

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 12, 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; John Rutledge, Economic Development Director; Mark Britton, Chief of Police; Jim McCann, Fire Chief; Mike Capriotti, Assistant City Manager; Mark Critz, Director, JRA; Carmen Truscello, Public Works Director were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Janakovic requested a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2025 and Special Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2025.

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

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

Nay: None (0).

Mr. Janakovic stated two executive sessions were scheduled for 11/10/25 and 11/12/25 for litigation and personnel matters.

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, HONORS, RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

Mayor Janakovic presented a proclamation recognizing the Masonic Temple at 130 Value Pike, as a local historical landmark. Designed by J.C. Fulton & Son, the Masonic Temple was constructed between 1927 and 1933, with its cornerstone laid on November 14, 1931, and its dedication in 1934. Mayor Janakovic noted its Art Deco, Egyptian Revival elements, and its nearly century-long role as a center of fellowship, charity, and community gatherings. He stated both the National Register of Historic Places and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission had formally recognized the structure; Mayor Janakovic thanked the representatives from the Masonic Temple for their service to the community.

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Fire Chief Jim McCann presented several awards recognizing life-saving actions by two bystanders during an incident where CPR was necessary. He explained the Johnstown Fire Department routinely performed significant daily acts, but two bystanders whose CPR efforts ensured a cardiac arrest patient survived an incident that occurred in an office building rose above the call of duty. He emphasized, when firefighters arrived, the bystanders were already performing CPR, which he said directly contributed to the patient's survival. The patient had spent several weeks in the ICU, fully recovered, and returned to work. He presented the Fire Chief Citizens Award to Nathan Kundrod and Frank DiLoreto for their heroic bystander CPR on September 4, 2025. He further explained EMS units in northern Cambria County had been limited that day, and the City's firefighters, all trained as EMTs or paramedics, provided effective quick response service. He stated this service had saved many lives and would continue to do so. He then recognized the firefighters involved in the resuscitation—Captain Ben Myers, Assistant Fire Chief; Captain Adam White; Firefighter Jimmy Meyers; and Captain Fred Adamson. He concluded by expressing pride in their professionalism, training, and dedication.

PUBLIC COMMENT-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Dustin Greene, 312 Chestnut Street, expressed concern after reviewing the agenda and noticing multiple roofing projects on local buildings, including the one currently in use whose future he said remained uncertain. He questioned why significant funds were being invested in it despite that uncertainty, while acknowledging the need for a functioning roof. He also questioned the plan to replace the roof on a dilapidated former fire station in Old Conemaugh Borough, stating that the building appeared unused. He requested an explanation on why taxpayer dollars were being directed toward roofing projects on buildings in such condition and to clarify the funding sources involved. He referenced his past concerns with the conference center roof and stated the number of roofs being replaced across the community was frustrating.

Deacon Jeffrey Wilson, Flood City Youth Fitness Academy, stated Pleasant Hill Baptist Church had suffered a catastrophic fire on October 31, 2023, which destroyed the church on Peelor Street. He explained the church had since acquired land located between William Penn Avenue and Ebensburg Road, where the only former structure had been a dwelling that the church had demolished. He stated the plan was to build a one-story, handicap-accessible church to support its ministries and community needs, along with creating parking areas and improved lighting. He noted that William Penn Avenue, part of Route 271, served as a major entryway into the City and was maintained by PennDOT. He emphasized the project would restore services to the Prospect community and Greater Johnstown, transforming the loss of a 100-year-old church into a positive development for the neighborhood.

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REPORTS:

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Art Martynuska, City Manager, requested that Ordinance No. 5375 be tabled, noting it would require a special meeting because ordinances required two votes. He reported the overhead camera had been relocated with technical assistance, and the City was now streaming meetings on YouTube and Facebook, with Breezelne connectivity forthcoming. He announced that the City had reached a tentative agreement with the Millrats earlier that day and anticipated holding a special council meeting on Monday November 17, 2025, to approve it. He emphasized the cooperative spirit of the discussions, explained that numerous longstanding issues had been resolved, and stated the resulting three-year agreement would become public upon Council approval. He expressed satisfaction with the outcome and the productive dialogue with the Millrats.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Frank Janakovic reported on attending the Veterans Day, noting that although cold weather reduced some attendance, the spirit remained and a ceremony was held to honor Veterans. He described the prior weekend as one of the city's busiest, citing events at the War Memorial, including a Chicago concert, a Dwight Yoakam concert, and a boxing match, along with the soft opening of Jimmy T's Firehouse and Pub on Upper Main Street and the forthcoming opening of Moon and Mugs. He reported attending the Cambria County Regional Summit, the Masonic Temple National Register recognition, the city council budget meeting, and a tour of Hiram G. Andrews, which he praised as a hidden gem serving, students with vocational needs. He also attended the Military Hall of Fame ceremony at the War Memorial, the Conemaugh ER ribbon cutting on October 9, 2025, and the Johnstown Flood Museum reopening on the same date. He concluded by congratulating Reverend King as the next Mayor and Mr. Clark for winning both the two-year and four-year council seats, stating his confidence in their leadership in the years ahead.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

COUNCIL UPDATES/NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISONS

Ms. Mock stated the West End Improvement Group held its annual basket party on November 1–2, reporting a successful turnout with strong community support and assistance from guest announcers and staff. She noted that seasonal activities were being wrapped up and

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that work was nearly complete on the Hawse Pipe Garden, where a new black-silhouette sign resembling the Cambria City and Brownstown signs would read “Johnstown, Established 1889.” She explained that the Bricklayers Union apprentices completed the wall construction, with Fi-Hoff assisting with hauling and a major donor contributing to the project. She emphasized that the sign would serve as a welcoming feature for visitors entering the City and thanked all contributors. She continued attending community events and encouraged residents to participate in the many activities available in town.

Mr. Janakovic added the City’s Christmas tree and accompanying decorations would be temporarily relocated to PNG Park for one year, with intentions to return them to their original location the following year.

Reverend King highlighted the First Responder’s Ball, occurring on Saturday November 21, 2025. Reverend King also highlighted the Kernville Light-up Night, in which she expressed that any local communities interested in participating in their own light-up nights should reach out to her.

Ms. Huchel stated Gallery on Gazebo would host an opening for a quilting and woodcarving show on November 15, 2025, from 2–4 p.m., free to the public. She added the gallery would again sponsor the Festival of Trees in the AmeriServ lobby and invited businesses or individuals to decorate trees. She emphasized that downtown activities would continue despite the temporary relocation of the main tree, noting events such as the Graham Hall Lessons and Carols on December 5, an architecture tour on December 11, 2025, and a Christmas market on December 6, 2025. She reported the Johnstown Animal Welfare Society held a successful fundraiser and had sent 30 cats to Butler for spay/neuter services that day.

Ms. Huchel added Mr. Critz was present to speak on Redevelopment Authority matters.

Mr. Clark congratulated the newest members of the Greater Johnstown City Council on their recent victories and looked forward to working with them. He emphasized the importance of the Halloween Parade, describing it as both the City’s largest parade and its biggest business generator, with many establishments extending hours. He reiterated praise for Jimmy T’s Firehouse and Pub and encouraged residents to visit its event space. He announced the next downtown business owners meeting would be held on November 18, 2025, at the American Legion, thanking Mr. Arnone for arranging the venue, and invited both Council members and downtown business owners to attend.

Reverend King announced that the West End Business Association meeting would be held on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. on Fairfield Avenue.

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Ms. Mock added that the meeting would be at 226 Fairfield Avenue and that Cambria City businesses were now included.

Mr. Britt attended several community events and particularly enjoyed the Veterans Day activities. He congratulated Reverend King on her mayoral victory and extended congratulations to all newly elected officials.

Mr. Arnone echoed the Council's congratulating of Reverend King and the newly elected council members, expressing enthusiasm about a younger incoming council. Reporting on the Water Authority, he stated Customer Service processed 96 new service applications, reactivated 19 active accounts, and completed 19 service renewals in October 2025. He reported two mainline breaks repaired, 36 fire hydrants flushed, and stated the Westmont lead line replacement project was 100% complete, while Hudson Street work was approximately 70% complete following a significant leak. He added 2,000 service lines had been identified systemwide, and 15,000 letters would be sent to customers for self-reporting code requirements. He stated 1,882 sewer mains had been jetted, covering 5,320 feet of mainline, and 50 pressure tests had been completed, bringing progress to 73%, well above the 60% requirement.

Mr. Arnone reported, as of 10/31/25, public housing communities had a population of 3,549, with 967 Section 8 voucher participants, totaling 3,534 city residents served and representing 47% of residents living in poverty. He stated over 100 families were living in Prospect, where 110 renovated apartments were expected to be completed and ready by the end of November 2025. He cautioned that the federal government shutdown could affect future funding but emphasized the Housing Authority's stability. He noted about 40 families attended a Healthy Homes event on November 5, 2025, providing supplies and safety information, and stated HUD inspections would occur in early December. Mr. Arnone concluded by thanking the Veterans Community Group and the city for hosting the Veterans Parade.

PETITIONS

None.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READ

Ordinance No. 5374

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5361 ADOPTED MARCH 13,
2024, UPDATING THE FEE SCHEDULE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN

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

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Ordinance No. 5375

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES AND WAGES TO BE PAID ALL ELECTED
OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND
BUREAUS OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR
BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026.

Mr. Clark made a motion to table the ordinance. Reverend King seconded the motion.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 10724

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE
CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO
EFFECTUATE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE JOHNSTOWN HOUSING
AUTHORITY FOR THE PROVISIONS OF POLICE SERVICES FOR THE
COOPERSDALE COMMUNITY, FULTON L. CONNOR TOWERS, LOUGHNER
PLAZA, OAKHURST, PROSPECT, SOLOMON COMMUNITIES, TOWN HOUSE
TOWER, AND VINE STREET TOWER AT A COST OF \$455,520.00 FOR
CALENDAR YEAR 2025, \$482,413.20 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026, AND
\$505,931.96 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2027.

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

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Mr. Arnone noted critics have claimed the Housing Authority does not pay its share; however, he stated the agreement demonstrates the City is supporting the community and the Housing Authority is contributing appropriately.

Ms. Mock asked how much of an increase this represents from the prior contract.

Mr. Arnone stated the increase is approximately equal to the raise granted to police officers, and that such raises typically match the increases in police wages.

Reverend King asked for a summation of what the contract entails and how police duties differ from prior arrangements.

Mr. Martynuska stated the contract reflects the annual wage increases from the police collective bargaining agreement and reduces financial strain on the Housing Authority by shifting background checks to Cambria County as suggested by Chief Britton. He deferred to the Chief for operational details and noted the agreement covers more than patrol services.

Chief Britton stated the contract provides 24/7 police patrol for Housing Authority properties, includes coverage inside all towers, and supports community events such as health fairs. He emphasized that police presence will be provided in any way needed.

Reverend King asked whether there would be small police stations inside each housing community.

Chief Britton stated the department is working on reestablishing such stations, which existed in the past before computer system changes. He noted officers had already been visiting management offices to introduce themselves and document their presence to ensure staff and residents know the officers.

Reverend King asked whether 24/7 coverage means an officer will be physically stationed at each site.

Chief Britton clarified that it means continuous protection through patrols, not fixed posts. He stated two cars are assigned to Housing Authority areas on night shift, dividing coverage among Coopersdale, Prospect, Solomon, Oakhurst, the towers, and downtown locations, with officers responding to all calls in those areas.

Mr. Clark commented on the increases and emphasized that they are tied to the police contract. He stated the Housing Authority is paying its fair share and noted the call volume statistics can appear inflated, because every call, regardless of severity, must be counted and reported.

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Chief Britton stated this is the first time the City and Housing Authority had entered into a three year contract rather than a one year contract and credited Mr. Arnone for his role in achieving it.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: None (0).

Resolution No. 10725

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF AN AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE TO TAKE ANY/ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO INCLUDE THE CALCULATIONS OF THE MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION FOR EACH OF THE CITY'S PENSION FUNDS FOR INLCUSION IN THE 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

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

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: None (0).

Resolution No. 10727

CITY OF JOHNSTOWN OF CAMBRIA COUNTY HEREBY REQUESTS A STATEWIDE LOCAL SHARE ASSESSMENT GRANT OF \$528,000 FROM THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCIING AUTHORITY TO BE USED FOR RENOVATION OF THE EAST SIDE FIRE STATION.

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

Ms. Mock requested a summary of the renovation for the public's edification.

Mr. Martynuska noted Council hoped to secure funding for the renovation, with the possibility of securing a facility that would allow for better response times.

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The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Resolution No. 10728

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER AND/OR ANY OF HIS DESIGNEES TO ENTER INTO AND TAKE TO EFFECTUATE A CONTRACT WITH WHOLESALE ENERGY COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCONTINUED ELECTRICITY.

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

Mayor Janakovic inquired about the savings in regards to the Wholesale contract.

Mr. Martynuska noted the net calculation would be equitable to last year's calculation; however, he noted there was an increase in utilities.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Resolution No. 10729

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN AND BUTTS TICKET SYSTEMS FOR PARKING METER SYSTEM.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the resolution. Ms. Huchel seconded the motion.

Mr. Clark asked whether this will be the parking removal system.

Mr. Martynuska confirmed that inquiry.

Mr. Clark stated, once the system is installed, it is important for the public to understand why implementing it before the Main Street project is beneficial. He explained the new system is removable, can be repositioned as needed, and differs completely from prior

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systems. He noted that previous concerns about Main Street being damaged again are addressed because the equipment can be moved. He added the system can also be used for advertising, and once it is operational, the one-hour free parking policy will take effect in the central business district. He emphasized that the system modernizes the downtown area and provides needed flexibility.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Resolution No. 10730

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA TO ENTER AN
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND MEMORANDUM
OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND AMONG THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND THE REDEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN ON OPERATION OF PROGRAMS
UTILIZING EPA THRIVING COMMUNITIES GRANT FUNDING.

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

Mr. Clark requested clarification on what the matter entails.

Mr. Critz stated the matter involves an EPA grant of \$350,000 obtained by his predecessor for use through Health and Happy Homes. He explained that the intergovernmental agreement allows the Redevelopment Authority to deploy funds for lead abatement in homes within the City's program. He stated the agreement ensures the City will not use its own funds and will be reimbursed for any expenses, while also allowing the Authority to deliver the grant funding to the City.

Mr. Arnone recommended coordination with Mr. Kerr regarding lead maintenance, noting that the GJWA is required by law to replace lead lines up to the meter and such costs fall to the authority. He cautioned against spending grant funds unnecessarily if water line replacements are already planned.

Mr. Critz stated his agency has communicated with GJWA and clarified the grant is for lead paint and interior home hazards, not water lines.

Mr. Clark asked if the funds are strictly for lead abatement.

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Mr. Critz stated they are and noted the Center for Population Health has applied for a \$3.4 million HUD lead abatement program. He hoped the agreement with the City can serve as a template for similar collaborations with other entities.

Mayor Janakovic asked whether the grant applies only to the City and whether the additional program mentioned would apply countywide.

Mr. Critz stated the grant discussed is specific to the City, while the Center for Population Health program may cover the county or a larger area.

Mr. Martynuska stated discussions had occurred regarding including the water authority and coordinating lead paint abatement with lead line replacement, noting that it is counterproductive to address only one hazard. He expressed hope for a comprehensive approach involving all three efforts.

Mr. Critz stated they intend to integrate their work into the City's existing program rather than create a new one, using the City's current list of eligible homes.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: None (0).

Resolution No. 10731

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO REPLACE THE ROOF AT THE OLD FIRE STATION 6 AT 900 RAILROAD STREET WITH THE DURO LAST ROOFING SYSTEMS INSTALLED BY UMBRELLA ROOFING SYSTEMS.

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

Ms. Mock inquired about why the City is undertaking this project.

Mr. Martynuska stated the building is structurally sound but requires significant roof repairs and interior improvements. He stated the City is confident the building could be repurposed as a City facility and discussions have occurred with groups such as the Animal Welfare Society regarding potential use for sheltering or for spay, neuter, and release recovery.

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He stated Public Works Director Carmen Truscello could explain the technical aspects of the roofing project.

Mr. Carmen Truscello, Public Works Director, stated the building's roof is original from approximately 1957 and is a gravel roof that is leaking. He stated the building had been used for seasonal equipment storage and the structure is in excellent condition, making it worth preserving. He stated water infiltration is seeping through several inches of roofing material and insulation into the metal roofing system, and delaying repairs would eventually lead to severe damage and potential demolition. He stated repairing the roof would allow the building to be preserved or repurposed.

Reverend King stated he understood there was no bid for the roof project.

Mr. Truscello stated the project is being pursued through the TIPS program, similar to the COSTARS program, which avoids a lengthy bidding process and provides favorable pricing. He stated COSTARS does not cover roofing but TIPS does.

Reverend King asked whether the City had considered bidding the project out again to compare costs.

Mr. Truscello stated bidding the project would require hiring an engineer to perform roof coring, create specifications, and handle bid preparation, which would add cost and time. He stated the TIPS program includes engineering services and the scope of work needed for roof removal and replacement on both the subject building and the Number Six Fire Hall.

Mr. Clark expressed concern that \$68,000 seemed high for a smaller structure.

Mr. Truscello stated the roof is larger than the building appears and reiterated that pursuing a traditional bid would require an engineering study that could increase expenses.

Mr. Martynuska stated the initial price was reduced by approximately \$3,500 when the TIPS program was applied.

Mr. Truscello confirmed the cost decreased from approximately \$73,000 to \$68,000.

Ms. Huchel stated the City lacks a municipal animal shelter, and although there are private nonprofit organizations such as the Humane Society and the Animal Welfare Society, the City has no animal control solution. She stated repurposing buildings for such services is important.

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

Nays: Mr. Clark (1).

Resolution No. 10732

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO REPLACE THE ROOF AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING LOCATED AT 401 WASHINGTON STREET WITH THE DURO LAST ROOFING SYSTEMS INSTALLED BY UMBRELLA ROOFING SYSTEMS.

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

Ms. Mock stated all funds for both projects are ARPA funds and the ARPA reallocation deadline passed, meaning the funds must be used for their designated purposes.

Mr. Arnone stated significant money had been invested in the building and installing a roof will stabilize the property and prevent it from becoming another empty structure requiring demolition.

Ms. Mock asked for an update on the process concerning the building.

Mr. Martynuska stated the funding stack is insufficient for constructing a new building. He noted uncertainties caused by the federal government shutdown affect the availability of funds, and even with potential support from Senator Fetterman, plus \$2.48 million in ARPA funds and \$2.5 million in RACP funds, the total remains far below the estimated \$20 to \$21 million cost for a new facility. He stated the City is exploring reinvestment in the current building. He stated City staff recently met with Representative Burns regarding potential project rescoping. Mr. Martynuska noted staff also met with EADS and Eastern Elevator to examine options for an external, ADA-compliant elevator serving all five floors. He stated interior repairs are needed, including addressing damaged tiles, water infiltration, and structural concerns. He stated water leakage is significant enough that children's pools are being used to collect water on the fifth floor. He stated the Duro roofing system being considered represents a newer approach.

Mr. Truscello stated the Duro system involves melting seams together for a watertight bond and bringing material up to the top of the parapet walls to prevent water from infiltrating behind existing molding. He noted current conditions allow water to travel behind the walls and roof membrane, causing deterioration and contributing to fifth floor ceiling damage.

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Ms. Mock questioned which building would be addressed first if the project were approved.

Mr. Truscello stated the schedule depends on weather and the contractor's workload, but work could begin on the subject building if conditions allow.

Ms. Mock stated the building should likely receive priority.

Mr. Clark asked for an estimation of the roof's lifespan.

Mr. Truscello stated the system includes a 20-year warranty covering labor and materials.

Mr. Truscello stated the City recently invested in heating system repairs, including replacing nonfunctional pumps, draining and refilling the system, and repairing the furnace stack. He stated additional issues include electrical power lines resting on the roof and the need for proper supports.

Mayor Janakovic stated the last estimate for total renovation of the building was approximately \$11 million to \$12 million.

Ms. Huchel stated the Planning Commission has long recognized that demolition would be prohibitively expensive and constructing a new building would be even more costly, making rehabilitation the appropriate course. She affirmed the current plan is consistent with that position.

Mayor Janakovic stated even with available funds, additional grants would be necessary to complete work on the building and asked if there were any further questions.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: None (0).

Resolution No. 10733

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 1-TON 2024 CHEVROLET SILVERADO CHASSIS AND CUSTOM 11' ALUMINUM BODY WITH SNOW EQUIPMENT.

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

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Mr. Truscello stated the City currently has three 2016 Terrastar trucks, which are no longer manufactured and have expensive parts. He stated the trucks have reached the end of their useful life and much of the City's equipment dates back to the 1990s, resulting in ongoing repairs that amount to putting good money into bad equipment. He stated the new one ton truck will be purchased with liquid fuels funds, and no paving was performed this year partly due to his late arrival as director and partly because utility companies were paving throughout the City without clear schedules. He stated the new truck is a 2024 model, the price has decreased by \$5,000 due to new incentives, and it is immediately available. He emphasized that much of the current fleet is outdated.

Ms. Mock asked whether the purchase will be made through COSTARS and whether the chassis is included.

Mr. Truscello stated the chassis is through COSTARS, A&H Equipment is a COSTARS vendor, and Hall Chevrolet is also a COSTARS vendor. He stated A&H Equipment purchases components and assembles the truck body under COSTARS.

Mayor Janakovic stated many public complaints regarding road conditions stem from work conducted by utility companies such as gas, electric, and water, as well as PennDOT. He stated these projects are not always well coordinated with the City and asked if that assessment was accurate.

Mr. Truscello agreed and cited Roosevelt Boulevard and Route 56 as examples. He stated PennDOT limited the contractor's work area and milling to a depth of six to eight inches risks damaging street lighting and traffic signal infrastructure. He stated, although the City marks its utilities, contractors sometimes hit wiring or conduits, as occurred recently when lighting wires were damaged and repairs were required on site. He stated PennDOT has directed contractors to mill even deeper next year, potentially 24 inches, which will further endanger City infrastructure installed only about 12 inches below the surface.

Mayor Janakovic asked who is responsible for repairing the damaged infrastructure.

Mr. Truscello stated the City is responsible. He noted that a prior City Manager signed an agreement six or seven years ago transferring responsibility for traffic lights and street lights to the City.

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

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10734

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 WALK BEHIND CONCRETE SAW
AND BLADE FROM UNITED RENTALS A COSTAR DEALER.

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

Mr. Clark questioned the necessity of the concrete saw and blade. It was noted the equipment is
essential for the restoration of holes created during piping work.

Mr. Truscello stated the equipment is a walk-behind saw used to cut pavement more efficiently
and safely. He explained that current repairs require workers to bend over with a small
cutoff saw cutting only two and a half to three inches deep, followed by jackhammering
to square the hole for patching. He noted the new saw has a 30-inch blade capable of
cutting approximately 12.5 inches deep, creating straight, precise cuts through both
concrete and asphalt and allowing holes to be properly shaped before jackhammering.
He stated this process reduces physical strain and improves repair quality.

Mr. Clark stated he assumed the new equipment would reduce work time.

Mr. Truscello confirmed it would and noted most contractors use similar walk-behind saws with
large blades, although the City no longer has one because it formerly used such
equipment for installing traffic signal lines.

Mr. Clark stated the purchase would be funded through liquid fuels.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0).

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Resolution No. 10735

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,
PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING A FORTY (40%) PERCENT HEALTHCARE OPT
OUT PROVISION FOR ALL NON-UNION FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES FOR 2025
AND ESTABLISHING A FLAT RATE HEALTHCARE OPT OUT FOR ALL UNION
AND NON-UNION EMPLOYEES FOR 2026.

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

Mr. Martynuska stated several years ago an incentive was created, approved by finance and City Council, to compensate employees who opted out of the City's health care and instead used a spouse's plan or declined coverage. He stated the original buyout rate was \$1,000 for an individual and \$2,000 for an individual with spouse, family, or children. Mr. Martynuska explained a later incentive set the buyout at 40 percent of the premium, memorialized in MOUs with three bargaining units and applied to non-uniform employees. He noted, because premiums have risen significantly, the 40 percent buyout has grown substantially, with family plan buyouts sometimes exceeding \$800 per month depending on the pay cycle.

Mr. Martynuska noted the AFSCME agreement expired in 2023, the Police agreement expired in 2024, and the Fire agreement expires at the end of the current year. He stated, because the non-uniform employees were included under the Fire MOU language, their enhanced buyout expires when the Fire MOU expires. He explained reverting the buyout to the original \$1,000 and \$2,000 amounts across all groups will produce significant savings for the City. He stated the legislative language from the 2019 resolution must be corrected to align with this change. The AFSCME and Police buyouts have already reverted to \$1,000 and \$2,000, and the Fire and non-uniform buyouts will revert to those amounts at the end of the year.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: None (0).

Resolution No. 10736

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING A SUBDIVISION OF ONE PROPERTY
ALLONG WILLIAM PENN AVENUE.

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

Ms. Huchel explained that the Johnstown Planning Commission reviewed the subdivision and deemed it consistent with Commission regulations.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: None (0).

Resolution No. 10737

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING A LAND MERGER OF SIX PROPERTIES ALONG WILLIAM PENN AVENUE.

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

Ms. Huchel reiterated the Planning Commission reviewed the matter, and combining six properties under one owner into a single parcel is beneficial for development purposes. She stated if the owner later proposes a use inconsistent with zoning that would require a separate review before the Planning Commission. The action under consideration is solely a lot merger.

Mr. Martynuska stated, regarding the first related resolution, one of the properties contains a DCNR-funded playground that the City is obligated to maintain in perpetuity. He stated the City consulted with DCNR and was informed the playground parcel could not be included in the merger. He stated the parcel was therefore carved out, reducing the total from seven to six.

Mayor Janakovic asked whether including the playground parcel would have exceeded a limit.

Mr. Martynuska stated the issue was not a numerical limit but the City's obligation to maintain ownership of the playground property under its DCNR agreement.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: None (0).

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Resolution No. 10738

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
JOHNSTOWN (COJ) AND BUTTS TICKETING COMPANY (BTS).

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

Mayor asked how this resolution differs from Resolution 10729.

Mr. Martynuska stated the matter involves two separate items. He stated this resolution addresses the system itself, as shown in Exhibit A, and pertains specifically to servicing. He stated several fees had been waived and the reservation user fee and no charge reservation service plan apply to the end user. He noted these rates are lower than those of the City's current system. He clarified this resolution concerns the system rather than the enforcement component addressed in the other item.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: None (0).

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Mock requested an update on the Central Park project.

Mr. Martynuska stated the park project is progressing very well and remains ahead of schedule, with a tentative completion date of June 30th, 2026, weather and supply chain dependent. He reported security system options were being evaluated, including an intuitive camera system that could tie into the police real-time crime center, with a potential free Wi-Fi option for Central Park. The construction coordinator from CJL managed minor construction issues effectively, and Straw Construction and subcontractors addressed them diligently. Additional lighting was installed along the walkways, and options for street lighting and bollards at Gazebo Park are under review. Concrete work is proceeding efficiently, with expected pours of 16 to 22 yards per day, and only two

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change orders have been issued, both within the project scope. The fountain remains a separate purchase and is expected to be ordered soon.

Ms. Mock inquired about approval from Straw Construction to post the Caretaker on the City's Facebook page or website. Mr. Martynuska confirmed communications with them regarding this matter.

Mr. Capriotti explained Straw Construction will verify that posting the Caretaker will not be an issue. He added, although the schedule shows a shutdown period, work will continue as long as weather permits, with subcontractors performing tasks such as pulling wire throughout the winter, and coordination will continue to ensure access and support from city staff.

Ms. Mock asked about the trees removed due to root system conflicts and whether larger trees could be used instead of smaller 10-15 foot trees.

Mr. Capriotti confirmed this was still under consideration, with larger trees identified and sourcing assistance provided by Proven Winners to meet cost and timing requirements.

Ms. Mock asked for the total number of trees, and Mr. Capriotti estimated it to be in the 50s, with some funded through a grant obtained with the conservancy and confirmed the trees will not be fruit trees.

Mr. Capriotti explained columnar trees are being used for this layout, as they require minimal pruning and maintenance while providing appropriate root system growth.

Mr. Clark highlighted the number of trees is only part of the landscaping, which will also include shrubs and other plantings. Ms. Mock offered to assist with planting and maintenance if needed. Mr. Capriotti added the Proven Winners grant may provide additional support for maintenance and replacement of plants as needed.

Mr. Martynuska reported Straw Construction donated a 40-foot flagpole, saving approximately \$8,000, and highlighted the repurposing of two fiberglass glider poles for flagpoles at the welcome sign with assistance from city staff and the fire department. Lights for these poles were donated and installation will proceed.

Mr. Clark praised Mr. Martynuska and the team for their foresight and leadership in ensuring that project receipts were submitted on time, noting the project was efficiently restarted and likely to be completed three months ahead of the September 2026 deadline.

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Ms. Mock acknowledged Mr. Martynuska's leadership in negotiating the Millrats contract, emphasizing that his labor negotiation expertise was critical in successfully reaching the agreement and benefiting both the city and the Millrats organization.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NON-AGENDA ITEM

Dorothy Clark, 1058 Boyd Avenue, described her personal efforts to clean the neighborhood, including annual cleanup along the railroad tracks from Osborne Street past Akers Street, where she collected significantly more trash this year than in previous years, totaling 13.5 industrial contractor bags and eight lawn and leaf bags. She also performs daily trash collection while walking her dog, averaging one grocery bag of trash per day. Ms. Clark highlighted the placement of four garbage cans by the 8th Ward Community Group and requested assistance from Council in placing "no dumping" signs along the railroad tracks on Boyd Avenue, "no littering" signs throughout the neighborhood, and clarification regarding any fines or ordinances for littering, noting cigarette butts are considered trash. She emphasized her commitment to maintaining the neighborhood's cleanliness regardless of the outcome.

Mr. Martynuska affirmed the request would be addressed.

Reverend King emphasized the need for "no littering" signs throughout the city and requested information on fines to ensure residents understand that littering is illegal and punishable.

Mr. Clark added enforcement of the fines is critical for effectiveness.

Ms. Huchel noted observing people discarding trash out of their car windows.

Mayor Janakovic suggested reviewing trash can placement downtown, noting while Discover Downtown provided some receptacles on Maintenance Street, other parts of the City lack sufficient disposal options, including areas near restaurants and residential neighborhoods.

Jeffrey Cramer, 176 Berkey Drive, extended congratulations to the newest members of the Greater Johnstown City Council provided an update on the Miracle League, noting the organization has rebranded as the Miracle League of Roxbury Park. He outlined a phased approach for the project rather than raising the full \$3.9 million at once. Phase one includes the field, concession stand, and four pavilions. Phase two consists of a 51-

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space parking lot with 38 ADA-accessible spots and 12 regular spaces. Phase three will include a 7,500-square-foot sensory playground and two bocce ball courts. He noted a contract for geotechnical testing would soon be signed; enabling the permitting process to start in January and construction to potentially begin in the summer, assuming sufficient funds are secured.

Mr. Cramer highlighted phase one costs \$2.4 million and the Miracle League had been selected as the local charity for Spangler Subaru and Subaru of America's "Share the Love" program. He also reported the organization's Facebook page and website are operational, and a general fundraising campaign targeting businesses, foundations, and individuals in Cambria and Somerset Counties was underway. He noted committed private funds of \$491,000 to date and mentioned outreach to additional foundations, businesses, and potential celebrity spokespersons.

Dustin Greene, 312 Chestnut Street, expressed appreciation that the contract to keep the team in the community was being continued. He noted his personal enjoyment of the Millrats over the past three years, acknowledging while his work schedule often prevents him from attending games, he values seeing a full stadium along Roosevelt Boulevard.

Mr. Greene addressed technical issues with the meeting microphones, noting clipping and poor audio quality. He recommended hiring a technician to adjust or revamp the system, emphasizing that he could no longer assist as an AV professional.

Mr. Greene expressed concerns regarding City roofing projects, particularly the potential sale or transfer of roofing materials to another agency. He highlighted the conference center, noting under the current lease agreement, the lessee could acquire the fully renovated facility for \$500 after four years. He criticized this arrangement as unfair to community business owners and emphasized his personal investment in the facility over three years.

Mr. Greene encouraged the City to review the existing lease agreement and advocated for proper bidding procedures, noting that COSTARS procurement can be confusing to the public when traditional three-bid processes are not followed.

Deacon Jeffrey Wilson, Director, Flood City Youth Fitness Academy, provided details on the development of a new playground behind the Flat City Youth Fitness Academy and the demolition of a house on Union Street. He explained the organization met with HUD regarding the playground and emphasized the need for the project was urgent, as the academy served between 180 and 220 children each day who received education, meals, and opportunities for exercise and play. He noted rapid growth in the educational

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program required the conversion of the former indoor arena and roller-skating area into a gym, which had eliminated the primary indoor play space.

Deacon Wilson added the outdoor area adjacent to the building was entirely concrete, and the new playground project would have transformed it into a safe and functional space with both concrete and grass. He stated, once the new playground was completed, the organization already had plans to repurpose the existing concrete playground area by constructing a new building that would serve as the academy's updated arena. Deacon Wilson turned the presentation to his colleague, Oscar Cashaw.

Oscar Cashaw, Flood City Youth Fitness Academy, stated the planned expansion would strengthen the surrounding business district and enhance services for local youth. He explained community partners and donors frequently expressed support for the organization's work with the 180 to 220 children served daily. He noted the program provided a safe environment during the high-risk hours between 3:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., a period recognized statistically as dangerous for unsupervised youth. He added many families were working families, and the organization met a critical need by caring for children immediately after school. He reported the organization recently obtained child care center licensing for youth up to ages thirteen and fourteen, describing these ages as the most vulnerable. He stated staff transported the children home at the end of each day and emphasized that a playground next to the facility would have significantly supported their mission.

Mayor Janakovic asked how the organization had managed funding reductions related to food, education, and transportation while serving such a large number of children.

Mr. Cashaw reported, since approximately 2021, the organization had secured state grants, including a five-year STEM program grant. He added that they collaborated with Cambria County Drug and Alcohol, which renewed its grant on July 1 for another five years, marking the second renewal. He stated most of the organization's funding came from state and federal sources.

Deacon Wilson added the organization pursued alternative financing methods during government shutdowns and expressed appreciation for the signing of the Pennsylvania state budget by Governor Shapiro. He noted the organization employed approximately fifty-six staff members, most of whom lived in Johnstown and were tax-paying residents, contributing significantly to the City. He further explained, although the academy operated independently, it collaborated with the Greater Johnstown School District, and children attending the academy had a seventy percent increase in reading proficiency compared to other children in the district.

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Mr. Britt expressed appreciation for the efforts of Deacon Wilson and Mr. Cashaw. He noted the organization's buses were visible throughout the day and praised the drivers for their careful transportation of the children.

Mayor Janakovic noted the announcement of the November 12, 2025, Executive Session included contract negotiation details with the Millrats, which more details would be provided in the November 17, 2025 Special Meeting

RECESS/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7:53 p.m.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.