



**CITY OF JOHNSTOWN
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
ANTHONY C. TRUSCELLO
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024**

City Council

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

REGULAR MEETING - 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

INVOCATION:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Council meeting minutes of December 13, 2023

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, HONORS, RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION:

1. Proclamation Recognizing Charles Gundlach

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 AND ADOPTION:

None

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READ:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

State Theater Minor Subdivision Plan - This exact plan was previously approved by Council in August of 2023. However, since the applicant did not record the plan within the required ninety day window, the approval expired. The State Theater has re-submitted the minor land subdivision plan for property known as the State Theater at 320 Main Street (Tax Map No. 71-

001. -301.000). The plan will allow for the separation of State Theater facilities from MPT of Johnstown Lima LLC (entity that owns the former Lee Hospital campus). Once this subdivision plan is approved, and recorded with the Cambria County Recorder of Deeds, the State Theater will be entitled to use adjacent property to construct an elevator shaft and building exits to comply with the American with Disabilities Act.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING A MINOR SUBDIVISION
OF TWO PARCELS ON MAIN STREET IN THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN

Recommended Action - Make a motion to approve the minor subdivision plan for the State Theater at 320 Main Street.

DCNR Grant Closeout - The City previously received a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Community Conservation Partnerships Program for the Conemaugh Valley Conservancy to create design drawings for the Sliver Park project at the inclined plane. The funds have been spent and the documents produced by the project consultant and Conemaugh Valley Conservancy. To formally close out the grant, PA DCNR requires a resolution from Council authorizing City and consultant staff to work with the PA DCNR to document completion of the project.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE
CITY MANAGER TO CLOSE OUT THE COMMUNITY CONSERVATION GRANT
PROJECT BRC-RCD-25-189

Recommended Action - Make a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to close out the Community Conservation Partnerships Program grant with PA DCNR for design work at Sliver Park.

Resolution to Purchase Public Works Vehicle - The Public Works Department intends to purchase a Dodge Ram 2500 4WD pickup truck from Courtesy Motors. The funds for the purchase in the amount of \$39,839 will come from the City's liquid fuels funding received from PennDot. This is an eligible expenditure of liquid fuels funding and budgeted for in the City's 2024 Capital Program.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER
TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO PURCHASE A 2017 DODGE RAM
2500 4WD PICKUP FROM COURTESY MOTORS

Recommended Action - Make a motion to approve the purchase of a 2017 Dodge Ram 4WD for the Public Works Department.

Resolution to Purchase Public Works Vehicle - The Public Works Department intends to purchase a Dodge Ram 2500 4WD pickup truck with snowplow from Courtesy Motors. The funds for the purchase in the amount of \$30,779 will come from the City's liquid fuels funding received from PennDot. This is an eligible expenditure of liquid fuels funding and budgeted for in the City's 2024 Capital Program.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO PURCHASE A 2013 DODGE RAM 2500 4WD PICK UP WITH A SNOWPLOW FROM COURTESY MOTORS

Recommended Action - Make a motion to approve the purchase of a 2013 Dodge Ram 4WD pickup truck with snowplow for the Public Works Department.

Resolution for RACP Application - Representative Frank Burns encouraged the City to apply for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant to help fund the construction of the new public safety building. Staff filled out the grant application and it is ready for submittal by the deadline of January 12. City Council is asked to approve a support letter for the project to be submitted with the funding application.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE CAPITAL PROGRAM TO BE USED TOWARDS PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING CONSTRUCTION IN THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN

Recommended Action - Make a motion to approve the application to the Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP).

City Solicitor Appointment - Beard Legal Group provided notice to the City last fall that it would terminate its contract to provide legal services at the end of October 2023. The City issued a Request for Proposals for legal services to replace Beard Legal Group in October 2023, and also appointed the firm of Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham to serve as interim City Solicitor. The deadline for proposals was the end of November. The City received three proposals in response to the request. After evaluating the proposals and conducting interviews, it is recommended the firm of Leventry, Haschak & Rodkey be appointed by City Council as the City Solicitor.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPOINTING LEVENTRY, HASCHAK & RODKEY AS THE SOLICITOR FOR THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN

Recommended Action - Make a motion to appoint Leventry, Haschak & Rodkey as City Solicitor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tax Assessment Appeal Settlement - There is one tax appeal settlement that needs to be approved by City Council. This settlement for property located at 225-27 Franklin Street, owned by Zinn Realty. The fair market value settlement amount agreed to for this property is \$887,500, which is in between the taxpayer's appraisal of \$800,000 and the taxing bodies appraised value of \$975,000.

Recommended Motion: Motion to approve settlement of the tax assessment appeal filed to Cambria County Docket Number 2021-3414 at the fair market value of \$887,500 and further to authorize the solicitor to execute the necessary documentation and effectuate the same.

Fee Schedule - The City adopted a fee schedule for the first time in 2023. Over the past year, staff has monitored and reviewed the various fees and will be making a few suggestions to update the fee schedule for 2024. The suggestions for updates to the fee schedule will be presented at the February Council meeting as a first read ordinance. The current fee schedule is included for Council's review.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Greater Johnstown Water Authority Appointment** - The City received notice from the Greater Johnstown Water Authority that the term of at large member John Follansbee expired on December 31, 2023. Mr. Follansbee expressed interest in being reappointed.

Recommended Action - Adopt a motion approving the appointment of _____ to a five-year term on the Greater Johnstown Water Authority, expiring 12/31/2028.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: NON-AGENDA ITEMS (Limit 3 minutes)

RECESS/ADJOURNMENT:

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING - February 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Copies of all staff reports and documents subject to disclosure that relate to any item of business referred to on the agenda are available for public inspection the Friday before each regularly scheduled meeting at City Hall, located at 401 Main Street, Johnstown, Pa.

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