

Workshop Minutes September 7, 2022

City Council Workshop Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 6.M. by Mayor Frank Janakovic.

The following Council members were present:

Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Rev. Sylvia King, Mrs. Mock, Ms. Huchel, Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic.

Rev. King delivered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

City Council entered into an Executive Session and returned at 6:30.

Public Comment:

John Debartola raised concerns about rising crime in the City and asked how City Council planned to remediate the issue.

ARPA Funding

2023 Budget

Update from City Auditors

Joel Valentine and Mike Lamb of Wessel began their report. At the beginning of the presentation Mr. Valentine and Mr. Lamb guided Council through distributed packets where graphs were displayed comparing City finances over the years. The earned income tax was discussed. A discussion of the performance of the City's pension plan followed. There was a notable decrease in hospitalization costs with 190 current retirees. At the end of the presentation the auditors found 4 findings within the city highlighting current and recurring issues with financial state preparation and filing standards. Council expressed their concerns that this is a reoccurring issue that needed to be resolved. They discussed having 6-month check ins to make sure all documents are completed properly. The auditors went over the general audit and informed there is pending information to be received; once that is received the 2022 Audit for the City of Johnstown will be completed.

City Manager Imhoff presented the tentative 2023 Budget to Council Members. He explained in detail where and how much allocated funds will go into each department. He presented Budget Highlights and announced that there will be an emphasis on Public Safety. He went through each department and explained how much funding will go into each department. Additional potential revenue sources were discussed. Council also expressed their concern about lost revenue and other business doing work within the city. Finance Director Ritter explained to council that he and staff are currently shopping around for different insurance companies to reduce costs.

Lastly, The American Resue Plan was addressed, and numbers and updates were given regarding the program. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.