



**CITY OF JOHNSTOWN
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
ANTHONY C. TRUSCELLO
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022**

City Council

Frank Janakovic, Mayor
Michael Capriotti, Deputy Mayor
Charles Arnone
Ricky Britt
Laura Huchel
Rev. Sylvia King
Marie Mock

REGULAR MEETING - 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

INVOCATION:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Regular meeting minutes of March 9, 2022
2. Special meeting minutes of April 5, 2022

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, HONORS, RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION:

1. Proclamation - Fair Housing Month

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (Limit 5 minutes)

REPORTS:

1. CITY MANAGER
2. MAYOR
3. CITY SOLICITOR
4. CITY ENGINEER
5. COUNCIL UPDATES/ NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISONS

PETITIONS:

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL READ:

1. **Juneteenth Holiday** - The federal government established Juneteenth (June 19) as a federal holiday in 2021 to commemorate the emancipation of African American slaves. The purpose of this bill is to establish Juneteenth as a recognized City holiday.

BILL NO. 7 OF 2022 - AN ORDINANCE UPDATING THE PERSONNEL ORDINANCE AND POLICY TO RECOGNIZE JUNETEENTH AS A CITY HOLIDAY TO COMMEMORATE EMANCIPATION

Recommended Action - Make a motion to approve Bill No. 7 of 2022 establishing Juneteenth as a City holiday.

- 2. Wage Amendment** - There is a wage amendment necessary for the seasonal labor employed by the Department of Public Works. To provide consistency with wages budgeted for laborers hired by the Code Enforcement Department, the rate paid to seasonal laborers in the Department of Public Works is proposed to be increased from \$8.49 per hour to \$11.00 per hour.

BILL NO. 8 OF 2022 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5322 ADOPTED DECEMBER 8, 2021, AMENDED ON MARCH 9, 2022, AND AMENDING THE SALARIES AND WAGES TO BE PAID TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022.

Recommended Action - Make a motion to approve to Bill No. 8 of 2022, amending the Wage & Salary Ordinance.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READ:

- 1. Code Violation Penalties** - The proposed amendment would allow for delinquent code enforcement fines to be sent to collections. It would also increase the amount of an initial code violation fine from \$25 to \$50, and the maximum fine that could be levied by a judicial action from \$1,000.00 to \$2,500.00.

BILL NO. 9 OF 2022 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PART FOURTEEN - BUILDING AND HOUSING CODE, TITLE TWO – BUILDING AND HOUSING STANDARDS, CHAPTER 1428, SECTION 1428.99, PENALTY, ORD. 5144. PASSED 3-5-14; ORD. 5238. PASSED 9-13-17, AMENDING PROPERTY MAINTENANCE RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Recommended Action - Make a motion to grant tentative to Bill No. 9 of 2022 allowing collections for delinquent code enforcement fines and updating penalties for codes violations.

RESOLUTIONS:

School Resource Officer Contract with Greater Johnstown School District - The existing two year contract with GJSD for the City of Johnstown's provision of School Resource Officers expires at the end of June. Per the terms of the proposed agreement, the City will provide a full time police officer at the elementary school, middle school and high school. The GJSD will compensate the City for these services. An updated contract has been negotiated with and approved by the GJSD.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME

Recommended Action - Make a motion to approve the proposed resolution entering into a School Resource Officer contract with the Greater Johnstown School District.

Contract with First Credit Resources Inc. to Handle Abandoned Vehicles and Private Property Impounds - This contract will enable the Code Enforcement Department to abate abandoned vehicles by legally towing away vehicles that have been abandoned on private property.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FIRST CREDIT RESOURCES TO PROVIDE TOWING SERVICES FOR ABAONDED VEHICLES AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND DIRECTOR OF CODE ENFORCEMENT TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME

Recommended Action – Make a motion to approve the proposed resolution approving the contract with First Credit Resources.

Purchase of Hydraulic Rescue Tools for the Fire Department - The City Fire Department requires replacement of a set hydraulic rescue tools for the purpose of performing vehicle and industrial rescue operations within the City of Johnstown. The current hydraulic rescue tools are proposed for replacement due to changes in vehicle construction and changes in NFPA standards which limits the effectiveness of the current hydraulic tools. Replacement of the hydraulic rescue tool system is budgeted for in the Capital Improvement Plan.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS AND TAKE ANY/ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY IN THE PURCHASE OF HYDRAULIC RESCUE TOOLS FROM WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP

Recommended Action - Make a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the purchase of hydraulic rescue tools for the City of Johnstown Fire Department.

Appointment of Acting City Manager Designees - Section 604 of the Home Rule Charter states: *“At any time the City Manager is unable to perform the duties of that office, whether because of absence or disability, he or she may delegate such authority to another Municipal employee, subject to prior approval by Council.”* As such, the City Manager recommends Council approve the Assistant City Manager, Director of Community and Economic Development, Director of Public Works, or the Director of Finance to serve in this capacity if needed.

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING ACTING CITY MANAGER DESIGNEES AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 604 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER.

Recommended Action - Make a motion to approve the proposed Resolution pursuant to Section 604 of the Home Rule Charter.

Grant Request to Pennsylvania DCED for Construction of a New City Fire Station - Seed funding is in the capital budget for the construction of new public safety facilities. The seed

funding enables City staff to pursue different grant funding that would be used to construct such facilities, and upon which the construction of such facilities is financially dependent.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT REQUEST TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STATEWIDE LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT FUND GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000 TO BE USED TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FIRE STATION

Recommended Action - Make a motion to adopt the proposed Resolution authorizing the filing of a grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Agreement with Johnstown Redevelopment Authority - Staff is working to develop an agreement with the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority to administer the home repair and sewer later programs funded with money from the City's American Rescue Plan Act allocation. The agreement will be on the May agenda for consideration.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Pasquerilla Conference Center - The deadline for the Request for Proposals for the conference center management contract was April 12th. The results as RFP at the time this agenda was drafted are unknown.

Recommended Action: None at this time.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. Public Works
2. Police Department
3. Fire Department
4. Community Development
5. Code Enforcement

PUBLIC COMMENT - NON-AGENDA ITEMS (LIMIT 3 MINUTES):

RECESS/ADJOURNMENT:

NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING - May 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

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