



**CITY OF JOHNSTOWN
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
ANTHONY C. TRUSCELLO
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 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 January 10, 2024
2. Reorganizational meeting minutes of January 2, 2024

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, HONORS, RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION:

1. Proclamation Recognizing James "Jet" Mair
2. 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:

Bill No. 1 of 2024 - Fee Schedule Updates - The City adopted a fee schedule for the first time in 2023. Over the past year, staff monitored and reviewed the various fees and is proposing minor updates to include in the fee schedule for 2024. The updates to the fee schedule include those fees charged for parades and usage of Sargent's Stadium at the Point.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5354, PASSED MAY 31, 2023,
UPDATING THE FEE SCHEDULE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN

Recommended Action - Make a motion to grant tentative approval to Bill No. 1 of 2024, updating the City of Johnstown fee schedule.

Bill No. 2 of 2024 - Prohibition on the Tethering and Declawing of Pets - This ordinance would prohibit declawing of cats in the City, as well as the tethering of cats and dogs during extreme cold and hot temperatures. The Bill also vests enforcement authority of this ordinance with the Johnstown Police Department. The Bill is introduced at the request of Councilwoman Huchel.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING PART 6, SECTION 614 OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN
CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING NEW SECTIONS 56 AND 57 PROHIBITING THE
DECLAWING AND TETHERING OF CATS; AND TO PROHIBIT UNATTENDED DOGS
AND CATS BEING LEFT OUTSIDE DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER AND TO
DESIGNATE THE ENFORCEMENT TO THE CITY OF JOHNSOTWN POLICE

Recommended Action - Make a motion to grant tentative approval to Bill No. 2 of 2024, prohibiting the declawing of cats, and also the tethering of dogs and cats for prolonged periods of time during extreme temperature conditions.

RESOLUTIONS:

PennDot Property Acquisition - PennDot is in the planning stages of a project that will renovate Goucher Street in Lower Yoder Township, adjacent to City owned property in Stackhouse Park. In order to proceed with the project, PennDot must acquire a small amount of land owned by the City that is located along the edge of the road. The property proposed for acquisition consists of 28,750 square feet. PennDot has offered the City \$2,200 in damages to acquire the property.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER
TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER PROPERTY TO PENNDOT FOR THE GOUCHER
STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Recommended Action - Make a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to proceed with transferring 28,740 square feet of City owned property along Goucher Street in Lower Yoder Township to PennDot for the price of \$2,200.

Honan Avenue Park Bid Approval - The City opened bids last month for the Honan Avenue park project, in coordination and cooperation with the Minersville Community Group. The project is funded by a grant from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and will consist of a new basketball court, pavilion, walking trail and stormwater drainage on the location of the existing park.

After reviewing the bids and bid alternates, Berkebile Excavating is the lowest responsible bidder for the project, with a bid price of \$246,175.00.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED AND TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH BERKEBILE EXCAVATING CO., INC FOR THE HONAN AVENUE PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 2023-09

Recommended Action - Make a motion to approve the resolution approving a bid from Berkebile Construction in the amount of \$246,175.00 to construct improvements to the Honan Avenue Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Civil Service Commission Appointment** - Mr. Clyde Williams, a long time member of the City Civil Service Commission recently passed away, leaving a vacancy on the Commission. It is recommended that Council appoint Susan Bopp, currently the Civil Service Commission alternate member to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Williams passing. Applications are being sought to fill the expected vacancy in the alternate Commission seat, which expires in April of 2024.

Recommended Action - Adopt a motion approving the appointment of Susan Bopp to fill an unexpired term on the Civil Service Commission, through December 31, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS:

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 - March 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

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