

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 12, 2025

City Council met in a stated session for the general transaction of business. Mayor Frank Janakovic called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Britt offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Janakovic noted an Executive Session with regard to personnel was held prior to the commencement of this meeting. A Budget Workshop was also held.

The following members of Council were present for roll call:

Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Ms. Huchel (6).

Art Martynuska, City Manager; Dave Andrews, Esquire, Solicitor; Aimee Willett, Assistant Solicitor; Lavona Smith; Melissa Millard; Jared Campagna; Sara Williams, Executive Secretary; Robert Statler, Fire Chief; Officer David Price; and Dave Williams were also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Janakovic made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2025 and Special Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2025. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Arnone, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock,
Ms. Huchel, Mr. Britt (6).

Nays: None (0).

Mayor Janakovic noted that an executive session was held prior to the meeting. Mr. Andrews, Esquire, reported that an executive session was held from 5:35 p.m. to 5:55 p.m. for purposes of labor negotiations regarding FOP litigation and personnel.

Mayor Janakovic added that at 5:00 p.m. a workshop was held with the board from the Miracle League. He thanked them for their community efforts and their work to have a miracle league for the City of Johnstown and Cambria County.

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, HONORS, RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

Mayor Janakovic presented a proclamation to Donte Tisinger, Johnstown native, who attends Greater Johnstown High School. Mr. Tisinger has shown exceptional character and athleticism during his basketball career. Donte is the first boy's basketball player to surpass both 1600 and 1700 career points. Mayor Janakovic

on behalf of the City Council honored Donte Tisinger for his successful basketball career. Donte also serves as an example of hard work and determination. Mayor Janakovic thanked Donte for his exceptional character and leadership throughout the community. Therefore, on the 12th day of February 2025, Mayor Frank J. Janakovic, hereby set his hand and caused the seal of the City of Johnstown to be affixed. He noted that Donte is not just a great basketball player, but also a great person in the community.

Mayor Janakovic paid honor to Bo Bassett. He stated the City of Johnstown takes pride in honoring one of its most exceptional young athletes, Bo Bassett, whose outstanding accomplishments have brought distinction to our community. Bo has signed a full athletic scholarship to Iowa University, which is a testimony to his dedication, perseverance, and athletic excellence. Bo has represented Team USA with honor by winning a world bronze medal in Spain.

PUBLIC COMMENT-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mr. John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street Johnstown, referred to Resolutions B & D. He stated he had no idea what Resolution D was and added that the Council is signing a contract with the Great Johnstown School District. The contract does not say what it is, what it entails, or what they are voting on. Mr. DeBartola stated an item for the future would be to provide more details as to what is voted on since they are not attending the executive sessions. He asked the Council to be more transparent. Mr. DeBartola was informed the executive session regarded a contract that is in place for the Greater Johnstown School District for the use of the athletic fields.

Mr. DeBartola discussed Resolution B and the appointment of a new City Council member. He reported that no one knows who applied, and he was informed that Council would be speaking about that whenever the resolution was discussed. Mr. DeBartola stated, back in 2013, it was a great deal of trouble to get someone appointed to Council whenever there was an opening. Mr. DeBartola was informed that the Council would conduct an open, public interview process for the applicants. He mentioned that many community members are concerned who is going to get the position and added how important and serious it is. Mr. DeBartola stated the appointed person needed to represent the people and not the special interests. He questioned who the appointed person would answer to, the people who are being represented or the special interests who are giving them kickbacks or special meals. He added that there is a lack of transparency on the Council and in the community. Councilman Mock expressed her offense to the comment that Council is getting kickbacks. She added that the state has an ethics board, and if anyone has a problem or question, they can file it with the state ethics

board. The Council members put a lot of time into the communities, because they love them and what they are doing.

Greg Brown, 110 Confer Ave., desired to fill the Council position. He notified the board that he got his paperwork to get petitions. He was born and raised in Johnstown, PA, and stated his family is here. He stated he was also offended, but likes that everyone has a chance to talk. Mr. Brown added that he has mixed feelings about many matters, and he is in the 8th Ward. Mr. Brown wanted to introduce himself and added that he bought his house in Johnstown at 19 years old. He reviewed his city involvement and his professional achievements. Mr. Brown again expressed his interest and added that Council can call him to chat. Mr. Brown was informed that all applicants will present for an interview and will be given plenty of notice.

The Council reiterated many of the administrative people of the City spend much time in our communities because they want to. They get involved in activities, on boards, etc., and there is no monetary compensation for doing that. It is their own desire to help the community.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER

Art Martynuska, City Manager, requested to point out individuals on the City staff. He mentioned that Mike Capriotti is the new Assistant City Manager. City Manager Martynuska stated Mark Britton is the new Deputy Chief of Police. He comes to the department with many years of experience in both public works and police. John Rutledge will soon be the new head of DCED, and he will be introduced at the next Council meeting. He reported that almost all of the vacancies have been filled at City Hall.

City Manager Martynuska mentioned, at the last meeting, it was noted that the residential and construction manager's position were combined into one as well as the fiscal officers moving forward in DCED. He noted that matters are going well on that end.

He mentioned working on some budgetary issues with the Finance Director, and he will be sure to allow the department heads to provide the reports as they are received.

MAYOR

Mayor Frank Janakovic reported the City Manager and himself provided a presentation to the Gunther Leadership Group. They were able to get good information out on Johnstown and highlight what Johnstown is doing.

Mayor Janakovic congratulated Mark Britton, Deputy Chief. He attended his swearing in and was sure that Chief Britton will do a great job.

The Mayor has been in contact with Tom Walters, who is the baseball coach of Wake Forest. He wants to bring travel teams into Johnstown to better utilize the fields. Rick Roberts and a few others are hoping to meet with Mike Kane to look at further funding to bring other baseball teams into the City. The hope is to build upon the existing fields and better utilize them.

Mayor Janakovic mentioned that he does attend a number of boards and is quite involved, such as Vision Together 2025, Chamber of Commerce, and the Regional Partnership. Many of these are involved with many people in the community, many businesses that have the best interest of our community at heart and are doing great things. Mayor Janakovic mentioned Rob Forsey, who just interviewed on WJAC regarding Vision Together 2025. The interview detailed building new homes in the City in the hopes of multiplying each year. He reported that a new home has not been built within the City for allegedly 10 years. They hoped to change that and work on the dilapidated houses. Many actions are going on by many people within the community.

He attended the Johnstown Comprehensive Plan with the City Manager on Zoom.

He attended a project meeting looking at citywide art projects. They are very interested in getting artwork on buildings through the City.

He attended the HUD Choice Neighborhood Meeting that consisted of a tour of the City, Coopersdale Cambria City downtown in Oakhurst. They are examining the buildings, the public housing in Coopersdale, what changes could be made to benefit those within public housing our communities, and receive input from the communities to see how they can best make that happen.

The Mayor met with Senator Langerholc, who is also very involved within the City. Funding sources that may be utilized for different projects that are occurring within the City were discussed.

He had the pleasure today to attend a ribbon cutting at Game Plan, which is located directly across from the Cambria County War Memorial. He asked that the community help support and welcome them to the area.

CITY SOLICITOR

Dave Andrews, Solicitor, updated the Council on a couple of tax assessment appeals currently in litigation in Cambria County court. One of the appeals is owned by JPM Holdings (the former Atrium building). It has proceeded to one status conference with another upcoming status conference. Council agreed with the Greater Johnstown School District to have independent appraisals conducted, and they will share the cost with the City. The appraisal on that property recently occurred, and they await the report.

An appeal is going on with the property of Rasheed Deep, who filed a tax assessment appeal for the property on 142 Walnut Street. An appraisal is being conducted, and the cost will be split with the school district. There are status conferences with the Judge within the next month on both properties. Mr. Andrews will report to Council once the conferences take place.

CITY ENGINEER

No report.

COUNCIL UPDATES/NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISONS

Mrs. Mock reported that little was currently occurring with the West End Improvement Group, and added that they are in their hibernation mode.

She mentioned the City Manager Assistant, the City Manager, herself, and members of the West End Improvement Group met with Senator Langerholc's office to discuss advancing the LPR program that has been in progress. Mrs. Mock noted the LPR are the cameras on light poles that are useful for the police department and for keeping track of people. She noted that the meeting was very productive, and Senator Langerholc was very open to this. She mentioned that District Attorney Greg Niebauer was also there.

Reverend King reported most matters were cancelled due to the weather. She did have the opportunity to attend the grand opening of the Prospect homes and spoke with some of the residents.

Reverend King announced the Poverty Commission would be meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 9:20 a.m. at the Cambria County Library.

She reported The United Neighborhood Meeting would have two meetings during the month of February. The first one will be held on February 20, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at Christ Center Community Church. The second one is on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the castle located at Fairfield Ave. These meetings are open to the public.

Ms. Huchel reported the Johnstown Animal Welfare Society continues to make progress with the community with the primary focus being on feral cats. They recently hosted another low cost spay neuter event to help reduce the population.

She thanked the City Manager for his collaboration on trying to help find additional resources for the Johnstown Animal Welfare Society (JAWS) and helping them reach more animals and individuals who need help.

Ms. Huchel requested to speak about the matter of transparency and control. She stated she takes these items quite seriously. She reported that she takes her paycheck from Rolling Meadows, Illinois, from a corporation and does not take one from the city of Johnstown. There is no individual here that she employs her. She does not take kickbacks from anyone, and she does not know anyone on the Council who does. She seeks to represent the interests of her constituents, whether she agrees with them or not. She echoed what Mrs. Mock said about reaching out to the state ethics commission. She mentioned, if anyone has any questions for her personally about anything they may have heard, she could be reached at lhuchel@johnstownpa.gov.

She stated the Redevelopment Authority is still working on what is happening with Cambria Rowe and mentioned the difficulties that have occurred with making that succeed. The SCADA system is in place, and Council did a tour of that. With JRS, all things were a go, and the land bank is continuing to assist individuals in acquiring properties off the tax sale list as there is a process.

Ms. Huchel reported on the great partnership with a Community Foundation's fund where they were able to dress up some of the City gateways. She noted the area around St. Vincent de Paul is all painted and beautiful. That was completed with help with CFA. She commented on Melissa Komar's amazing work.

She stated the bond ratings are back up again, and that will put Council at a more competitive position. It will also make Council more stable.

Mrs. Mock questioned how close they were in announcing the grocery store. Ms. Huchel stated the question should be referred to Ms. Komar. Ms. Huchel did mention that things are moving in the right direction, and it will not be in the former Ideal Market location. The specific location will be a supply company. A brief discussion was held regarding the grocery store.

Mr. Britt offered his praise to all of those who are working on getting travel baseball teams into the area. He noted that it is a wonderful idea, and those areas have been vacant for a long time. He offered his assistance if needed as he would love to be a part of it.

Mr. Arnone reported, as of January 31, 2025, the total population of the Johnstown public housing community is 2,408. Section Eight population totaled 1,043 for a total of 3,451. 46 percent of the people living in poverty in the City of Johnstown were being assisted. He reported that some families have already returned to Prospect as the first phase of buildings have been turned over by the contractors.

He reported the contractors are still expected to complete the entire repair work with 110 units by mid-March. As the contractors complete their work, the JHA staff perform the finishing touches, such as installing appliances, light switches, smoke detectors, and CO2 detectors. The Housing Authority has reached out to all of the families, who were former residents, and have asked them if they wanted to return. If residents are not coming back, the housing will be filled first by applicants. Ten of these will be veterans as they have the preference to move in. The United Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Coopersdale & Johnstown West End followed a visit site by HUD in January. The next step will be the first public community building to be held in March with further details shared later.

Mr. Arnone stated, after almost a year of having Section 8 vouchers issues on hold for funding reasons, the AHA is planning to issue housing choice vouchers to approximately 25 families from the waiting list of over a thousand. Ten of those families will be veterans first, and the remainder will be families that filed applications back in August of 2023. Everything will continue to be monitored until everything is fully phased.

Mr. Arnone, as representative on the Greater Johnstown Water Authority, reported during the month of January, the customer service department received 68 new service applications for property transfer. 13 inactive accounts were reactivated during the month. There were two service renewals completed, five main line repairs completed, and 169 hydrants were winterized over the month. Since November, RDM has conducted 406 customer line inspections

as additional 85 line inspections are scheduled for February. The inspections relate to the lead pipe notifications, and there will be no cost to the homeowners if replacement is needed. In the month of January, there were 69 meter changes, and 44 were frozen. During December 2024, over 1,950 feet of sewer mains were jetted. 20,760 side of mainline were inspected. As the end of January, the City has reached to over 70% of the pressure testing for sewage.

PETITIONS

None.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL READ AND ADOPTION

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING IN FULL, PART TEN, TITLE TWO, CHAPTER 1024 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN REGULATING EXCAVATIONS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY, INCLUDING ORDINANCE NO. 4227, PASSED FINALLY FEBRUARY 25, 1981; ORDINANCE NO. 4308, PASSED FINALLY OCTOBER 26, 1983; ORDINANCE NO. 4671, PASSED FINALLY JULY 13, 1994; ORDINANCE NO. 4699, PASSED FINALLY DECEMBER 21, 1994 AND ORDINANCE NO. 5131, PASSED FINALLY JULY 2, 2013 ORDINANCE NO. 5288 PASSED FINALLY JUNE 10, 2020.

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

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Ms. Huchel (6).

Nays: None (0).

Mayor Janakovic requested that the ordinance be explained. City Manager Martynuska stated the last updated original ordinance had been from the midline of the road to the curb. He stated, if contracted work is being done on a street, the contractor was obligated to pave curb to curb. He added that another change was that the initial last resolution listed that 50 linear feet must be disturbed before that would kick in. It has now been lowered to 25 linear feet, so the contractor will have to pave curb to curb. The Main Street project will also be curb to curb.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 105705

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT JOHNSTOWN TO USE SARGENT'S STADIUM.

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

To approve the resolution as amended passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Ms. Huchel
Mr. Arnone (6).
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 105706

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPOINTING _____ TO FILL THE VACANT COUNCIL SEAT.

Mayor Janakovic rescinded the motion and no roll call was taken. At this time, Council has mutually agreed to do scheduling all of the applicants that have been received prior to this date. All applicants are being reviewed and it will be a public forum.

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

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Ms. Huchel, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt (6).
Nays: None (0).

Mayor Janakovic noted Council would not be appointing someone this evening, but they would be conducting an interview process with the applicants received. It will be open to the public, and all candidates will be invited to be present for the interviews.

Resolution No. 105707

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE CITY
MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO SIGN AN
AGREEMENT WITH BISHOP MCCORT TO USE SARGENT'S STADIUM
AND ROXBURY PARK.

Mrs. Arnone made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Ms. Huchel, Mr.
Arnone, Mr. Britt (6).

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 105708

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE CITY
MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO SIGN A
CONTRACT WITH THE GREAT JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Ms. Huchel, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt,
Mayor Janakovic (6).

Nays: None (0).

OLD BUSINESS

City Manager Martynuska did not have any old business to discuss.

Mrs. Mock requested an old business update on the raise grant. City Manager Martynuska noted that several meetings were recently held with all participants present. He stated Scape, CJL, and other consultants from Harrisburg attended, and everything is moving forward. According to Federal Transportation, the Central Park and Main Street projects have to be separated. City Manager Martynuska added that bids will be obtained for Central Park and the other projects will follow. He was hopeful that Scape

will soon provide a final design. An advertised special Council meeting would then occur.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Police Department

Captain Dan Price thanked the City Manager and the HR director for the opportunity to serve as Deputy Police Chief.

Captain Price reported, in January 2025, officers handled about 2,507 total dispatches for services. This included calls of contracted areas of Dale Borough, who had 67; West Taylor Township had 29 total; Middle Taylor Township had 10; Lorraine Borough had 25; and the Johnstown Housing Authority had 507.

A borough detective handled a homicide in the West End section of town that is still under investigation. Captain Price noted that it is going very well.

Captain Price noted four officers took the sergeant's test, which were mailed for grading. They have to keep an active sergeant's test for service source gatherings.

The department is beginning to send officers to training throughout the state and that will continue.

2. Codes

Dave Williams reported that the demolition project has started, and some have been completed while others are still in progress. The next list is being formulated for demolitions.

A meeting was recently held with Laurel, District Magistrate Price, and Subich on how Laurel conducts their business. Some of the CODES complaints have already been turned over to Laurel for their auspices, and it was noted that Price and Subich are on board with how things are moving forward. It was mentioned that the meeting was very productive.

Mrs. Mock questioned if it would be possible to have a Council workshop with Laurel. It was noted that it was talked about, and they just need to get a time set that suits everybody.

Mr. Williams reported that there is a Public Works meeting with the conference center that Jared will be attending about the progress of that project.

It was mentioned that the camera work of the sewage lines completed in Coopersdale came in under budget. The project will move to Minersville next, and as budget allows, they will keep moving through the rest of the City.

3. Public Works - No Report.
4. Finance - No Report.
5. Fire Chief

Chief Robert Statler reported the department is continuing on some projects. The departments normal run load has been consistent. Chief Statler mentioned a couple fires occurred in the month of January into February with one of those occurring on the coldest day of the year. He added that everything went pretty well with no major issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Tony Penna, Jr., Recreation Director, spoke regarding the Roxbury field and how both of the fields used to be. He noted that the Roxbury field is reinvigorated as the basketball leagues are back functioning with help from the YMCA. The hockey rink is back with active leagues and more on the way. The tennis court is being improved, and they are working on improving the baseball fields. He mentioned looking for partnerships and collaborations to provide more recreational activities. They have a contract with UPJ that has provided a pitch clock that they are paying for, and the league hopes that this will attract further baseball opportunities.

Vincent Lovenduski thanked the Council for attending the Miracle League workshop. He also thank City Manager Martynuska for guiding them. Mr. Lovenduski stated this project is going to benefit the community immensely. He requested the approval for a lease to be drawn up for 50 years for 2.6 acres once the parameters are down with HF Lens. There were no questions from Council. Mr. Lovenduski then asked Council for lease approval, so they can get the project underway.

Luke Gindlesperger, Civil Engineer from HF Lens Company, stated it would be no problem at all, and they will get the plan all pulled together. Luke was

wondering if it was possible to vote contingent upon potentially the approval of the lease plan prior to the meets and bounds. He added they were asking for it to be voted upon at this meeting. The Council noted that it was not advertised. The Council informed Luke that by the time he gets them the needed information, they will have the lease prepared and the Council will approve at the next meeting.

Carmen Truscello, Fleet Manager and Mechanic, reported that there were two minor accidents that occurred over the past snowstorm. One plow was lost, and a brand new 2024 Western Star had some body damage. It is currently being repaired. The other incident was a door that got sliced open from a guardrail as it slid into it while plowing. Mr. Truscello stated they are not in too bad of shape, and added that everything else has been running well.

He noted the implementation of a new vehicle maintenance program to track all of the vehicles, parts, hours, and the money that it costs to fix every individual vehicle. The current program only covers 99 vehicles, and they need to cover 200-250 for all vehicles and equipment. This new program will soon be implemented.

Council questioned if they are still doing all of the inspections, and Mr. Truscello confirmed they were. He added that all issues were addressed. A rotation schedule was developed to address the issues.

Mr. Truscello mentioned two new police cars were ordered and will soon be picked up. They will be taken down to the shop to finish and will then be out on the road.

City Manager Martynuska commented that the new software program has more capabilities than the previous one. It was also mentioned that the software was \$2,000 cheaper than the previous one.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NON-AGENDA ITEM

Mr. John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, mentioned the unprecedented change and shift in our politics that is occurring.

He noted that Mayor Janakovic was elected, and there was an article about rebranding Johnstown. Mr. DeBartola continued stating that Council appointed 20 members to the Main Street Committee that never once met. He added that he has heard every excuse. He stated there is no date for the project to begin. He noted the Central Park project is unpopular, and nobody wants to lose the statues or fountains. Feedback has been received and

everyone has changed their minds on different things. Mr. DeBartola stated this is a \$17 million project, and Council still cannot tell them what date they are starting. It has been over four years.

Mr. DeBartola reported on recently obtaining an application approved from City Manager Martynuska to host Johnstown Pride in Central Park on June 21, 2025. He was very grateful and added that all of Council is invited. Mr. DeBartola would like to know when the park project is starting and would like to know why it is only excuses after four years. He questioned if the park will ever be completed or if the money is just going to keep being invested to earn interest to shore up the budget accounts.

He put a complaint into the president in the hopes that he will come to Johnstown and investigate how the money is being spent that was received from DOGE.

Mr. DeBartola was informed, with ARPA, they have made some issues. They have given \$3 million out and allocated it to home repairs. The Council has given \$2 million out to businesses that were having issues with the pandemic. They contributed \$1 million out of the ARPA money to help with the sewerage connections. Originally, \$2 million was allocated for new first-time homeowners, and that was then reduced to \$1 million. Some of the money then went to storage. It was noted that money has been expended through ARPA. Council is aware of the issue with the park, and they are working on those issues.

Mrs. Mock asked City Manager Martynuska to repeat the conversation that occurred earlier regarding the raise grant. He stated a meeting recently occurred with the principals. Another meeting will occur, and they are waiting on the final design to get out for Central Park. The bid process will then begin. The \$24-\$25 million raise grant money is still with the federal government. Council is not gaining interest on that money and is not balancing their budget with it. It was also noted that historical studies were conducted to go through the whole process. There were eight agencies to go through to get to this point with many environmentalists. All of the utilities and underground items had to be studied before the final plans could be put drafted.

Mayor Janakovic commented that all of the statues would be relocated, and they have worked with the Veterans Administration. It has been a planned procedure ensuring that our veterans are honored and continue to be honored. Mrs. Mock mentioned that one statue is not staying as it is not owned by the City, and the owners want it moved.

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Stated Meeting, continued

Robert Forcey, Vision Together 2025, 416 Main Street, offered his thanks to the City Manager and Mayor for the contribution to the recent article.

Mr. Forcey invited Council to an event with the Johnstown Elementary School that is called "I Have a Dream" career fair. It is for children to be exposed to the future and to look at careers. He noted that the organization would always support the minority community, the LGBTQA community, the handicapped community, and all people that feel that their existence is at question.

He had promised to come back to introduce Jill Cashdollar. Ms. Cashdollar is the new Main Street Manager. Vision Together 2025 was recognized as being one of the reasons that Game Plan has opened. They have produced Game Plan with a \$10,000 new business improvement grant. As part of that, they have five facade grants. Mr. Forcey added that they have almost all 10 of their current home repair grants completed, and they are moving forward with more projects for next year. Ms. Cashdollar expressed her excitement to be present and looked forward to helping everyone move Johnstown forward.

Mr. Britt asked Mr. Forcey for the date of the "I Have a Dream" career fair, and it was noted the event will occur on February 20, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Johnstown Elementary School. It will include Grades 1-6. Parents were also welcomed to attend.

RECESS/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7:00 p.m.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.