

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 12, 2021

City Council met in a stated session for the general transaction of business. Mayor Frank Janakovic called the Public Hearing to order at 5:45 p.m.

The following members of Council were present for roll call:

Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock, Reverend King Mr. Vitovich (7).

Daniel Penatzer, Interim City Manager; Robert Ritter, Finance Director; Richard Pritchard, Police Chief; Bruce Graham, Gibson-Thomas Engineering; Jared Campagna, Public Works Director; Robert Statler, Fire Chief; John Dubnansky, Economic Development Director; and Elizabeth Benjamin, Esquire, City Solicitor, were also present.

STATEMENT BY SOLICITOR BENJAMIN

Ms. Benjamin explained the public hearing was being convened Wednesday, May 12, 2021, for the purposes of accepting public comment on Bill No. 4 of 2021, which proposes amendments to the City of Johnstown 2021 Budget Ordinance No. 5305 to reflect additional expenditures from the Capital Fund for refurbishing of City Hall that was previously approved in the 2020 Budget but funds will be expended now in 2021. And so the 2021 Budget is being amended to reflect those funds.

Bill No. 4 is appearing on the agenda for the 6:00 p.m. City Council meeting occurring later this evening, again on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, and the proposed ordinance amendment was previously approved upon first reading at the last Council meeting and subsequently made available for public inspection.

In addition, notice of this hearing was duly published in the Tribune Democrat on Saturday, April 24, 2021, advising of the scheduling of this public hearing and providing additional information relative to public access.

The ordinance itself prepared as Bill No. 4 again is implementing changes within the Capital Fund that were previously reflected in 2020 that relates to the City Hall repairs and will be voted on later this evening. The purpose of this hearing is simply to accept public comment on the proposed amendments following their advertisement and availability for public inspection.

Robert Ritter, Finance Director, noted that \$147,000 is for the repair of the City Hall roof and gutter system, which has already been started. The second is the

repair of the City Hall masonry including repointing the stone and putting varnish over the stone to keep it from deteriorating.

Ms. Benjamin summarized that Mr. Ritter's comments were also reflected on the City Council Agenda for the 6:00 p.m. meeting noting that the amendments were comprised of roof and gutter repairs in the amount of \$147,322, and masonry repairs in the amount of \$181,425.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Public Hearing concluded at 5:49 p.m.