

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, September 10, 2025

The Greater Johnstown City Council met in a stated session for the general transaction of business. Mayor Frank Janakovic called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

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

The following members of Council were present for roll call:

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

Arturo Martynuska, City Manager; Aimee Willett, Solicitor; Jennifer Burkhart, Executive Secretary; Mark Britton, Chief of Police; Tony Penna, Recreation Director; Melissa Millard, Finance Director; and John Rutledge, Economic Development Director, were also present.

Mayor Janakovic noted, for the record, the Board entered an Executive Session regarding litigation prior to the commencement of the September 10, 2025 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Janakovic requested a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2025.

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

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

Nays: None (0).

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, HONORS, RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

Mayor Janakovic presented a proclamation to the Bishop McCort volunteers for their efforts to raise awareness of ovarian cancer. He noted his wife is a 15-year survivor of ovarian cancer which was caught in the early stages.

"We want to acknowledge the national campaign to create awareness of ovarian cancer and volunteers across the USA and the City of Johnstown that are helping to raise awareness. September is National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, and the volunteers will turn downtown teal with ribbons, along with providing local businesses with symptom cards and information pertaining to ovarian cancer. Ovarian cancer has 90 to 95 percent survival rate if detected early, which is why the need to know symptoms and

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risk factors is critical and part of the campaign to educate the community. Bishop McCort High School students are proudly participating in their 19th successful year of raising awareness and saving women's lives. The City of Johnstown would like to recognize their dedication to the National Ovarian Cancer Campaign and with their continued success. Now, therefore I, Mayor Frank J. Janakovic, Mayor of the City of Johnstown, and on behalf of Johnstown City Council, declare the month of September 2025 in the City of Johnstown to be known as National Ovarian Cancer Month. The City of Johnstown recognizes the importance of helping raise awareness of ovarian cancer in our community."

Mayor Janakovic presented a proclamation regarding the bicycle giveaway by the Johnstown Police Department.

"Whereas the health, safety and well-being of our youth are always vital to the strength and future of our community and whereas positive youth development is supported by initiatives that promote physical activity, community engagement and a spirit of giving. The City of Johnstown proudly recognizes the outstanding commitment and generosity of Officer Chas Cypher and his family, Police and Fire Administrator Candice Kamler, and the Local 463 Johnstown firefighters who have contributed their time, resources and energy to support the Community Youth Bicycle Giveaway. Through local donations from the Ten Incorporated and Community Cycle, volunteer hours and logistics support, over 200 bicycles were distributed to local children promoting safe recreation, independence and joy. These selfless acts of service exemplify the values of compassion, teamwork and civic responsibility that lie in the heart of our organization. Therefore, I, Frank J. Janakovic, Mayor of the City of Johnstown, do hereby recognize and commend the employees of the City of Johnstown and local organizations for their exemplary service and commitment to enriching the lives of young people through the Community Youth Bicycle Giveaway. Further, let the proclamation stand as a public expression of appreciation and encouragement for continuing community involvement in youth empowerment."

Mayor Janakovic presented a proclamation honoring employee contributions to the Backpack Project for Youth Giveaway.

"Whereas the success of any community is built upon the dedication, compassion and selfless efforts of its people and the employees, Chief Britton, Officer Chas Cypher and Police and Fire Administrator with the City of Johnstown have demonstrated outstanding community spirit and commitment by generously contributing to the Backpacks for Youth initiative on August 8, 2025. Whereas, this initiative provides essential school supplies and backpacks for children and families in need, helping to ensure that every child is equipped and ready to learn at the start of the school year. The employees'

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enthusiastic support through donations of time, resources, and funds reflect the core values of service, unity and care that define our organization and our community. Whereas, the collective impact of these contributions has not only eased the burden for many families, but has also inspired hope, confidence and opportunity for the next generation. Now, therefore be it proclaimed that on this day, September 10, 2025, we recognize and celebrate the meaningful contributions of the employees of the City of Johnstown to the Backpack for Youth program. Let this proclamation stand as a testament to the power of generosity and enduring importance of investing in our youth and our future."

Mayor Janakovic presented a proclamation recognizing outstanding participation and coordination of employees in the First Responder National Night Out community event.

"Whereas, the safety, strength and well-being of our community are upheld daily by the dedicated efforts of our first responders, including firefighters, police officers, EMTs and emergency management personnel. Whereas, the success of community events honoring these heroes depends on the commitment and collaboration of individuals working behind the scenes to plan, coordinate and execute meaningful tributes. The employees of the City of Johnstown, Chief Mark Britton, Captain Dan Price, Officer Chas Cypher and Police and Fire Administrator Candice Kamler have demonstrated exemplary teamwork, professionalism and community spirit in organizing and participating in the National Night Out held on August 5, 2025, in honor of our local first responders. Whereas, through their efforts, the event provided an opportunity for residents to connect with first responders, express gratitude and strengthen the bonds of community trust and resilience. The planning and execution of this event required time, energy, creativity and compassion, all of which were displayed in abundance by the participating employees. Now, therefore, I, Frank J. Janakovic, Mayor of the City of Johnstown, do hereby express heartfelt appreciation and commendation to the employees of the City of Johnstown for their outstanding participation, coordination and support of the First Responder National Night Out community event. Let this proclamation stand as a lasting recognition of their dedication to service, community engagement and unwavering support of our local heroes."

Mayor Janakovic noted attending the event and found it to be a great event. Chief Britton agreed. Chief Britton noted a fantastic turnout of community members and City staff including City Manager Martynuska.

Mayor Janakovic stated Officer Sean Kyle was not in attendance at the meeting; however, Mayor Janakovic announced proclamation honoring Officer Kyle for exemplary compassion and service.

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"Whereas, the safety and well-being of all residents, including our beloved animals, are a top priority in the City of Johnstown. On August 27, 2025, Officer Sean Kyle of the Johnstown Police Department demonstrated exceptional dedication and compassion in the line of duty by locating and safely rescuing a lost dog in distress. Officer Kyle's swift and selfless actions not only ensure the dog's safe return but also brought comfort and relief to the dog's family and inspired the community with an example of humane and responsible service. Whereas, this act of testament to Officer Kyle's commitment in public safety, kindness and the values that strengthen the bond between law enforcement and our community. Now, therefore, I, Frank J. Janakovic, Mayor of the City of Johnstown, on behalf of City Council, do hereby recognize and commend Officer Sean Kyle for swift action and compassionate service in rescuing and reuniting a lost dog with his family. Let it be known the City of Johnstown is grateful for Officer Kyle's outstanding service and proudly acknowledges this act as a shining example of community focused policing."

Mayor Janakovic presented a proclamation to Suppes Ford.

"Whereas the appearance of our public and private buildings significantly contributes to the pride, spirit and overall aesthetic view of our community, the beautification of buildings enhances the environment, promotes community engagement and supports economic development by attracting visitors, residents and businesses. Suppes Ford has demonstrated outstanding initiative, dedication and creativity in the beautification and improvement of the property located at 101 Main Street. Whereas, these efforts serve as a model of civic responsibility and inspire others to take similar action toward improving and maintaining the beauty of our shared spaces. I, Frank J. Janakovic, Mayor of the City of Johnstown, do hereby recognize and commend the exemplary work and commitment to excellence displayed in the beautification of Suppes Ford dealership located at 101 Main Street. Be it further resolved that this proclamation serves as an expression of gratitude and encouragement to all individuals, organizations and community members who invest in creating a more beautiful, welcoming and vibrant environment for all within our city and our community. In witness thereof, I here to set my hand and cause the official seal of Johnstown to be affixed this 10th day of September 2025. I, Mayor Frank J. Janakovic, Mayor of the City, on behalf of Johnstown City Council, recognize the investment and positive impact of the beautification of Suppes Ford location at 101 Main Street. The City recognizes the importance of enhancing and creating a welcoming environment for our community."

PUBLIC COMMENT-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None.

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REPORTS:

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Art Martynuska, City Manager, reported it had been a busy month with the construction starting at Central Park. He had the first walkthrough on September 9, 2025 with the engineering firm and architectural firm for the Main Street Project. The Main Street project will start at the end of the Central Park project. He pointed out there were several resolutions on the Agenda for the meeting. One is a new proposal for cellular service at a reduced cost savings with T-Mobile.

Mrs. Mock asked, related to the Main Street project, if all the parties were lined up and ready to go for the RAISE grant. Mr. Martynuska affirmed, as of one month prior, everybody was lined up.

Mrs. Mock asked about the website being updated due to old information being on it. Mr. Martynuska stated, with Council approval, a new web provider was contracted. The new website should be up and running within a couple of months and will be more user friendly. He noted WSP is still on board, and a presentation will be done at some point.

Mayor Janakovic inquired as to the time frame for funding related to the Main Street project. Mr. Martynuska replied to the Main Street project is to be completed by 2029, unless there is another extension. He noted the funding sources for Central Park and the Main Street project dictate the two projects cannot touch each other. He added there is a possibility that as Central Park nears completion, work may commence construction at the end of Main Street and work down towards Central Park.

Mrs. Mock noted the receipt of questions regarding live streaming of the City Council meetings and asked what might happen without Atlantic Broadband. Mr. Martynuska replied to the packet for the meeting included someone assisting with social media and the possibility of live streaming meetings. Mr. Clark noted the live streaming could happen on YouTube, Facebook, or Twitter.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Frank Janakovic reported on attending the Ethnic Fest in Cambria City over Labor Day Weekend. He noted a good turnout with the cooler weather.

Mayor Janakovic noted his attendance at the graduation ceremony at Hiram G. Andrews. He stated the center does a fantastic job with their students, many of which are from out of the county or state and are disabled. The City worked with the students in the past on

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a number of projects. He encouraged Mr. Martynuska to look into using some of the students next year within the City.

Mayor Janakovic reported on attending the ribbon cutting at the house on Somerset Street. He was unable to put into words how amazing the volunteers and donations were for the house to be completed in four days.

Mayor Janakovic acknowledged there were a number of young people already back to college who assisted at the police department with assembling beds for those who have to stay over after shifts or do not go home. He noted, in the past, the beds were used to assist homeless families and to help within the community.

Mayor Janakovic, noting the recent social media, commended the police department for its work and all the staff has done as an organization. He added the officers put their lives on the line daily, not knowing what they may face or what criticism they may receive.

Mayor Janakovic noted the receipt complaints regarding the roads through the City. He acknowledged many roads are under construction and have detours. He suggested there be better coordination with utility companies. Mr. Martynuska noted, if more than 25 linear feet of road is serviced, the utility company is mandated to repave curb to curb. For public clarification, sometimes the roads are being torn up by utility companies after the City has already finished repaving.

Mrs. Mock questioned Mr. Martynuska as to the status of the old RiteAid building at the corner of Franklin and Main Streets as she noticed new windows were being installed. Mr. Martynuska responded he was not sure of the final occupancy, but there was a permit for new windows.

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Aimee Willett, Solicitor, reported on a conference call with attorney C.J. Webb, the Solicitor for the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority. The contract between the City and JRA for the revolving sewer lateral loan program was discussed and would possibly be presented at Council's next meeting. Discussion in the call also pertained to JRA requesting for the City to take over Iron Street or a portion of Iron Street. Mr. Webb was gathering additional information for Ms. Willet's review, including a survey and related documentation.

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Ms. Willett stated Attorney Messina's office had contacted her regarding equipment purchased for Stackhouse Park. His office is gathering the additional documentation. She hoped to have a resolution soon for the Council to consider regarding the equipment.

Mayor Janakovic asked if Ms. Huchel would be able to comment on Iron Street. Ms. Huchel stated, due to personal extenuating circumstances, she had been unable to attend the last JRA meeting and last Planning Commission meeting.

#### COUNCIL UPDATES/NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISONS

Ms. Huchel shared the Gallery on Gazebo recently hosted by Afrika Yetu. It was a free event for the community involving drumming and dancing. She expressed thanks to Reverend King for attending the event. She promoted an upcoming fundraiser at the Russell House in the Moxham neighborhood, which will raise money for both the Russell House and the Moxham Neighborhood Group. Ms. Huchel noted the success of Bardstock. Craftworks would be hosting Joe Jack Talcum from The Dead Milkmen for a musical event and to showcase some of his art. She was pleased to see action with Central Park construction. She noted the receipt of complaints from a business owner regarding construction workers taking up parking spaces in front of businesses on Franklin Street. She encouraged the business owner to reach out to the City and Straw Construction to discuss the situation.

Mr. Martynuska noted the Washington Street lot was dedicated as a laydown site and for contractor parking. He will speak to Darren Rozich from CJL regarding the possible parking concerns.

Reverend King questioned if the construction vehicles were related to Central Park or the work on Franklin Street. It was noted Penelec is pulling all new wires to replace the underground damaged wires. There is also a sinkhole that will need to be examined once Penelec is finished with the wires.

Mrs. Mock noted being unable to attend the Afrika Yetu event, but from what she saw, it worked well at the Main and Market parklet. Ms. Huchel agreed the space works well for events. Mr. Martynuska conducted an informal survey of the Farmers Market vendors, and overall, they liked the move to Market Street as people could walk in between their booths as well as on the back side of the booths.

Mrs. Mock reported that the West End Improvement Group is winding down for the season. She noted the community garden is doing well, and there have been many people in the garden. She checks in on the garden frequently.

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Reverend King noted going by the Farmers Market. In addition to speaking with vendors, she noticed Classic Elements and Subway seemed to have more foot traffic when compared to previous days. She reminded everyone that school is back in session, so people need to slow down and stop for school busses. She noted there were great efforts with block parties over the summer as well as back to school. She added there were multiple organizations who did back to school haircuts in the community.

Reverend King shared the dedication for the Center of Metal Arts was special as her father used to work for Bethlehem. She encouraged anyone who had not visited the Center yet to take the opportunity to do so. Reverend King was pleased to have the opportunity to help clean up Somerset Street in preparation of the new house. She sees the house as helping to stabilize the neighborhood and as a sign of investments being made in the neighborhood. She also noted the Ethnic Fest had a wonderful turnout when she stopped by for a couple of hours.

Reverend King reported on attending a community meeting concerning safe spaces for children. She noted the need for after-school programs for kids ages 12-18 as there are a number of programs for younger children. She thanked Chief Britton for talking with her regarding different initiatives. Reverend King conveyed her appreciation to Ms. Huchel on the Afrika Yetu event. She added it was a good family event, no matter if someone was young or old.

Reverend King promoted three events. She noted, on September 13, 2025, a suicide prevention walk is scheduled at the Trojan Stadium. She added there is not a spirit of peace in the community right now and encouraged people to get information and talk to people. She shared, on September 20, 2025, Recovery in the Valley would be at Sargent's Stadium at the Point to support people who have struggled with addiction and their families. Reverend King shared, on September 29, 2025, Bougie Hair Care on Lincoln Street will be hosting a free spa day for senior citizens.

Mr. Clark shared the Downtown Business meetings are now scheduled to be the third Tuesday each month with the next one scheduled for September 16, 2025. He noted the group is getting larger. He thanked Mr. Arnone for the use of the American Legion space for the previous meeting.

Mr. Clark noted attending the Ethnic Fest and had an excellent time. He noted his appreciation for the Cambria City neighborhood. He also attended the Back to School Bash in Hornerstown and was able to talk to people he had never met before, particularly Calvin from Cal's Cuts. He also shared attending the Log House Arts Festival in Westmont, which was dedicated this year to Elmer Laslo, former CEO of First Summit

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Bank. He noted Mr. Laslo was instrumental in the City of Johnstown for a number of years.

Mr. Clark reported on attending the Safe Space meeting in Hornerstown at Studio 404. He shared it was the most meaningful event he had attended outside of anything official. There were several different perspectives and voices not typically heard shared. He suggested moving forward to not just stop gun violence but also to bring communities back together. Mr. Clark was unable to help Vision 2025 with the house build, but he was impressed with how everyone came together for the build.

Mayor Janakovic stated the Ethnic Fest is Johnstown's biggest reunion when a number of people come back to Johnstown to celebrate.

Mr. Martynuska noted the employees at the City garage was able to help one of the volunteer groups from the house build. The volunteers had significant engine problems with one of their trucks.

Mr. Britt reported on attending some of the same events as other Council members. He noted it was good to see the people of Johnstown getting together and enjoying themselves. He shared his concerns with children riding bikes at nighttime without lights on their bikes.

Reverend King noted Mr. Penna worked to get reflectors for bikes. The reflectors were passed out by Officer Cypher to be installed on bikes. Discussion was held regarding the need for reflectors or lights on bikes. Chief Britton noted his officers have been speaking to people riding bikes and scooters at night. Reverend King suggested the police department could also add information to their website and Facebook concerning bikes.

Mr. Arnone noted the American Legion space was available for the Downtown Business group to use. The grant for the space included its availability for use to the public when not being used.

Mr. Arnone reported the director of the Housing Authority was willing to work with the City regarding the public housing resolution being voted on during the meeting. Mr. Arnone provided an update on statistical information related to the population of the public housing community in Johnstown. He noted the Section 8 program was still on hold from issuing vouchers to new participants as current monthly funding for HUD only covers current participants. He reported an event was held on August 21, 2025 to gain community input on the Johnstown Coopersdale property. Suggestions included community gardens, murals and other beautification ideas throughout the area.

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Mr. Arnone shared updates from the Water Authority regarding service activations, service renewals, hydrants, repairs, and jetted lines. He noted, at the end of August, 72 percent of the City had been pressure tested. Work is moving forward for dam upgrades.

Ms. Huchel received an update regarding Iron Street. JRA is currently responsible for upkeep and maintenance on Iron Street as it is technically a private road. JRA states it should be a City road given there is a stoplight and bridge on it, which is why it is looking for the City to take over Iron Street. The Council discussed past concerns related to Iron Street and emergency vehicles.

#### PETITIONS

None.

#### ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READ

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5371 ADOPTED JULY 9, 2025  
AMENDING THE SALARIES AND WAGES TO BE PAID TO CERTAIN  
EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the ordinance. Mr. Britt seconded the motion.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

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EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the ordinance. Mrs. Mock seconded the motion.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

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RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 10706

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA PETITIONS THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO EXAM, REVIEW AND MAKE  
CHANGES TO THE SIZE, NUMBER AND QUALITY OF HOUSING UNITS  
AUTHORIZED, SPONSORED AND MAINTAINED BY THEIR AGENCY AND  
AGENTS IN THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Arnone seconded the motion.

Mrs. Mock noted there had been complaints regarding public housing and right sizing housing within the City for years. Representative Burns commented on social media on July 27, 2025, calling on City Council to join in his effort to downsize to what is appropriate for the City's population. Representative Burns suggested to Ms. Mock a resolution of City Council as a call to action which requires a response. If the resolution passes, a copy will be sent to the federal and state representatives for the area.

Mayor Janakovic expressed his willingness to move forward to right-size housing; however, it is at the federal level.

Mr. Arnone stated that the way the system is set up will take an act of Congress and the Senate to change anything. He noted that new public housing buildings are not being constructed. He does not see HUD tearing existing buildings down to relocate people into other areas.

Mrs. Mock reiterated her position that public housing should be spread out to other areas beyond Johnstown. She stated there was no political motivation in presenting the resolution.

Reverend King stated the resolution lacked substance, and there should be more added to the resolution in the form of attachments or letters from the school district, social services, police department and other entities to substantiate what the resolution is stating.

Mr. Arnone noted the biggest indicator for HUD to consider right-sizing is the population.

Mayor Janakovic noted meetings regarding public housing and the numbers from different agencies never seemed to match up. He stated that in order to move forward with right-sizing, clear data is needed.

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Mr. Clark noted the need to recognize the main reason for right-sizing public housing is the decrease in population in the City. He added the City government and the people within the City have been asking for help for years.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to table the resolution. Ms. Huchel wanted to speak, so Mrs. Mock rescinded her motion to table.

Ms. Huchel stated, if HUD does not consider right-sizing public housing, another route might be to suggest if HUD wants Johnstown to run the business of a housing authority, it might need to provide more money as support.

Mr. Martynuska noted the resolution as written gathers the information as requested by Reverend King. The Housing Authority will likely be the source for correct demographic information as different sources will provide a wide range of numbers.

The Council discussed what the resolution is asking for and who is responsible for gathering the information. It was decided the bulk of the resolution would be placed on the Housing Authority with the help of additional local, state and federal agencies.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0).

Mayor Janakovic noted the resolution would allow City Council to begin moving forward and the details can be worked out from the starting point.

Resolution No. 10707

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING, EMPOWERING AND DIRECTING THE PROPER OFFICIALS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD TO APPOINT A LIASON BETWEEN IT AND BERKHEIMER, THE DULY APPOINTED COLLECTOR OF LOCAL TAXES FOR THE DISTRICT, FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF SHARING CONFIDENTIAL TAX INFORMATION WITH THE DISTRICT FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the resolution. Mrs. Mock seconded the motion.

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The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10708

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING  
THE APPROVAL OF A RECURRING SOFTWARE SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR  
THE CITY'S PARKING PAYSTATION SYSTEM, INCLUDING BASE MONTHLY  
SERVICE FEES AND OPTIONAL ADD-ON SERVICES.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Clark seconded the motion.

Reverend King requested additional details regarding the parking system such, as how the system would work, where the stations would be located, and what would happen when Main Street was redone. She stated Council had been unable to adequately speak with representatives from ParkMobile.

Mr. Martynuska provided details of the ParkMobile system. A good interest rate on the lease of the machines had been negotiated, instead of an outright purchase. The deal on the interest rate is time-sensitive, which is why the lease is being signed prior to Main Street being renovated. He was cognizant of the fact that the population has a wide-ranging demographic. He noted the machines will accept credit cards, app payments and coins.

Mr. Martynuska stated there would likely be one to two machines per block. ParkMobile has discussed with City staff the location of the machines. Regarding the Main Street project, the machines are movable.

Mr. Martynuska discussed the maintenance of the old parking meters, which includes almost daily changing of vaults and twice yearly changing of 9-volt batteries. He explained, if a meter goes out of service, his office may not know of it for some time. The new machines have 5-year solar powered batteries with larger vaults. The machines can also send an alert to the parking office if there is a maintenance issue. Mr. Martynuska noted the City staff will be trained to do maintenance in-house. If a technician is needed, ParkMobile will send someone from Pittsburgh in a relatively short time frame.

Mr. Martynuska shared other positives of the system, such as remotely programming holidays by zones or individual meters; validation through participating local businesses

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using one-time unique codes; a new boot system allowing people to use a unique code they receive after fine payment to remove the boot themselves; and reducing physical labor for the parking staff.

Mr. Martynuska noted, with the new system, license plate readers will determine if someone has violated the parking area, reducing the need for parking staff to walk up and down streets, especially in inclement weather.

Mr. Martynuska explained positives for local businesses who can use the kiosk screens to advertise. He noted the City can sell wrapped advertisements for the kiosks, in addition to the screen advertisements.

Reverend King inquired as to how soon the new system could be implemented. Mr. Martynuska replied the lease documents are waiting for City Council approval. Once approved, the new system can be implemented as soon as the machines are received.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Resolution No. 10709

A RESOLUTION, OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT FROM AMERICAN ROCK SALT WITH DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES COSTARS PROGRAM. AMERICAN ROCK SALT WILL PROVIDE AND DELIVER ROCK SALT TO THE CITY FOR THE 2025-2026 CALENDAR YEAR.

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

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

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Resolution No. 10710

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A LEASE SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY'S PARKING PAYSTATION SYSTEM, THROUGH 911 LEASING.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the resolution. Mrs. Mock seconded the motion.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10711

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF AS-2 ANTI SKID FROM LIGONER STONE AND LIME D/B/A DERRY STONE AND LIME, 117 MARCIA STREET LATROBE FOR THE 2025-2026 CALENDAR YEAR.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the resolution. Mrs. Mock seconded the motion.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10712

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA TO ALLOW FOR ONE (1) HOUR OF FREE ON STREET PARKING WITH VALIDATION, IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, SPECIFICALLY PORTIONS OF, ADAMS STREET, BEDFORD STREET, CLINTON STREET, FRANKLIN STREET, JACKSON STREET, RAILROAD STREET, LEVERGOOD STREET, LINCOLN STREET, LOCUST STREET, JOHNS STREET, MARKET STREET, MAIN STREET, NAPOLEON STREET, STONYCREEK STREET, UNION STREET, VINE STREET, AND WALNUT STREETS.

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Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Clark seconded the motion.

Mayor Janakovic asked how the free parking would be validated. Mr. Martynuska responded the validation would work through the system in a number of ways. One would be for local participating businesses to give out codes to customers to be used in the app or parking machines.

Mr. Clark noted this would be a way for the City Council to demonstrate how it and City government are helping consumers patronize downtown businesses.

Mayor Janakovic asked if there was a projected loss by allocating free parking. Mr. Martynuska noted his office was working on different scenarios but also considering how to make the cost neutral or equitable that could be done internally or by working with businesses. The Council discussed ways in which the validations could work.

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

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10713

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN SOCIAL MEDIA AND DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS POLICY.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Clark seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10714

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN AND NERD FORCE TECHNOLOGIES.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Britt seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None (0).

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Resolution No. 10715

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH T-MOBILE.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Britt seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None (0).

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Britt questioned the enforcement of assessments on gaming machines in the City. Mr. Martynuska explained his staff have been visiting establishments to get correct counts of machines for the City to invoice the businesses properly. One barrier had been scheduling visits at establishments that do not open until late after regular business hours.

Mr. Arnone stated he had been told the City's entertainment fee for pool tables, dart machines, and jukeboxes was exorbitant compared to surrounding municipalities. Machines are being pulled out of establishments as they do not make enough money to cover the associated fees. The Council discussed entertainment fees in the City. It was suggested the fee schedule be updated, which is generally completed in January.

Mayor Janakovic asked whether the City had any control over when gaming places were permitted to be open. Ms. Willett offered to research the topic; however, she was not aware of a vehicle that could be used to restrict business hours. The Council discussed concerns around late hours at gaming establishments.

Mr. Martynuska extended his appreciation for the hard work of everyone involved in Champions night. He had never experienced a night like Champions night in his 30-year experience with the City. He hoped the momentum from that evening would continue to build.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Arnone noted, reviewing the finances, the expenses to income was tight for the remainder of the year.

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Ms. Millard noted working on the budget and would be distributing workshop notices in October 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NON-AGENDA ITEM

Barry Ritko, 247 Tioga Street, stated he is the owner with his son of Best Window and Door Company on Broad Street. He explained plans to relocate his business away from Broad Street. He would move back to where the company started on Strayer Street. He asked Council for help regarding the property at 312 Strayer Street. He would like to use the property to extend a fence-off parking lot for his business. Upon contacting the current owner, who purchased the lot for \$200 in a tax sale, he discovered there is a \$6,500 lien on the property.

The Council discussed the type of lien, possibly a demolition lien, but could not confirm without additional research. It was noted the City must be very careful with forgiving liens. It was also noted, following the sale of a property, the purchaser would receive a letter from the City or municipality indicating whether there was a lien on the property.

Mr. Ritko expressed a desire to clear up the situation as soon as possible to begin remodeling the nearby building he owns as well as commence cleanup on the lot. He was directed to City Hall to research why the lien is on the property.

Mr. Ritko also reminded Council of the Johnstown Slavic Festival being held September 19-20, 2025. He noted the year- after-year growth of the festival, as well as the good ethnic food, beer and entertainment.

RECESS/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8:10 p.m.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.