager; Elizabeth Benjamin, Esquire, City Solicitor; Robert Ritter, Finance Director; Jacob Zerby, Economic Development Specialist; Jared Campagna, Public Works Director; John Dubnansky, Director of Economic Development; Chad Miller, Interim Police Chief; Robert Statler, Fire Chief; Bruce Graham, Gibson-Thomas Engineering; Brandon Palmer, EADS Group.

Mayor Janakovic noted that an Executive Session was held on December 8, 2020, regarding personnel matters, and that prior to the meeting this evening, an Executive Session was held with regard to personnel and a public hearing was held amending Zoning Ordinance for the 20th Ward.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the Workshop Minutes of October 21, 2020 and Special Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2020. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich (6).

Nays: None (0).

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, HONORS, RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, Johnstown, addressed Council regarding the possible dissolution of the Ethics Board. He remarked that Johnstown has some of the problems it does due to individuals who care about themselves more than the community. He noted that it "certainly would be a big mistake to dissolve the Ethics Board" and put Council "on notice" that they would be held accountable.

Mr. DeBartola stated roughly 80 percent voted to have the Ethics Board and did not believe that City Council has the authority to dissolve that board.

Robin Kmetz, 125 Spring Street, Johnstown, had concerns regarding dissolution of the City's Ethics Board. She noted a local board could resolve most of the issues within 180 days compared to the length of time it takes the State Ethics Board. Ms. Kmetz commented that she was "totally disgusted" with how poorly the City is run and "how reckless and frivolous" it has been spending tax dollars from the sewer sale and COVID-19 monies.

#### REPORTS:

##### CITY MANAGER:

John Trant, Jr., Interim City Manager, reported that due to the increased COVID cases, he and the Department directors have continued to coordinate efforts from an operational standpoint to make sure to provide City services and keep the public safe. He noted that the Public Safety Building and City Hall have returned to by-appointment-only status in order to keep everyone safe.

##### MAYOR:

Mayor Frank Janakovic thanked all who were involved in the recent Christmas in the Park, and in particular, Jake and Amber, City employees, businesses and vendors.

He offered special thanks to Councilman Britt and others who were involved in the dedication of the Carlton Haselrig Bridge.

The Mayor recognized Discover Downtown for a successful and safe tree lighting as well as the Christmas Stroll on Main Street.

He thanked all the police departments and agencies that participated in the ceremony honoring Titan, the police dog killed in the line of duty and offered condolences to his caretakers and handlers.

Mayor Janakovic noted his attendance at virtual meetings for the Regional Partnership, Jari Growth Fund, Chamber of Commerce, and Vision 2025.

As Mayor, he sent out a congratulatory letter to President Elect Biden to include Johnstown for any opportunities to serve on task force or initiatives to provide a view of middle and rural America, i.e., Johnstown.

The Mayor noted his participation on a call to form a coalition of mayors to address matters like key federal issues for local governments, community relations service, community food programs, farmers' markets, community foods, projects, programs, resilient infrastructure in communities and community resilience task force and community revitalization, just to name a few of the many groups that he hopes the City could be a part of as the President Elect moves forward.

Mr. Janakovic expressed thanks to Robert Ritter, Finance Director, and City Council and Department heads for bringing forth a balanced budget during this pandemic and referred to this as an "amazing feat for our City." He commented that the \$50 million deficit would hopefully be reduced to a \$400,000 contribution. He stated, with the sewer sale, the \$68 million debt was left on the table for the GJWA and \$24 to \$26 million was received for use toward the pension fund to get the City "back into the black and keep us in the black."

#### CITY ENGINEER

Brandon Palmer, EADS Group, reported moving forward with Public Works with regard to storm water evaluation and scheduling for review and paving. Two easements received from the GJWA would be discussed later in the meeting.

#### CITY SOLICITOR

Elizabeth Benjamin, Esquire, City Solicitor, noted for purposes of clarification that relative to the pending litigation involving the ordinance addressing the Ethics Board, it's been confirmed with Judge Creany's office that the ordinance is subject to a first and final reading and that the final reading would occur at the next regular Council meeting on the second Wednesday of January.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISONS

Reverend King announced that this was the eleventh year that Christ Centered Community Church will be holding its community Christmas dinner on Christmas Day, December 25, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., takeout only due to the pandemic.

She thanked Mr. Campagna for beginning the Prospect project.

Mrs. Mock reported that the flowers have been ordered for the spring flower boxes.

Mr. Britt thanked Mr. Trant, Mr. Campagna and his crew and all of Council and those who took part in the Carlton Haselrig Bridge event. He reported the streets were

paved in Old Conemaugh Borough, and the residents are happy with the results.

Mr. Arnone, as Council's representative to the Housing Authority, provided updates on statistic information related to the population of the public housing communities. He stated, as of November 30, 2020, the total population of the public housing communities was 2,610. Section Eight voucher holders totaled 789 for a combination of 339 residents, assisting 45 percent of the people living at the poverty level in the City of Johnstown.

He reported that work continues at the Oakhurst Housing Project upgrading sewers and door replacements.

Mr. Arnone, as Council's representative to the Greater Johnstown Water Authority, read the following into the record:

This pandemic has affected everyone individually, businesses, municipalities and entities alike, the GJWA is no exception. Despite the strain put on the Authority, the operation of the water and water system continues 24 hours a day. The employees who have responded with a level of commitment to provide essential services to the Greater Johnstown Area is commendable. With hopes that the New Year brings a reduction in COVID cases, Planning is underway for 2021 as is done every year. All money generated by the Greater Johnstown Water Authority is reinvested in the system for upcoming capital projects. These projects are planned improvements and replacements of existing infrastructure.

In 2021 there are over \$2.5 million in water system upgrades planned. These projects range from improvements to storage tanks to replacement of aging distribution lines working to bring the GJWA newly acquired sewer collection into compliance with the Consent Order from DEP. Work to eliminate storm water from the sanitary system will begin in the Central Business District, and bids for that \$11 million project will open later this month and construction is planned to begin in March. The project will be broken down into separate portions that will be entirely completed before another is begun. To reduce the impact of residences and businesses, a portion will begin next year the length of Main Street and the lines tied to the main line on Main Street. Over 90 percent of the main line installation will be in place with as little opening as needed. The Main Street portion is scheduled to be completed in 2021 with the remainder of the CBD project to take place in 2022.

Mr. Arnone commented that during Thunder in the Valley, work will stop for two weeks and that one lane will always be open for businesses in the business district

along Main Street. And in the New Year the contribution to the cost and paving within the City will have to be addressed.

Mr. Vitovich thanked Public Works and all those involved for moving the houses into Central Park for the Christmas Village and setting up the park for the Christmas Season.

Mayor Janakovic noted favorable comments were received regarding the City's Christmas tree when compared to New York and Pittsburgh.

PETITIONS:

None.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL READ:

BILL NO. 21 OF 2020, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4968 PASSED AUGUST 10, 2005 TO CLARIFY AND UPDATE PROVISIONS ADDRESSING THE PRESENCE OF DOGS WITHIN CITY PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Reverend King and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock,  
Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone (6).  
Nays: None (0).

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READ:

BILL NO. 28 OF 2020, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5306 ADOPTED NOVEMBER 18, 2020, FIXING THE SALARIES AND WAGES TO BE PAID ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND BUREAUS OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021, AND TO ADD AND CLARIFY THE SEPARATION OF THE RECORD RETENTION AND CITY CLERK POSITIONS AND TO ADD AND REVISE CERTAIN POSITIONS AND PAY RATES FOR LABORERS ANTICIPATED FOR THE 2021 CALENDAR YEAR.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock,  
Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt (6).  
Nays: None (0).

BILL NO. 29 OF 2020, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 5229 OF 2017 ADOPTING A LOCAL ETHICS BOARD FOR THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, DUE TO THE REDUNDANCY AND TO ALLEVIATE THE UNNECESSARY FINANCIAL BURDEN IMPOSED BY THE ORDINANCE UPON THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN TAXPAYERS.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Britt (4).  
Nays: None (0).  
Abstentions: Mayor Janakovic, Mr. Arnone (2) abstained due to advice of legal counsel.

BILL NO. 30 OF 2020, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, ORDINANCE NO. 4964, ADOPTED APRIL 13, 2005 AND AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 5086 PASSED JUNE 22, 2011; ORDINANCE NO. 5119 PASSED JANUARY 23, 2013; ORDINANCE NO. 5139 PASSED NOVEMBER 27, 2013; AND ORDINANCE NO. 1591 PASSED DECEMBER 2015 BY REZONING CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND LOCATED IN THE 20TH WARD OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Britt and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone,  
Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic (6).  
Nays: None (0).

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 10360

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, CONFIRMING THE CITY'S MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION (MMO) FOR EACH OF THE CITY'S PENSION FUNDS FOR

FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021 PURSUANT TO THE "SUPERFUNDING" OF THE UNFUNDED ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITY (UAAL) WITH A DEPOSIT OF \$19 MILLION INTO THE FUNDS DERIVED FROM A PENSION NOTE; APPROVING THE ELECTION TO ALTER THE FUNDING METHOD FOR ADDRESSING THE (UAAL) TO A 10-YEAR ROLLING AMORTIZATION FOR THE PENSION PLANS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL PENSION PLAN FUNDING STANDARD AND RECOVERY ACT (ACT 205) AS AMENDED; AND CONFIRMING UPDATED ASSUMPTIONS FOR VALUATION REPORTS DATED JANUARY 1, 2021, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PENSION PLAN ACTUARY.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone.

Interim City Manager Trant explained this is the final manifestation of Council's work to leverage the sewer deal and pay down the City's pension obligation which has been long recommended by the Act 47 team. He stated Council had approved a minimum municipal obligation of around \$3.8, and now that funds are available to invest in the pension plan, the pension committee has reviewed that investment in terms of a commitment to investing those funds into the pension program which reduces the City's obligation and the annual minimum municipal obligation to approximately \$1.275 million, or a significant reduction in general fund revenue which needs to be allocated to the City's annual obligation to the pension fund. Mr. Trant further stated, minus State aid, the City's share is around \$455,000. He reminded Council it committed to making investment in the pension fund, stuck with it and now finally it actually has fulfilled that commitment.

Mayor Janakovic thanked Mr. Ritter, Mr. Trant and Council for all the time and effort to make this happen.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt,  
Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King (6).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10361

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SELECTING A PROPOSAL FOR  
RENEWAL OF THE CITY GENERAL LIABILITY AND WORKERS'  
COMPENSATION INSURANCE PLANS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021,

AND AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY/ALL AGREEMENTS AND NOTICES NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SAME.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.

Mr. Ritter summarized that the total for the insurance, liability and Workers' Comp from Gallagher's is \$503,000 and last year was \$548,000. He stated another quote was received from McGowan in the amount of \$266,000 which is fairly close to Gallagher's minus the Worker's Comp. Mr. Ritter stated there is really no reason to change so the City will remain with Gallagher's

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic,  
Reverend King, Mrs. Mock (6).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10362

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE TO MAKE ANY/ALL LINE ITEM ADJUSTMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2020 TO BRING SAID LINE ITEMS INTO A POSITIVE BALANCE SUBJECT TO A LIMIT OF THE AMOUNT OF TOTAL EXPENDITURES BUDGETED FOR THE 2020 CALENDAR YEAR.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King,  
Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich (6).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10363

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CAMBRIA UNDER THEIR CORONAVIRUS RELIEF PROGRAM, FOR A MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT OF \$26,553.19 TO BE USED FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF CITY CORONAVIRUS-RELATED



EXPENSES AND DIRECTING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND/OR  
HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AND TAKE ANY/ALL ACTIONS  
NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SAME

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone.

Mr. Dubnansky explained this money was made available through the county's CARES Act Funding Program for funding awarded for COVID-related expenses back in the spring.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock,  
Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone (6).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10364

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO  
SIGN A CONTRACT FOR CONTINUATION OF POLICE SERVICES WITH  
THE JOHNSTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE VINE STREET  
FULTON I. CONNOR AND TOWNHOUSE TOWERS UPON REVIEW OF  
THE CITY SOLICITOR.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.

Ms. Benjamin explained this is a renewal of the prior agreements.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich,  
Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt (6).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10365

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO  
SIGN A CONTRACT FOR THE CONTINUATION OF POLICE SERVICES  
WITH THE JOHNSTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE SOLOMON,

PROSPECT, COOPERSDALE AND OAKHURST COMMUNITIES UPON  
REVIEW OF THE CITY SOLICITOR.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich,  
Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt (6).  
Nays: None (0).

Mr. Arnone commented for the record that with the amount that the Housing Authority pays to the City for police protection provides for three police officers to stay on payroll due to this extra money paid to the City.

Resolution No. 10366

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF TETRA TECH FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT AND TO TAKE ANY/ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME FOR A TOTAL FEE OF \$536,350.00 CONTINGENT UPON SOLICITOR APPROVAL OF THE FINAL AGREEMENT.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock.

Mr. Dubnansky explained this is part of the \$600,000 grant money awarded earlier this year for three years' worth of services with regard to brownfields, phase one and phase two environmental assessments on a variety of projects throughout the county. There was further discussion regarding the matter.

Yeas: Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone,  
Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic (6).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10367

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING AN UPDATED HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH DISASTER MITIGATION ACT OF 2000 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND OR HIS DESIGNEE TO TAKE ANY/ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO

EFFECTUATE SAME AND FURTHER DIRECTING RESPECTIVE AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDED ACTIVITIES ASSIGNED TO THEM WITHIN THE PLAN.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt,  
Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King (6).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10368

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING A CONTINUANCE AND RENEWAL OF THE DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY CONSISTENT WITH THE EXTENSION OF THE PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY BY THE PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR.

Reverend King made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic,  
Reverend King, Mrs. Mock (6).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10369

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN ESTABLISHING THE SCHEDULE OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2021.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King,  
Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich (6).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10370

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AND TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE AN ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF CAMBRIA COUNTY FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.

The Interim City Manager explained this is a continuation of the existing contract that Council renewed last year for one year and which term is up. Interim Chief Miller noted this is regarding runaway dogs and animal problems that the City would need assistance with.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock,  
Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone (6).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10371

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THE ALLEGHENIES FOR A GRANT AMOUNT OF \$77,500.00 TO BE USED FOR THE REHABILITATION, REDEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ROXBURY PARK SKATE RINK AND DIRECTING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE AND THE CITY MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND TAKE ANY/ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SAME.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock.

Mrs. Mock explained this money was donations over the past few years through a fund established by herself, Reverend King and the Roxbury Civic Group with matching grants provided by the Community Foundation. She stated this is an agreement that the money is to be used for the hockey rink in the spring.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich,

Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt (6).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10372

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND/OR ANY OF HIS DESIGNEES TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO SEEK AND OBTAIN PROPOSALS FOR THE PURCHASE, SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF FUEL FOR CITY-OWNED VEHICLES.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich,  
Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt (6).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10373

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE TO CLOSE THREE CITY BUSINESS LOANS.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.

The Interim City Manager explained that uncollected or uncollectable outstanding loans were tracked down for review by City Council. He noted the loans are at a "point of no return" with no ability to collect on them, that from an audit and financial perspective they would need to be taken off the books.

Mr. Dubnansky explained that the total amount is approximately \$15,000 between the three loans, and that additional loans are still being reviewed for the loan committee to take action on.

Mayor Janakovic commented that the loan committee makes recommendation to Council regarding these loans. He further commented that these loans are intended for new businesses which can be "high risk" loans.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone,  
Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic (6).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10374

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF MARC SERVICE INCORPORATED FOR HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEM SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT AND TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME FOR A TOTAL FEE OF \$130,450.00 CONTINGENT UPON FINAL APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT BY THE CITY SOLICITOR.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.

Mr. Trant commented that this is the final piece of the L&I report which addresses working conditions related to police and fire use of the Public Safety Building and also addresses the violations and findings of the L&I investigation outstanding for some time.

Jared Campagna, Public Works Director, explained that several locations within the Public Safety Building have been without heat for a number of years so this would allow for the upgrade of the overall system.

Mr. Trant commented additionally that the City was able to do this with available funds from the sewer deal.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt,  
Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King (6).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10375

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING A LOT CONSOLIDATION OF THE PROPERTY AT THE CORNER OF CHESTNUT STREET AND 6TH AVENUE AND DIRECTING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SAME.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock.

There was further discussion regarding the matter. Mr. Arnone commented this property would be a place for kids to learn while outside and that eventually pavilions and restrooms will be added. Ms. Benjamin noted that a map attached to the resolution shows 5th Avenue and suggested the matter be corrected before being adopted.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to amend the resolution to 5th Avenue. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic,  
Reverend King, Mrs. Mock (6).  
Nays: None (0).

Mayor Janakovic noted a splash park will be constructed at 10th Avenue in the spring.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to vote on the resolution as amended. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King,  
Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich (6).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10376

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING A LOT CONSOLIDATION OF 150 SKELLY STREET AND 142 SKELLY STREET AND 138 SKELLY STREET AND DIRECTING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.

It was noted this is a building deed development project by Conemaugh Hospital.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King,  
Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich (6).

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10377

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING A LOT CONSOLIDATION OF 225 WASHINGTON STREET AND 100 WASHINGTON STREET AND DIRECTING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SAME.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock.

It was noted one parcel involves Flood City Flooring and the other is right at the corner near the Walnut Street Bridge. Flood City would like a portion of the parcel near the bridge to make the business more marketable going forward.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock,  
Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone (6).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10378

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO INITIATE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO ELIMINATE THE RESPECTIVE 2020 CITY OF JOHNSTOWN OPERATING BUDGET DEFICIT BALANCES AND MORE SPECIFICALLY, BUDGET EXHIBIT (A) AS DETAILED BELOW

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich,  
Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt (6).  
Nays: None (0).

Mr. Ritter explained that money in the amount of \$75,000 from the sale of the bulldozer was moved from the general fund into the capital fund to cover the transfer. The



second amount of \$256,000 is from the sale of the sewer system and the resulting fees incurred by the City from transferring the \$19 million into the pension fund.

Resolution No. 10379

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO LOCAL NO. 630 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich,  
Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt (6).  
Nays: None (0).

Interim City Manager Trant thanked the negotiators for the AFSCME team for working to bring resolution of the collective bargaining agreement and to bring that agreement to resolution prior to expiration of the current agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Vitovich commented that coal trucks between 5:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. are entering the City at Haws Pike and flying down Strayer Street to the end of Strayer at the AM/PM riding brakes. He inquired if anything could be done to alleviate the matter.

Interim Chief Miller commented that a grant for aggressive drivers will be available soon to enforce the jake brake rule in that area. He would ask West Hills Police for assistance in the matter as the area entering the City through Haws Pike is in their jurisdiction.

Mr. Campagna noted new signs have been ordered and will be posted in that area also.

Mayor Janakovic noted that trucks are also flying down Broad Street in the morning and noticed cars flying down an alley from 5th Avenue down to Sheetz on Broad Street.

Reverend King noted cars are speeding down Grove Avenue.

Reverend King asked Mayor Janakovic to provide an overview of the COVID pandemic. The Mayor explained that the City follows directives received from the Governor which also becomes the county policy also.

Interim Chief Miller commented that the enforcement is through the Health Department which the City police cannot enforce.

Reverend King commented that people need to understand that the City does not have any special powers to enforce. Officer Miller indicated that masks are available if needed.

Mr. Trant commended City staff for following all the state and federal guidelines to keep everybody safe.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

MOTIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT-NONAGENDA ITEMS

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, Johnstown, read his poet laureate submission from last year's contest into the record as follows:

Johnstown is the place to be. Former steel mills of bygone times with a bright future as can be, risen from ashes to a community that cares, simple pleasures in the air. A hometown feeling of friendship, neighbor helping neighbor, building a future Johnstown amidst the change, Johnstown rises high above the grit and grime that steel mill closures left behind. The City of Johnstown is a great place to be for young and old, the City with a unique history. It came from an idea of a city to be, Johnstown raised from the ashes of the hardworking souls to build a city that can all be told. Johnstown had gone through its ups and downs and its in between. Johnstown can still consider itself a great place to be.

We need to set examples of what we can be and Johnstown is still a great city, has a great history, a history of work, a history of labor, a history of toil, a history of boilers and makers. The story of water the Johnstown way, we wonder if there are things we could say. And that would be, the water that we hook up is it not the same as it was in the yesterday? We could hook up for almost free but now it costs

you an arm and a leg and more as you will see. When you can't seem to get water, what you gonna do? Well, some say water will be the way to make Johnstown boom again as it used to in its heyday. If that is so true, then why we have the Authority that seem to be working against those who want to push it through. And if that's what I say, then those in charge do not seem to see that water is following and it should be free. But they gonna charge as much as can be and that's what it will take to set Johnstown free. I can't understand --- would want to take and put water in Johnstown but not give it to you. Johnstown some say can be revitalized or is it criticized or marginalized or indigenized. It depends on what we do and where we stand and everybody in Johnstown. Can we make it great? Can we make it as good as it used to be? Can we make it better? Can we do it in time for 2023?

Mr. DeBartola extended best wishes to all for a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Janakovic thanked the Chamber of Commerce and the Visitors Bureau for helping Johnstown to receive state and national recognition.

Robin Kmetz, 125 Spring Street, Johnstown, offered comments on the \$300,000 selling price of the Middle School and stated the property should have become a boys or girls club or recreational center for the children instead of a place for the elderly which she referred to as a "very poor choice for senior citizens."

Mayor Janakovic commented that it was just a matter of time if left vacant that windows would be broken and the building would become another blight within our city. It's his understanding that part of the property will be either owned or operated or in partnership with the Johnstown School District for the baseball/football field, the gym, rifle range and the tennis courts.

Mr. Dubnansky noted that if the project were not moving forward, it would become a \$3 to \$5 million demolition project in three or four years.

Mr. Arnone stated at least this property would have some positive use rather than being left to fall apart.

#### RECESS/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is January 13, 2021.