

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

City Council met in a stated session for the general transaction of business. Mayor Janakovic called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

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

The following members of Council were present for roll call:

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

Daniel Penatzer, Interim City Manager; Alex Ashcom, Assistant City Manager; Robert Ritter, Finance Director; Richard Pritchard, Police Chief; Ed Schmitt, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and passed by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0).

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, HONORS, RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Charlene Stanton, 184 Sell Street, addressed Council regarding Resolution No. 3 regarding the Cheny Run Flood Wall and the vacant property ordinance. Ms. Stanton had concerns as to whether the Solicitor had reviewed and approved an agreement with EADS with regard to the cost of repairs to collapsed channel walls in the stream adjacent to Bishop McCort. She clarified the name of the location is Cherry Run and not Cheney Run and suggested that the name be corrected in the resolution and ownership of the channel be investigated before a vote is taken.

Ms. Stanton commented that the previously tabled vacant property ordinance was amended to state that those vacant lot owners with code violations would be subject to fees and registration. She commented that the lack of code enforcement "would not make the ordinance worth the paper it's printed on" and suggested that the code ordinances be enforced.

REPORTS:

CITY MANAGER:

Daniel Penatzer, Interim City Manager, noted that Westmont police officer John Todaro would be asked to present a proposal to Council regarding the deer population in Stackhouse Park.

A workshop has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 29, 2021 to discuss matters related to code enforcement, preliminary discussion relative to the budget, the American Rescue Plan funding. The workshop with the Act 47 team would be rescheduled for that evening as well.

Mr. Penatzer would like to present the 2022 budget at the October meeting for final approval in November.

He noted that Department Reports have now been included in the agenda.

MAYOR:

Mayor Frank Janakovic reported that the Showcase for Commerce had cancelled its event but was able to conduct grant award presentations. He noted that \$678 million in grants were awarded to various local manufacturers which would add 100 jobs tentatively to local work forces.

Mayor Janakovic thanked all who participated in the Ethnic Fest held this past weekend.

Roughly 100 cars lined Main Street for the car show which was held recently downtown. Mr. Arnone stated 140 cars were present.

The Mayor noted his attendance at the recent Cambria County Library Open House.

Mr. Janakovic noted his attendance at the stimulus summit where he met with other political and business leaders as well as members of the community to discuss the future of the City going forward.

CITY SOLICITOR

Elizabeth Benjamin, Esquire, City Solicitor, noted she would have comments on Stackhouse Park later on in the agenda.

CITY ENGINEER

Ed Schmitt, Gibson-Thomas Engineering, presented on behalf of Bruce Graham for further discussion of two important issues. He indicated that Bruce Graham would continue to be the Gibson-Thomas Engineering representative but that in his absence, Vince Seyko would stand in.

Mr. Schmitt noted that it had been pointed out that he was considered as a potential conflict of interest in that he was also a Gibson-Thomas representative for the GJWA. He stated the engineering firm dually represents many municipalities in a non-voting capacity and noted no issues in that regard.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the landfill survived the recent storm and a letter was sent to the contractor regarding the trench at the bottom of the hill which needs immediate attention. After which the landfill would be presented to the Conservation District and an updated permit would be submitted to make the landfill available for use.

He stated Quaker Sales was given a notice to proceed paving as of September 20.

The ramp project is presently on hold until the downtown sewer project is completed in 2022.

The annual report concerning the MS-4 compliance has been submitted and the matter continues to be monitored with the City staff.

Storm water survey mapping is approximately 50 percent completed. He stated all manholes marked as storm sewers aren't storm sewers and all manholes marked sanitary sewers aren't necessarily sanitary sewers which has slowed progress down a bit but is still moving forward.

Mr. Schmitt noted the storm sewer on Fairfield Avenue is "in bad shape" and he received a call to stop the project. He requested that Council provide an official request regarding the matter. Mr. Schmitt stated he estimates this to be a nearly \$2 million project based on items that were discussed with Terra Works, the contractor. He suggested the matter be taken care of quickly or the contractor

will demobilize and move offsite which would increase costs. Mr. Schmitt requested a meeting with Council relative to being taken off the job. He indicated a meeting on September 15 with PennDOT regarding the matter.

Mr. Schmitt asked Council to consider Gibson-Thomas for additional engineering work next year. He reminded members of the 537 plan put together by his firm at a significantly reduced cost in order to help promote the overall sale to the GJWA.

The City Manager noted the discussion at last month's meeting regarding the presentation for an additional \$50,000 needed for the dump site and a project on Main Street whereby the GJWA intended to abandon the sanitary line and turn over the storm water line to the City. He noted that neither Public Works nor himself knew anything about this matter prior to the presentation and now it has happened a second time regarding these issues. Mr. Penatzer stated that whether members of the firm were voting on issues or not was immaterial. He stated he was not a hard person to contact and he would like to discuss issues where a conflict is arising. Mr. Schmitt requested an opportunity to have further discussion regarding these items. The City Manager suggested discussion regarding coordination on some issues that are underway, and contractual issues and project details need to be discussed at City Hall and not at a Council meeting. Mr. Schmitt indicated the scope of the work has significantly increased on the project.

Ms. Benjamin explained that at this point the matter needs to be sorted out and suggested that the City Manager report back to Council for further discussion and clarification. Mrs. Mock suggested that the City Manager move this matter forward as sufficiently as possible. Mr. Penatzer was in agreement with the suggestions.

NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISONS

Mr. Capriotti had no report.

Mr. Britt had no report.

Mr. Arnone, as Council's representative to the GJWA, he noted that locally the region received five inches of precipitation as a result of recent Hurricane Ida and none of the dams owned and operated by the GJWA reached a level to cause concern. He stated that areas of the City received localized flooding from runoff and nearly all of the Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO) were activated during the storm. And also that the storm showed the need to continue the remaining sanitary sewer project in the Johnstown area. The month of August showed the

highest number of pressure tests. He noted approximately 4,000 pressure tests have to be done within the City or a non-completion rate of 49 percent. Mr. Arnone stated the GJWA would begin assessing a \$25 a month surcharge for customers who have not completed a pressure test or signed an agreement with a contractor to have the work completed. Further information is available at JRA.

Mr. Arnone, Council's representative on the JHA, provided an update of statistical information relating to the population of the public housing communities located within the City of Johnstown.

He reported that as of August 31, 2021, the total population of the public housing communities was 2,669. Section Eight voucher holders totaled 855. This amounts to a total of 3,524. Currently 47 percent of the people within the City of Johnstown are being assisted. Mr. Arnone noted that Section Eight housing is inspected once a year and the only way the federal government would supplement the rental cost is if the property is maintained to its standard. As a result, the JHA raised its standard and made it as strict as it could to comply. JHA would host an event to promote the Section Eight program to potential landlords on September 23, 2021 at the Holiday Inn in downtown Johnstown. Representatives from the Section Eight department will be available to answer questions regarding becoming a Section Eight landlord. A \$1,000 bonus would be paid for each unit that comes under the program.

Mr. Vitovich reported that Public Works employees have cleaned up Cambria City for the upcoming Ethnic Fest, helped with rehabilitation of the Minersville Playground, assisted UPJ freshmen with applying mulch at the Park Avenue and Wood Street Playgrounds and helped with neighborhood cleanups on Cleveland Street, Clover Street as well as other places. Mr. Campagna and his crew were commended for their participation.

Mrs. Mock reported a garage sale will be held on September 25, 2021 to raise funds for additional cameras and other community events and a basket sale in would be held in November.

She noted that the community gardens did well this past season and many residents helped themselves to the products available.

August 19, 2021 Mrs. Mock and Reverend King attended the Moxham neighborhood watch group meeting.

August 25, 2021, a Moxham neighbor requested a joint meeting with Chief Pritchard and Captain Miller to express concerns. Mrs. Mock thanked both for attending.

The Moxham Community Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 25, 2021, 11:00 to 6:00. Chicken and ribs dinners, music, bingo, and other activities would be available on the Russell House ground.

More cameras will be added to the Roxbury Park in the picnic area. The Roxbury Civic Group held an informational meeting with the Cambria County Drug Coalition. An adopt a highway event is scheduled for the fall.

Reverend King noted her attendance at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the ACRP Splash Park. She commended ACRP for that project.

She attended the Showcase for Commerce. Reverend King reported that a job fair will be held on September 28, 2021, from 12:00 to 5:00 at the Pasquerilla Center.

Public Works has started cleanup on the gateway to the City on William Penn Avenue in Prospect.

A ceremony will be held on October 15, 2021 renaming the Prospect Bridge to the Rev. Dr. Andrew Tilly Memorial Bridge.

The Kernville Committee continues to work with Public Works to calm traffic down on Somerset Street near the playground. She noted safety concerns with cars parked in front of the Franklin Street Bar and Grill.

Reverend King will provide updates in the near future regarding the Minersville community.

A recent meeting in Woodvale revealed plans concerning the path of the flood trail on Plum Street. Mr. Arnone suggested that Reverend King contact Father Gulash at Resurrection Parish who is also the administrator for St. Clare of Assisi in Woodvale regarding use of that school hall for meetings.

Reverend King mentioned the COVID task force is back in full effect due to the delta variant and will resume on September 9, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.

This Friday, September 10, 2021, 5:00 p.m. Prospect will hold a give-away of fresh corn and green beans.

Mayor Janakovic recognized a representative from the Johnstown Symphony who was present at the meeting.

He recognized and thanked all involved in making the Ethnic Fest possible.
Public Works was commended for the cleanup after the festival.

PETITIONS:

None.

ORDINANCE FOR FINAL READ:

BILL NO. 9 OF 2021, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING CHAPTER 614 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN TITLED "ANIMALS" BY PROHIBITING HARBORING OF LIVESTOCK OR FOWLS.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.

Mr. Dubnansky explained that upon review of the ordinances, there was none that prohibited horses in the City. There was further discussion regarding the matter.

Ms. Benjamin explained there are already provisions in the animal ordinance. She stated this bill is amended to the overall animal ordinance and is not the only part that regulates animals within the City. She noted a general prohibition of animals being let loose at large in the City and there was also a section on animal waste, which states that every animal owner shall be responsible for the immediate removal of any excrement or other animal waste or refuse deposited by an animal on public walks, recreation areas and private properties.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King,
Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone. (7).
Nays: None (0).

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READ

BILL NO. 8 OF 2021, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, ORDINANCE NO. 4964 ADOPTED APRIL 13, 2005 AND AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 5086 PASSED JUNE 22, 2011; ORDINANCE NO. 5119 PASSED JANUARY 23, 2013; ORDINANCE NO. 5139 PASSED NOVEMBER 27, 2013;

ORDINANCE NO. 5191 PASSED DECEMBER 9, 2015; ORDINANCE NO. 5256 PASSED JULY 11, 2018; ORDINANCE NO. 5309 PASSED JANUARY 13, 2021; AND ORDINANCE NO. 5314 PASSED JUNE 9, 2021 BY PROHIBITING PARKING IN CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL YARDS AND EXCLUDING CERTAIN TYPES OF BARRIERS FROM THE DEFINITION OF FENCE.
(Tabled.)

Mr. Arnone made a motion to remove from table. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King,
Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt. (7).
Nays: None (0).

The City Manager noted previous discussion as to what would make an appropriate parking space in a yard. He recommended that this entire action be "just stopped", that this ordinance doesn't do anything to help the situation. He noted there is already too much to enforce, including high grass, building conditions and junk cars issues. He stated there would be further discussion regarding this matter at the workshop scheduled later on this month.

Mr. Britt commented this "car issue" has been an issue ever since he came onboard as a Council member. There was further discussion.

Ms. Benjamin explained that the matter has been removed from table for discussion. She stated, if changes are to be made, the matter should again be tabled to make those changes and brought back to Council for review and adoption.

Mr. Capriotti suggested stopping the current situation of driving over curbs and sidewalks and tabling the ordinance pending further information.

Mrs. Mock suggested the matter be "rethought out, reapplied but not dismissed, that it has to be dealt with in some fashion".

Reverend King made a motion to table. The motion was seconded by Mr. Britt and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich,
Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti. (7).
Nays: None (0).

BILL NO. 11 OF 2021, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 1480 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN TITLED "VACANT STRUCTURES", ORDINANCE NO. 4810 ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 9, 1998 AND AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO 4855 PASSED MAY 10, 2000; ORDINANCE NO. 4987 PASSED APRIL 12, 2006; ORDINANCE NO . 5083 PASSED APRIL 27, 2011; ORDINANCE NO. 5190 PASSED DECEMBER 9, 2015; ORDINANCE NO. 5221 PASSED FEBRUARY 8, 2017; AND ORDINANCE NO. 5302 PASSED NOVEMBER 18, 2020 CLARIFYING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "VACANT STRUCTURE" AND "VACANT PROPERTY"(Tabled.)

Mr. Arnone made a motion to remove from table. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Capriotti,
Mayor Janakovic. (5).
Nays: Reverend King, Mr. Britt (2).

Reverend King commented that this matter requires further information.

Mr. Britt suggested further clarification.

Mr. Penatzer explained the current vacant property ordinance only applies to structures, and there was no ordinance that applied to vacant lots. He noted that this ordinance is intended solely to make the same rules apply to a vacant lot whether it has a building on it or not.

Mr. Capriotti made a motion to approve as read. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti,
Mayor Janakovic (6).
Nays: Reverend King (1).

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 10447

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CONSENT ORDER AND AGREEMENT DATED JULY 14, 2010 AND FIRST AMENDED ON JULY

23, 2014 AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND ANY OF HIS DESIGNEES TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SAME.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone.

Ms. Benjamin explained that as a result of the sale of the sewage collection system to the GJWA the consent order and agreement with DEP would eventually be transferred so that those obligations under the consent order become the obligations of the GJWA as stated on the agenda. This amendment and agreement accomplishes that.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti,
Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock (7).
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10448

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING A CITY OF JOHNSTOWN SOCIAL MEDIA NETWORKING POLICY.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone.

Alex Ashcom, Assistant City Manager, explained that this resolution addresses conversations with the public to be held on the new social media pages. That it reinforces that social media is not an avenue in a public forum but as an avenue to communicate with the public on events, emergency information and other matters that the public should know about.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic,
Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich (7).
Nays: None (0)

Resolution No. 10449

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, ENTERING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE EADS GROUP, INC. FOR DESIGN AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION FOR REPAIRS TO CHENEY RUN AND AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SAME.

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

It was noted that based on information received from the Army Corps of Engineers the name of the channel is Cheney Run.

Mr. Penatzer explained that this resolution is to engage the firm for design and contract administration of repairs. Ms. Benjamin also explained the resolution is just to award the project engineer.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King,
Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone (7).
Nays: None (0)

Resolution No. 10450

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BISHOP MCCORT CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR USE OF SARGENT'S STADIUM AND ROXBURY PARK.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.

It was noted that daily updates are being provided by the manufacturing company regarding the new turf.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock,
Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt (7).
Nays: None (0)

1. Assessment Appeal Settlement

Mr. Penatzer explained Alletram filed a tax assessment appeal with the county, went through proper procedures and the county and school board have agreed to the settlement amount. He noted the settlement is greater than what the property appraisal was.

Ms. Benjamin explained the motion would be to approve the recommended action which is to execute settlement of the tax assessment appeal to look at a market value of \$225,000 for the 2021-2022 tax year as placed on the agenda.

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

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

Nays: None (0)

2. County Class Action Settlement

Mr. Penatzer explained that this is a class action suit for counties in Pennsylvania, that Cambria County's exposure under this is only \$3,000. The allegation is that all counties were overcharging for the filing of legal fees and \$85 is owed to the City of Johnstown.

Mr. Arnone explained the motion is to approve a release of Cambria County from Chester Upland School District v. Pennsylvania Counties in exchange for settlement in the amount of \$85.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and passed by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0)

3. Fire Training Site

Mr. Penatzer explained the fire training site had to be vacated due to the sale of the property, and this is Council's formal approval.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the agreement with the Cambria County Conservancy and Recreation Authority relative to temporary storage of training site materials at Oak and Murdock Streets at no cost. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt,
Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King (7).
Nays: None (0)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Land Bank

Mr. Penatzer noted the three documents necessary are an intergovernmental agreement, an ordinance authorizing the agreement and policies for administration of the land bank. All documents were given to Melissa Komar, Executive Director, JRA, and hopefully would be able to be acted on next month.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Jared Campagna, Public Works Director, reported the 2020-2021 paving projects for Von Lunen Road, Barnett Street, Osborne Street, Leslie Alley, 4 Place, 900 Place and Cleveland Street and a portion of Frederick was approved in early spring and is tentatively scheduled to begin the third or fourth week of September. Council members had questions.

Mr. Campagna noted Route 56 in both eastbound and westbound lanes behind Sargent's Stadium, would be closed starting Monday, September 13 and will last until the end of November due to rehabilitation in that area.

Chief Richard Pritchard, Johnstown Police Department, reported that new hires are progressing well through training and nearing mid term. Another week of training would be added for crisis intervention team training.

Chief Pritchard reported that speed devices were used on Frederick Street to collect data regarding speeders and may be moved to Cooper Avenue to collect data along that street.

He noted that officers are stopping people with delaminated plates, and those people will be stopped and given a form to submit to PennDOT for replacement free of charge. Mr. Arnone suggested that people be aware that this is a problem that needs to be corrected and should request a form from an officer.

Mr. Vitovich commended Chief Pritchard and Chief Statler for their presence during the recent Ethnic Fest.

Chief Robert Statler, Johnstown Fire Department, reported the vehicle that Council had approved for purchase in February was delivered. He noted the Civil Service Exam notification would be posted in the newspaper.

He stated the future fire training site is owned by the Conservation Authority which is in the process of coming up with a purchase price. Application for grants with regard to the matter would be part of the plan moving forward. There was discussion regarding improvement to the bridge located on the backside of the property.

He noted there were no real issues in the City due to the recent rain event but there were some runoff and storm drain related issues. Chief Statler commented that the Wilmore Dam was never at the point of failure, that it was nothing more than a warning of the water level and stated it had gotten "blown out of proportion on social media".

He reported that the Steel Street property questioned by Reverend King is presently in the hands of the insurance company. There was also discussion regarding a property on the lower side of Russell Avenue that had been partially destroyed by a fire and discussion as to when the Army Corps would continue work on cleaning up the river. Mr. Arnone pointed out that the trees in the river along Washington Street are bent over and could cause damming in that area if there would be another rain event.

John Dubnansky, Economic Development Director, reported that tomorrow, September 9, at 1:00 a ribbon cutting would be held for Innovative Extracts, a new business in the City.

He is working with several community agencies concerning \$3 million of funding available through the Economic Development Administration and the Investing in America Communities Program.

Mr. Dubnansky commented that in the months of June, July and August 626 ticket violations were issued which is the most over a three-month time period the City has ever done.

The hiring of another codes enforcement officer would be discussed during the Workshop.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONAGENDA ITEMS

Melody Tisinger, Bottle Works Arts Center, presented before Council for discussion of support, partnership and funding of the cultural organizations here in the City of Johnstown. She had informational flyers available for members to review. She introduced members from other cultural organizations throughout the City.

Monica Petak, Johnstown Concert Ballet, recognized the efforts of Mike Tedesco, Vision 2025. She stated the Johnstown Concert Ballet is moving forward with renovation to the former Hornick Building and noted the acquisition of the corner restaurant building so that the corner up to the Hornick Building would be revitalized.

Linda Russell, 132 Wertz Road, Johnstown, addressed Council regarding concerns that Wertz Road is a racetrack of speeding cars and requested that 15 mile an hour speed signs be installed from Crest Avenue to Miles Street and two stop signs placed at the corner of Wertz Road and Miles Street. She read letters into the record from two of her neighbors regarding the matter.

Mayor Janakovic additionally reported that a wine event will be held at Sandyvale Memorial Gardens.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

