



**CITY OF JOHNSTOWN  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
ANTHONY C. TRUSCELLO  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 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 April 20, 2022

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, HONORS, RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION:

None

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. **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 final approval to Bill No. 9 of 2022 allowing collections for delinquent code enforcement fines and updating penalties for codes violations.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READ:

1. **Budget Amendment** - The proposed budget amendment will formalize adjustments to the 2022 budget. First, the amendment reconciles the amounts in the 2022 budget with the American Rescue Plan Act investment plan approved by Council in March. The amendment also accounts for two additional revenue sources (ARPA interest and UCOMP dividends) and additional expenses due to gas and oil price increases for the Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works Department vehicles. Finally, the amendment establishes an account for the conference center to pay utility costs.

BILL NO. 10 of 2022 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 5321 PASSED FINALLY ON DECEMBER 8, 2021, AS THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN ANNUAL 2022 BUDGET, TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURES OF THE GENERAL, CAPITAL, AND AMERICAN RECOVERY FUNDS, FOLLOWING PUBLIC NOTICE AND A PUBLIC HEARING

Recommended Action - Make a motion to grant tentative approval to Bill No. 10 of 2022 amending the 2022 budget.

2. **Vacating Pear Place from Horner Street to Swallow Place** - The property owner (Dollar General) abutting Pear Place in the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward has petitioned the City to vacate this section of Pear Place. There are no existing utilities in Pear Place. It is understood Dollar General will apply for permits to construct a new store following abandonment of the alley.

BILL NO. 11 of 2022 - AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE PEAR PLACE FROM HORNER STREET TO SWALLOW PLACE IN JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AS A PUBLIC THOROUGHFARE

Recommended Action - Make a motion to grant tentative approval to Bill No. 11 of 2022 allowing the vacation of Pear Place from Horner Street to Swallow Place.

RESOLUTIONS:

**Agreement with Johnstown Redevelopment Authority** – This contract establishes an agreement between the City and the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority for the administration of ARPA housing rehabilitation and sewer lateral programs. The JRA will handle the administrative components of the process for the City in exchange for up to 3% of the allocated amounts. The JRA will submit monthly reports to the City with information about the number of program participants and projects approved as well as the status of funding.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE JOHNSTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES RELATED TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION AND SEWER LATERAL

REPLACEMENT PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO  
TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME

Recommended Action - Make a motion to approve the proposed agreement for the administration of American Rescue Plan Act funds with the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority.

**Contract for Floodwall Repairs** - The Department of Public Works bid out work to construct the Sam's Run floodwall and Cherry Run channel wall projects. The bids were opened on April 20, 2022. Charles J. Merlo Inc was the low bidder with a bid of \$678,250. The project will be paid for from the stormwater line item in the American Rescue Plan Act investment plan.

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN  
ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT  
WITH CHARLES J. MERLO, INC. AWARDING CONTRACT 2022-01  
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SAM'S RUN FLOODWALL  
REPLACEMENT AND CHERRY RUN CHANNEL WALL  
REPLACEMENT PROJECTS

Recommended Action - Make a motion to approve the resolution approving the contract with Charles J. Merlo for the Cherry Run channel wall replacement project and the Sams Run floodwall replacement project.

**Purchase of a Zero Turn Mower** - The Department of Public Works requests the purchase of a John Deere Z997R 72 zero turn mower. The quoted price through COSTARS is \$14,916.75, and is included in the 2022 budget as approved.

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
CAMBRIA COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY  
MANAGER AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS  
NECESSARY TO PURCHASE ONE JOHN DEERE Z997R DIESEL 72 INCH  
ZERO TURN MOWER

Recommended Action - Make a motion to approve the resolution approving the purchase of a zero turn mower for the Public Works Department.

**Purchase of a Sub Compact Tractor with Loader Bucket** - The Department of Public Works requests the purchase of a John Deere sub compact tractor with loader bucket. The quoted price through Costars is \$16,399.25 and is included in the 2022 budget as approved.

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
CAMBRIA COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY  
MANAGER AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS  
NECESSARY IN PURCHASE OF ONE JOHN DEERE SUB COMPACT  
TRACTOR WITH LOADER BUCKET

Recommended Action - Make a motion to approve the resolution approving the purchase of a sub compact tractor with loader bucket for the Public Works Department.

**Purchase of Hydraulic Rescue Tool and Power Rescue Tools** - The Fire Department requests the purchase of a Hydraulic Rescue Tool and Battery Power Tools. Fire Rescue Products offered the lowest (COSTAR) quote for and AMKUS Rescue Tool and DeWalt Battery Power Tools at \$21,127.83. This is complementary to the purchase approved at the April meeting.

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 AN AMKUS HYDRALIC RESCUE TOOL AND DEWALT POWER TOOLS FROM FIRE RESCUE PRODUCTS

Recommended Action - Make a motion to approve the resolution approving the purchase of equipment for the Johnstown Fire Department.

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Pasquerilla Conference Center - Review of the proposals for facility management is underway. Staff intends to have a management contract to recommend for Council's approval at the June meeting. Staff submitted a community projects funding request for approximately \$860,000 in funding to the offices of Sen. Casey and Congressman Joyce that complete the funding package needed to restore the convention center.

Recommended Action: None at this time.

2. Code Enforcement Outsourcing - The City Manager will provide an update on this issue.
3. Tabled - 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.

Recommended Action - None at this time. Remain tabled.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

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

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

RECESS/ADJOURNMENT:

NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING - June 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

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