

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, March 9, 2022

City Council met in a stated session for the general transaction of business.  
Mayor Frank Janakovic called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Reverend King offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following members of Council were present for roll call:

Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti, Ms. Huchel,  
Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock (7).

Ethan Imhoff, City Manager; Alex Ashcom, Assistant City Manager; John Dubnansky, Economic Development Director; Brandon Palmer, EADS Group; Jared Campagna, Public Works Director; Richard Pritchard, Police Chief; Robert Statler, Fire Chief; Elizabeth Benjamin, Esquire, City Solicitor; Tony Penna, Recreation Director, were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2022 and the Special Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic,  
Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Ms. Huchel (7).

Nays: None (0).

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, HONORS, RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

Mayor Janakovic, on behalf of City Council and the City of Johnstown, presented Cindy Smith with the following proclamation, which gives special recognition to Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month:

Whereas, bleeding disorders are conditions in which blood proteins are missing or inactive and fail to create blood clots and stop bleeding issues. Bleeding disorders are rare, dangerous and often painful disorders affecting 30,000 to 33,000 persons in the United States with roughly 1 in 100 persons suffering these effects.

The City of Johnstown's highest priority is the health, safety and well-being of its residents and in collaboration with the Western Pennsylvania Bleeding Disorders Foundation wish to increase awareness of bleeding disorders and the need for proper diagnosis and treatment of these disorders.

Now, Therefore, I, Frank J. Janakovic, Mayor of the City of Johnstown, on behalf of City Council and our citizens, declare the month of March 2022 the City of Johnstown be known as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month. We sympathize with those under the effects of these debilitating disorders. We encourage our residents to seek proper clinical diagnoses and treatment for these disorders. And we stand in solidarity with organizations such as the Western Pennsylvania Bleeding Disorders Foundation in finding safe, effective and painless treatments for bleeding disorders.

On this 9th day of March 2022, I hereby set my hand and cause the seal of Johnstown to be affixed for this proclamation.

Mayor Janakovic congratulated and commended Ms. Smith for all her hard work. Ms. Smith thanked the Mayor and Council for bringing awareness to the Johnstown community as well as local and state leaders. She provided a brief summary of bleeding disorders, noted they are costly to treat, and stated a search for a cure is ongoing and includes implementation of laws pertaining to insurance and preexisting conditions. She thanked City Council for the proclamation.

#### ROUND OF APPLAUSE

#### PUBLIC COMMENT-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Sharon Honkus, 345 Main Street, offered a suggestion on how to use some of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. She noted her business is Celestial Brides on Market Street, and she has been in that business for 25 years.

Ms. Honkus talked about a recent water main break in front of City Hall that poured four feet of water into the basement of her building, which resulted in a two-week, \$15,000 mud cleanup; two weeks later an electrical fire resulted in smoke from a manhole cover in the same location. She then stated this past Sunday, March 6, 2022, there were two massive explosions, and black smoke poured out of the same manhole cover engulfing Market Street. She pointed out this same type of explosion happened a year ago in front of the Holiday Inn.

Ms. Honkus suggested that some of the ARPA funds be allocated to address the aging infrastructure issues.

Ms. Honkus commended the first responders who were on scene in minutes fearlessly facing what could be more explosions.

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, was concerned how money from the American Rescue Plan Act would be spent. He had infrastructure concerns. He had concerns regarding the million dollars given to nonprofits and inquired who they were. He hopes Council will carefully consider this topic and be very specific as to where the "money is going."

Mr. DeBartola remarked that his request for a proclamation five years ago "turned into a City scandal." He asked Council to sponsor a proclamation honoring the gay community and recognize June as Gay Pride Month.

## REPORTS

### CITY MANAGER:

Ethan Imhoff reported he and staff are working on an inventory as required by the Home Rule Charter, which will be sent to members before the end of the month as required.

Mr. Imhoff discussed the RAISE grant. He noted a call from the Transit Authority in Philadelphia, which is working with the City to administer the grant. They will put together guidelines for the grant recipients in their coverage area. Mr. Imhoff stated he has put together information consisting of organizations that own property and projects within the radius. A meeting on Monday, March 14, 2022, would be held regarding the matter.

### MAYOR:

Frank Janakovic, Mayor, reported that after spending four weeks at home, he was "glad to be back out in the general public."

He attended the recent Roger Brooks rebranding session at Ace's, which he stated was an attempt to draw or import people into Johnstown to spend money, to utilize the City's resources and to lure people.

The Mayor also attended the Vison Together meeting yesterday where many topics and areas of discussion were covered.

Mayor Janakovic noted some issues brought before Council included a recent newspaper article indicating that there were 1168 jobs available throughout Cambria and Somerset Counties, and there were questions as to where these jobs were located. He noted the newspaper defined the jobs and provided

their locations. He stated there is a real need for a workforce in Johnstown, Cambria County and Somerset.

He addressed Ms. Honkus's concerns by stating that the City is not responsible for electric water. He expressed his sympathy knowing that downtown deals with flooding and hopes to keep upgrading the City's infrastructure.

The Mayor stated during his recent time at home he watched the issues happening in the Ukraine and asked everyone to wear a ribbon for the next few weeks to show solidarity for the Ukrainian people. Pastor Charles Johnson offered a short prayer in support of the immigrants, refugees and people fighting on the front lines as well as the countries that are welcoming them.

CITY SOLICITOR:

Elizabeth Benjamin, Esquire, City Solicitor, noted that Council met in Executive Session immediately prior to this evening's regular meeting for purposes of discussing personnel and an active matter of litigation currently pending in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Federal Court Docket Nos. 321C2000127.

CITY ENGINEER:

Brandon Palmer, EADS Group, reported that restoration company Mariani and Richards visited the Conference Center and provided an estimate on repairs for \$150,000, which only covers structural and minor brick façade issues and does not include HVAC. An HVAC system for the Conference Center alone is being considered.

A preconstruction meeting was held with Terra Works and PennDOT. Terra Works will begin the Fairfield Avenue will commence the storm project the week of March 21, 2022. The first phase will run from Strayer Street at the gas station up to the Lower Yoder line. Detours will be used during that time.

Sam's Run and Cheney Run flood protection projects will be bid out this month or early April 2022. Construction is not anticipated to begin until June 2022.

Mr. Palmer noted an evaluation was received from Gibson-Thomas for the storm system and additional information will be requested before the matter can move forward.

Mr. Palmer noted that he and Mr. Dubnansky are working on grant applications, drawings and estimates for three different parks, Minersville, Forest and Village and upgrades at Roxbury Park. Further information would be provided next month.

Mrs. Mock noted there was an article in the Tribune that there were going to be upgrades to the electrical. Mr. Campagna noted the upgrade would be to City-owned lights that run along Main Street including traffic signals at Main and Market and Franklin and Main. Mrs. Mock suggested that Penelec upgrade the system while the street was open. Mr. Arnone commented that Penelec does not do preventative maintenance.

Mr. Campagna will attempt to coordinate with Penelec on the matter.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISONS:

Ms. Huchel noted her reports are included in Council's packets and includes updates from JRA, Planning Commission, Christ Centered Community Church, NAACP, the Johnstown Symphony Orchestra, Tec Con 2022.

Ms. Huchel noted her attendance at three planning meetings for the Welcoming Johnstown immigrant celebration event scheduled for April 30, 2022, tentatively located at the State Theater downtown.

Ms. Huchel summarized the JRA meeting of February 15. She noted that pressure testing as of January 2022 was 8,947 structures within the City, 4,908 being pressure tested or 54.86 percent.

JRA has been addressing the financial situation of Johnstown Regional Sewage by raising the price of leachate and septic treatment. JRA is also seeking final approvals for land bank, getting 416 Main Street totally rented out. She offered information regarding Hosanna Industries as well. There was further discussion regarding the number of homes in Johnstown available for purchase.

Reverend King noted her attendance at the JARI Growth Fund meeting and the Vision Together workshop. She also attended the Roger Brooks seminar.

She noted her attendance at a grant workshop and commented there definitely are many grant funds out there.

Reverend King attended a session regarding how the school district is utilizing funds.

She recently was present at a Community Foundation meeting.

Councilwoman King announced that there would be a praise service in Central Park on Sunday, May 15, and a Moxham meeting on March 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Mock had no report.

Mr. Arnone, Council's representative on the Johnstown Housing Authority Board, as in the past few months provided an update of statistical information related to the population of the public housing communities located within the City of Johnstown. He reported that as of February 28, 2022, the total population of the public housing communities was 2,627. Section Eight voucher holders total 953, which amounts to a total combination of 3,580 families. Currently 48 percent of the people living in poverty in the City of Johnstown are being assisted.

He noted that the JHA will host a job fair within the community within the next month.

JHA has recently started offering leadership workshops, First Aid and CPR training for staff.

As Council's representative to the GJWA, he reported that the Authority received notification from CSA that it would slip line approximately 2,300 feet of pipeline through the Foustwell Tunnel from August through November of this year. During this time, the GJWA will not be able to receive water from the Quemahoning Reservoir.

Mr. Arnone further reported that notices were sent to customers on Eugene Street regarding installation of end points on water meters, which would result in approximately a \$30,000 annual savings to the GJWA.

RDM will be conducting evaluations at the treatment plant to find effective ways to reduce organics in well water.

Mr. Britt commended the work being done in Old Conemaugh Borough and the demolition of the King Furniture Building.

He reminded everyone to keep in prayer the families suffering in the Ukraine.

Mr. Capriotti had no report but may follow up with some questions later on.

The Planning Commission meeting minutes of February 2, 2022 were included for review.

PETITIONS

None.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL READ

BILL NO. 4 OF 2022, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5322 ADOPTED DECEMBER 8, 2021, AMENDING THE SALARIES AND WAGES TO BE PAID TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022.

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

Yeas: Ms. Huchel, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock (7).  
Nays: None (0).

BILL NO. 5 OF 2022, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN BY PROHIBITING PARKING IN CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL YARDS AND EXCLUDING CERTAIN TYPES OF BARRIERS FROM THE DEFINITION OF FENCE.

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

Yeas: Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Ms. Huchel (7).  
Nays: None (0).

BILL NO. 6 OF 2022, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES.

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

Yeas: Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King,  
Mrs. Mock, Ms. Huchel, Mr. Arnone (7).  
Nays: None (0).

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READ:

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

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

Yeas: Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock,  
Ms. Huchel, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt (7).  
Nays: None (0).

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 CALENDAR YEAR  
2022.

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

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Ms. Huchel,  
Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti (7).  
Nays: None (0).

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 10495

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE RATES FOR MONTHLY PARKING  
IN CITY OWNED PARKING GARAGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
CITY OF JOHNSTOWN TRAFFIC CODE.

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



Yeas: Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Ms. Huchel, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt,  
Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic (7).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10496

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
PENNSYLVANIA, ENTERING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CAMBRIA  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO LEASE PARKING SPACES AT THE  
MAIN STREET EAST PARKING GARAGE AT A MONTHLY RATE OF  
\$30.00 PER SPACE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO  
TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SAME.

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

Yeas: Mrs. Mock, Ms. Huchel, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti,  
Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King (7).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10497

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING AN INVESTMENT PLAN DETAILING  
THE USE OF FUNDING PROVIDED UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE  
PLAN ACT TO SUPPORT THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN'S RECOVERY  
FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Britt.

Mr. Ashcom clarified that if you had the sewer work done, that would count as part of your ten percent match. Mr. Imhoff stated this is a vote on the investment plan itself, that there would be a budget amendment for Council consideration at the April meeting for a target date of May 12. The City Manager explained that Council's concurrence on the investment plan was first, followed by a marketing plan and public meetings throughout the City to explain the program and funding that is available. There was further discussion regarding the investment plan.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Ms. Huchel, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti,  
Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock (7).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10498

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND  
FINANCE DIRECTOR TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO  
PURCHASE A 2023 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK WITH AN ALUMINUM  
DUMP BODY WITH SNOW EQUIPMENT; AND TO PURCHASE A 2021  
FORD RANGER 4X4 SUPER CAB FOR THE CODE ENFORCEMENT  
DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve. Reverend King seconded the motion.

Mr. Arnone suggested that the number of vehicles be rotated on a normal basis before the City is stacked up with ten vehicles out of date. Mr. Capriotti suggested the purchase of a car for codes purposes, which would cost less money. He also suggested waiting on the purchase of the International truck.

Mr. Imhoff explained that six summer employees, two teams of three initially, will start in April and would need to have access to a truck for lawn mowing and removing garbage. He noted the Ford Ranger purchased last year would be used but another truck and trailer would be necessary. There was further discussion.

Mayor Janakovic clarified that the Capital Fund is part of the budgeting process each year, and it was a projection based on what might need to be purchased. He noted that during the last few years, the City actually had a realistic Capital Fund Budget and could purchase these and put those purchasing orders in a five year or ten year schedule.

Mrs. Mock clarified that if a code complaint does not get satisfied or taken care of by the homeowner or property owner, it is handed off to Codes, who will then pick up the garbage, cut the grass and bill the homeowner or property owner man hours plus benefits, and a calculation for use of equipment and cost of fuel. If the homeowner or property owner does not pay, the matter will go to collections.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Ms. Huchel, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti,  
Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock (7).

Nays: None (0).

NEW BUSINESS:

Summer/Fall Cleanup

Mrs. Mock inquired if funding would be available for a fall cleanup, and if so, could it be scheduled with the current hauler or would an RFP be necessary.

Reverend King commented that there used to be a cleanup day in May and EADS would help with the cleanup but that it stopped during COVID. Ms. Huchel commented there may be a grant available for the project. Mr. Capriotti suggested finding out the cost for either a yearly fall or spring cleanup. Mrs. Mock suggested a meeting regarding the matter.

Mayor Janakovic asked for an update regarding a date to start spring cleanup. It was noted that the application period is still open and Codes would conduct interviews shortly thereafter.

Mr. Arnone suggested a workshop be planned for the third Wednesday of each month so that each member can place it on their schedules, and if it was not necessary, it could be cancelled.

Mrs. Mock inquired if a workshop was scheduled with JRA for an update. Mr. Imhoff commented that JRA is more than happy to attend a workshop session.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Pasquerilla Conference Center. City staff issued an RFP for management services on February 21, a tour of the property for prospective bidders was scheduled for March 3 and the deadline for proposals is March 24.

A recent wrestling event was successful and Public Works was commended for opening the facility for weigh-ins.

Mr. Imhoff reported that several bidders attended the tour of the building on March 3. He will provide an update after the deadline for proposals. He is awaiting cost estimates for remedial work necessary at the Conference Center.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. Public Works.

Jared Campagna, Public Works Director, reported interviews have commenced for the vacant laborer's position. An advertisement will be out this Saturday for the mechanic's position that is currently vacant.

He noted that starting tomorrow the Roxbury Park Playground would be closed for a month and a half to two months to start the remediation project, starting with the demo, redoing the surface area, reusing some apparatus and replacing a brand new swing set, new rubberized flooring.

Mr. Campagna had a recent meeting with PennDOT who will be putting out a bid for the paving of Hershberger Road from Goucher Street down to Southmont Boulevard, Washington Street from Main Street to the Washington Street Bridge and from the Franklin Street Bridge to Washington Street, for a scheduled start date in June.

He noted a site visit on February 24 with RDM and the Conservation District regarding the Clean Fill Dump Site. Some minor issues would need to be addressed before the site can be transferred to RDM.

He provided pictures of new lighting at Sargent's Stadium. Mr. Campagna stated now the lights can be turned on from an app on a cell phone, and Musco Lighting can remotely access and troubleshoot the lights from their location in Wisconsin.

Mr. Arnone reported a large hole near 304 Grove Avenue, which might be a water runoff problem. Mr. Campagna stated he was at the site and will notify the GJWA regarding the matter.

Mr. Campagna stated a task order was recently signed to have EADS start the bidding process for the Stackhouse Dam project.

Mr. Capriotti inquired if handicapped parking could be added close to the entrance, adjustments made to the width of the gate, and work to improve the path from the parking lot onto the playground. Mr. Dubnansky noted the new grant application which will be submitted early April requires that Roxbury Park incorporate additional ADA parking onsite, both near the playground and over near the band shell.

## 2. Police Department

Richard Pritchard, Johnstown Police Chief, reported two projects, the first is exploring the use of body-worn cameras by the JPD officers, which there are currently four in service currently. Chief stated they provide excellent, video,

audio, volume. A new policy is in place regarding the cameras. He noted that the department would need 18, so while one is in service the other one is charging. Some companies would lease at the rate of \$159 per camera per month or approximately \$20,000 if purchased. He noted a recent fundraiser purchased some canine vehicles and in-car camera systems. Grant funding is also available through Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) and the Community Foundation.

The Chief stated some systems work in a way that an officer can tag his or her own video if needed but these videos will be stored on the department's own servers for 60 days and are exempt from the Right to Know laws.

Chief Pritchard stated three new police officers will be joining the Johnstown Police Department on the March 28th, 2022, leaving one vacancy. He will be actively recruiting at IUP Police Academy.

Mr. Capriotti inquired about the information from signage placed in front of the high school. The Chief stated that information was being downloaded and reviewed. There was further discussion.

### 3. Fire Department

Robert Statler, Johnstown Fire Chief, reported preliminary work had begun at the Hornerstown training site.

The smoke detector program through the Red Cross has been "working pretty good," and the department has been installing more detectors than anywhere else in the six-county area. He noted that on May 7th a "drive" will be held in the Hornerstown area based out of Seventh Ward's building, and flyers will be sent out to residents there regarding the smoke detector program.

The Hornerstown station relocation information would be reviewed with the City Manager before being brought to Council.

The Chief commented that hose currently used was purchased in 2005 and was never replaced and hopes to monitor it more but stated it depends on how much it was being used.

Mr. Capriotti stated in the past when hose was damaged, insurance companies were contacted when feasible. The Chief stated if there was enough of a loss such as for turnout gear and breathing apparatus, that could be turned into the insurance company on the City's policy.

Chief Statler noted that since COVID restrictions are starting to ease, rental inspections would resume, and next week, Codes would be given access to the City's fire reporting system because the inspection reports in that system are better.

Reverend King commended the Chief and the department for their quick response to the recent Dibert Street fire.

#### 4. Community Development

John Dubnansky, Economic Development Director, reported that as of today there is still \$106,000 in the sewer lateral assistance program.

His office and Public Works are currently working with Vision 2025 to acquire a \$10,000 grant for the lights on the City streets.

Notification was received regarding funding for 2022 totaling a little over \$1.3 million and another \$240,000+ in Home funds. A series of public meetings will be held over the next several months regarding the matter. There was discussion.

Mr. Dubnansky stated along with a grant application for park improvements totaling \$1 million he is also putting together a local share grant to support the construction of a new firehouse.

Reverend King noted the weather protection program funds can only be used for a primary residence.

Mr. Capriotti inquired about any updates regarding the demolition of a property on Virginia Avenue due to rat infestation. Mr. Dubnansky stated this is a Codes matter. Mr. Capriotti stated this is a significant concern, and the City should have a long-term plan in place in case it occurs somewhere else. He stated some action should take place now and then figure out the details later on. Mr. Imhoff had contact with Chris regarding the matter, and an on-call exterminator list should be developed to handle these types of situations. There will be follow up with the residents in the area.

#### 5. Recreation

Tony Penna, Recreation Director, reported that he and others have met with DCNR regarding those playgrounds that have fallen into disrepair, five in particular. They have to be repurposed with benches, making green spaces, making community gardens. One in particular is to meet with Codes because there

were other concerns around that property being overrun with personal belongings that need to be cleaned out.

He talked about getting businesses involved in making a community garden on Gilbert Street, utilizing green space in Old Conemaugh Borough and working on the Cypress Avenue, Prospect and Kernville parks.

Mr. Penna noted that light training has been set up with the company for Sargent's Stadium. The company will be monitoring the lights and would know when there is a problem. He stated Bishop McCort and UPJ have started using the stadium, and with the purchase of the turf mound, softball games could also be held there. Mr. Penna noted that by the 18th actual games can be played there. Prices were still being considered. Calls are coming in from nearby colleges regarding use of the stadium.

There would be no costs incurred for repairs to the locker room other than labor. A local contractor will provide a bid on repairing the concrete pads to the batting cages.

The sound system would be put out to bid which would include some operating system software that is necessary.

Mr. Penna commented that with all the supply and fueling increases, the quote for deck tiles went from \$35,000 to \$52,000, or \$1 more per deck tile. There was further discussion.

Mrs. Mock suggested the use of ARPA money for recreation. Mr. Dubnansky noted it could be an eligible cost.

Mayor Janakovic inquired about a small place for AAABA nostalgia. Mr. Arnone suggested that proper maintenance staff be available during the tournament as far as taking care of the restrooms and trash. There was further discussion about opening the stadium up for public use and not just for organized games.

Mr. Britt noted that neighborhood visits would be conducted regarding the matter. Mr. Penna stated the Stadium would be open everyday Monday through Thursday for multiple sports activities pending approval of Safe Haven money. He further stated Mr. Oscar Cashaw and the YMCA will "work together to get all the kids there." Safe Haven will be sponsoring a pony league team called the Johnstown Boys. There was also discussion about opening the stadium for a morning walk from 7:00 to 9:00.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NON-AGENDA ITEMS

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, Johnstown, stated he was disappointed to see Ms. Huchel walk out before the meeting was over.

Mr. DeBartola noted he would be in attendance via Zoom at the GJWA meeting next week inquiring if its true that their building failed the pressure test.

Mr. DeBartola noted he had filed two Right to Know requests regarding JARI and Vision to find out how money is being spent.

He stated an email was sent to the City Manager today regarding a Vision 2025 public workshop with Mr. Tedesco at the library on April 14.

He commented that Jack Williams had sent him paperwork with a half page redacted on civil court issues. Ms. Benjamin explained that what is redacted on the document could not be disclosed. The Mayor noted it was a personnel issue not to be brought up at Council. Mr. DeBartola is curious as to what was redacted and commented that "Mr. Imhoff had lied to the media about Vision 2025's mission."

Mr. DeBartola inquired about the status of police investigation of resignation letters.

Robin Kmetz, 125 Spring Street, Johnstown, commented that she is all about opening her arms, heart and mind to bringing refugees to Johnstown but that "we're not that Johnstown any more." She had questions for Mr. Tedesco about bringing the "Afghanistan refugees here." She asked why the people of this city cannot come first as there are more people struggling here.

Ms. Kmetz inquired about why Council "squashed the police investigation that was going on with the police department." She wondered why members "would go to such big lengths to protect Captain Chad Miller" beginning when he was a resource officer for the school district.

Reverend King commented that she did receive Mr. DeBartola's request about the library meeting but that is during Holy Week and she would not be attending.

Mr. Arnone commented that the GJWA building is 19 years old and it was built before RDM was in charge of the property. He stated the contractor who did the sewage work is no longer available and further stated they do not have any responsibility after one year but to comply with the mandate the work has to



be done. He also stated, as a practicing Catholic, he would not attend the meeting.

Mr. Capriotti commented for the record that the plan proposed and investigated by Vision 2025 was never presented to Council so it is hard to address any concerns raised. With regard to the investigation by the police department, he stated Council is not involved with personnel matters of that department, that it is not a Council function or issue.

Mayor Janakovic commented that all members have worked hard to bring funds to the City for the benefit of the its residents. Just with regard to the CARES grant, there was an allocation of at least \$8 to \$10 million going to businesses and nonprofits and families to restore houses and buy houses. He further commented that the RAISE grant is an opportunity to work together with legislators to bring funds that would not have come to this City. As a result, the train station is now considering adding an additional run to Pittsburgh, Harrisburg. The Inclined Plane can now be rehabilitated, and there is money to supplement the downtown infrastructure. Mr. Janakovic stated he was proud of what this Council has done collectively for our City. By putting everything together and working together much more was accomplished.

#### RECESS/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8:12 p.m.

Next Regular Council Meeting was moved from April 13, 2022 to April 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. due to Holy Week.