

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, December 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 6:02 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 Burkhardt, Executive Secretary; Mike Capriotti, Assistant City Manager; and Mark Critz, Director, JRA; were also present.

Mayor Janakovic stated an executive session was held prior to the meeting regarding personnel, litigation, and contract negotiations.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Janakovic requested a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 11, 2025, and Special Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2025, and November 17, 2025.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clark 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).

**PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, HONORS, RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION**

Mayor Janakovic stated he had a proclamation for George's Song Shop. He was unable to coordinate with the owner to be at the meeting and would present the proclamation to him at another time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Charlene Stanton, 184 Sell Street, commented regarding the budget resolution. She stated there was no public notice advertised in the newspaper for a public hearing of the budget. She stated she would initiate court action if the budget was passed during the meeting. She also commented on the condition of the Public Safety Building and stated she had filed a

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formal complaint with the Department of Labor and Industry, who conducted an inspection on November 25, 2025. She added failure to correct all violations may result in legal action and could jeopardize continued use and occupancy of the building. She felt City management and City Council had failed in addressing known hazards and safety concerns. She added health and safety concerns must always be a priority.

Heidi Lanzendorfer, 163 Benshoff Street, commented in support of Ordinance 5377 regarding animal breeding within city limits. She is the founder of Cinnamon's Closet and an active member of Johnstown Animal Welfare Society. She stated there is a crisis level of overbreeding of animals in the United States. She noted most shelters and rescues are at max capacity, leaving many animals on the street. She added cooperation between the City, police department, rescues, and the community would lead to improvements for the City for humans and animals.

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, raised concerns regarding the budget. He echoed Ms. Stanton's concerns about a lack of public notice of the budget. He added he did not see a copy of the budget online; hence he had been unable to review it. He also expressed frustration regarding where members of the public can be when recording the meeting. He stated there should be a public participation policy regarding where cameras are permitted to be located during the meeting.

Dustin Greene, 312 Chestnut Street, echoed the concerns of Mr. DeBartola and Ms. Stanton regarding the budget. He added he was sure the Pasquerilla Conference Center utilities were a line item on the budget. He raised concerns regarding the utilities and phone line at the conference center.

Megan Coward, 105 Sue Street, commended stray animals in the City before being asked to speak at the end of the meeting as she is not a City resident.

#### REPORTS:

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Art Martynuska, City Manager, reported on a notification that the City had received a \$50,000 grant for Roxbury Park. He provided updates to Central Park regarding a new fountain and a camera system, as well as noting meetings regarding the new ParkMobile parking system.

Mr. Martynuska shared updates related to the Public Safety Building including cleaning, fixing water leaks, a possible professional service agreement with EADS, and meeting with architects to look at building enhancements. He added RAC-P funds and ARPA

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funds would be used to bring the building up to codes and standards. He had not received a final report from DLI regarding their inspection in November.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Frank Janakovic thanked all his fellow Council members, present and past, for working with him over the last 12 to 20 years. He also thanked his early mentors, police department, fire department, public works, city administration and the citizens of Johnstown. He congratulated the incoming Mayor and City councilmen. He shared his pride in the many City accomplishments during his time with the City including getting the City out of Act 47 status, DCED's first annual Secretary's Award for Municipal Excellence, funding through Senator Casey and Senator Langerhole, the \$24.5 Million RAISE grant, and the over \$30 million in ARPA funds awarded to the City.

He noted the RAISE grant was allocated for the Train Station, Inclined Plane, Transit Authority, and the Main Street Project. He shared how some of the ARPA funds were used including helping nonprofits, allocations to citizens for home repairs, helping businesses with the loss of revenue during the pandemic, sewage funding, and Central Park. Mayor Janakovic also noted funds had been allocated for work on the Public Safety Building including potential federal funding through Senator Fetterman. He added a new building would have cost between \$20 million and \$30 million, which was unfortunately not possible.

He stated the DEP sewage mandate, while not popular, also allowed for curb-to-curb paving throughout the City anywhere that had to be dug up. Money from selling the sewage to the Water Authority contributed to the underfunded pension funds for police, fire, and public works.

Mayor Janakovic shared real estate taxes had not been raised for at least the past 12 years, possibly longer. He added he would not pretend his term had not been a roller coaster ride, but the City was on the verge of bankruptcy when he was elected. He was proud to say the City was now in the black, and that was accomplished by everyone working together.

Mayor Janakovic concluded by stating it had been a pleasure to work with many individuals, organizations, and businesses to move the City forward. He asked that negativism and naysayers not be allowed to take the City down. He stated the new Council would continue to move the City forward.

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### SOLICITOR REPORT

Aimee Willett, Solicitor, apologized to Ms. Huchel with regards to the timing of Ordinance 5377. She noted the ordinance had been submitted by Ms. Huchel, consistent with the requirements set forth in the City Charter. She noted, due to the timing, Ms. Huchel would not be with the Council for the second read of the ordinance. Regarding the budget, she stated the third-class City Code does indicate the date of passage has to be advertised at least 20 days prior and the budget must be on inspection for 10 days. She added the City Charter does not have the same level of detail. She also noted this was her first budget cycle, and upon reviewing previous years, there had been special meetings or hearings for the budget. When asked, she stated her legal opinion would be to run an ad in the paper, allow the budget to sit for 20 days, allowing for the 10 days of public inspection, and then to act on the budget.

### COUNCIL UPDATES/NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISONS

Ms. Huchel provided a recap of the Planning Commission meeting. She noted concerns from the meeting regarding code enforcement in the City. She suggested helping the Planning Commission and to residents regarding codes would be helpful. She shared ideas for empty storefronts downtown like what had happened in Brownsville, Pennsylvania, after the Hershey biopic had filmed. She added it would be nice for the storefronts to be cleaned up if they are not occupied.

Ms. Huchel noted she was unable to attend the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority meeting but asked Mark Critz, Executive Director, JRA to provide an update.

Mr. Critz shared updates on the Market on Main Street and the lead abatement program. He noted, with the lead abatement, JRA is working on a joint effort with the City that he hoped would be used as a model for other projects in the future, such as blight removal. He noted, in addition to blight removal, the goal was to work with organizations to develop a housing rehabilitation program, identifying homes for rehabbing, and putting them on the market at reasonable prices for people to stay in Johnstown. He also shared continued work with the land bank. He thanked Ms. Huchel for her work with JRA and City Council, as well as Mrs. Mock and Mr. Britt for their work over the years. He congratulated the incoming Council and Mayor-Elect King.

Ms. Huchel thanked all the citizens and employees of the City of Johnstown for the privilege of serving them as a Council person for the past four years. She tried to focus on the concerns of residents and promote transparency where she could. She shared pride in the establishment of the land bank and was pleased to see the start of the City transitioning from blight removal to restoration of properties. She noted most recently working on the

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establishment of a municipal animal shelter. She concluded by stating she was willing to continue helping the City in any way she could.

Reverend King reported on attending the West End Business Alliance meeting, First Responders Ball, and Light Up Night. She stated Light Up Night was an awesome event and enjoyed the setup at PNG Park. She attended the State of the Commonwealth, State of the County, and JRA meetings. She noted upcoming events, including the grand opening of BK Styles on Main Street, Christmas events at the Russel House, and the 16th annual community Christmas dinner at Christ Center Community Church.

Mrs. Mock shared the City has now ended nine consecutive years in the black. She stated, when she joined the Council 16 years ago, there was no City manager or finance director. She noted the prior Council had laid off police, fire, and public works staff. She expressed pride and appreciation for how the City transformed through partnering with great people, JRA, Vision, and other organizations. She added the bond rating increased as well. She thanked both her constituents and critics, noting she had learned from both. She shared her pride, faith, and confidence with the incoming Council.

Mr. Clark reported on attending the Roxbury Civic group, who had shared concerns regarding code violations in Roxbury. He attended the Downtown Business Owners meeting in November, which was also attended by Chief Britton and Warden Wolford. He attended a meeting with Representative Burns, Community Foundation, and church leaders. He noted the meeting related to funding for returning church services and other services to public broadcasting.

Mr. Clark read a prepared statement addressing fellow City Council members and City leaders.

Mr. Britt, it has been an honor to be seated next to you over these past months. Your unique experience and perspective have been truly insightful to me, and I do not take it for granted. I also wanted to thank you for your years of service, not just to our city, but to our beloved country, in the United States Marine Corps.

Mr. Arnone, I would like to thank you for the business expertise that you have shared with me along with your insight into both the Housing Authority and Water Authority. I look forward to continuing to serve on the next council with you. And I also thank you for your service to our country in the same branch of the military Mr. Britt served in.

Mr. Capriotti, I would like to thank you for taking on the position of Assistant City Manager and performing at such a high level for our City. Your hard work, long hours, and dedication do not go unnoticed or unappreciated. I would like to also say that I hope I have filled your unexpired council seat well and that I have carried myself with dignity and class during that time.

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Ms. Huchel, I cannot express to you how much I and this Council will miss the brilliance and passion that you have brought to our City while serving your turn. You have been an asset to our City in many ways and I thank you for your work with the Redevelopment Authority, the Planning Commission, and the Johnstown Animal Welfare Society as well.

Reverend King, Madam Mayor Elect, your wisdom and foresight have sustained me on countless occasions. Thank you for your years of community work that can never be overstated. And I look forward to serving under your leadership for the next four years. Truly, our future is bright.

Mrs. Mock, well, what can I really say? Since day one of having the pleasure of serving alongside you and everyone else on this Council, you and I quickly became close friends and colleagues. You made me feel comfortable with the fact that I could call you at any hour of the day to ask questions about things I did not understand or just needed more explanation on. Your years of service speak for themselves and your impact on our City can never be overstated. Thank you so much for always taking the active role in council and in the community that you have. And surely, we will miss you on this governing body. It is a pleasure to call you a colleague, a friend and an honorary member of the Clark family.

Mr. Martynuska, I would like to first thank you for your years of service to our City and county through the Fire Department and 911 call center. Instead of choosing a different path after those parts of your career ended, you chose to continue to serve. The long hours, the hard work, and the dedication to our City that you exemplify every single day do not go unnoticed or unappreciated. So thank you for all that you do. It is my hope and prayer that the newly elected members of council will get to see and know you for who you really are. When they do that, they will surely see the same humble public servant that I see.

Mr. Mayor, it has been an honor and pleasure to serve under your leadership these past months. I thank you for your years of dedicated service to our City. And I wish you nothing but the best in your future endeavors. I would also like to thank you for your guidance and advice during times that I most definitely needed it. Even if you didn't know I did, I did.

To the entirety of this Council, I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for your vote of confidence in me to take on the responsibilities of this unexpired council seat. When I sat in the audience months ago and heard each one of you vote yes and favor of appointing me to this seat, my heart swelled with excitement and appreciation. But at the same time, my mind remained reminded me of the solemn duty that I was about to take on. I hope I performed that duty well.

And finally, I would like to speak directly to the people that matter the most. The residents of the city of Johnstown. Much has transpired since that day all those months ago. And every step of the way, I have all of you to thank. You elected me not just to a four year term, but to a two year term as well. And you made me the top vote recipient

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out of all candidates. While I am so honored and proud of those facts, I just want you all to know that I do not take your vote of trust and confidence in me lightly. I promise that for the next four years, I will work for you with your best interest in mind every single day. I will not rest until every good thing that can be accomplished within my role on this category Council is accomplished.

As I've said time and time again, I love this City more than myself. Once again, I promise that I will show you that is true through my actions over my full term representing you. It has been and will continue to be the honor of my life to represent the people of the City that I love so very much. Thank you all for everything. And I look forward to working on moving our City forward into the bright future I know awaits us.

Thank you.

Mr. Britt stated it had been an honor to serve the City. He stated, under the leadership of Mr. Martynuska and Mayor-Elect King, the City is in good hands. He had never expected to be a politician and thanked everyone for the confidence he was given.

Mr. Arnone provided updates from the Water Authority, including new service applications, reactivations, service renewals repairs, and flushing of hydrants. He noted the mainline installation lead line replacement program in Westmont was 100 percent complete. He also noted mainline installation work was ongoing on Hudson Street. Mr. Arnone also reported on sewer-related projects, including mainline jetting and inspections as well as pressure testing.

Mr. Arnone shared accomplishments during his time with the current Council, such as bridge replacements, channel inspection, and replacement from Ferndale down to the Tannerville area and other major projects.

Mr. Arnone reported on the Housing Authority. He noted, as of November 30, 2025, the total population of the public housing community was 3,541, assisting an estimated 47 percent of the people living in poverty in Johnstown. He added that all 110 apartments in Prospect are occupied. He shared the fourth graduating class of the Collaborating, Training and Employment program which was held on December 9, 2025. He added that past graduates have been able to enroll at Penn Highlands to secure meaningful employment. He thanked JARI, Penn Highlands, CareerLink, and participating in local business for their assistance with the program. Regarding Choice House Planning grants, he shared activities chosen by committees, including murals and raised gardens within the City.

Mr. Arnone was pleased to share the American Legion was able to assist the fire department with funding for new raincoats. He concluded by thanking everyone for serving with him and stated he looked forward to continuing to serve.

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Mrs. Mock asked for a brief update on the RAISE grant. Mr. Martynuska stated the resolution regarding the procurement policy was another step in satisfying FT requirements for the grant. He stated the grant had been extended. The City has received a letter from FTA on changes in reporting depending on amounts of grants and population amounts.

Ms. Huchel thanked City staff for their efforts with the Christmas markets. She noted an upcoming announcement from JRA regarding the Pocket Park on Main Street.

#### PETITIONS

None.

#### ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READ

##### Ordinance No. 5376

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES, PART TEN - STREETS, UTILITIES, AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE; TITLE SIX - OTHER PUBLIC SERVICE; CHAPTER 1060 - GARBAGE AND RUBBISH COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL; AND ORDINANCES 4275 (PASSED 3-6-1982), 5015 (PASSED 12-19-2004), AND 5274 (PASSED 4-17-2019)

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

Mr. Martynuska stated the ordinance was to clean up language and to create a mechanism if a permit is not obtained for a dumpster.

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).

##### Ordinance No. 5377

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING LICENSING AND PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS, FEES, AND PENALTIES FOR ANIMAL BREEDING WITHIN THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN TO SUPPORT ANIMAL WELFARE INITIATIVES.

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Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the ordinance. Mr. Arnone seconded the motion. Ms. Huchel shared the intentions of the ordinance, which is to combat the overbreeding of animals in the City. She noted it was not intended to create more work for the police department, DCED, or codes, but was to create a mechanism for animal welfare organizations to make sure people are being held accountable for backyard breeding. She added it was to get breeders licensed. She also noted proceeds from licenses and fines would go to animal welfare efforts. The ordinance would also carve out exceptions for 501c3 affiliated animal rescues who are harboring a pregnant animal since such animals are often dumped on rescues. She recognized the ordinance was in the early stages but hoped it would be a start.

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).

#### ORDINANCES FOR SECOND 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

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the ordinance. Mrs. 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).

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

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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).

Nay: None (0).

## RESOLUTIONS

### Resolution No. 10739

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND /OR HIS DESIGNEE TO MAKE ANY/ALL LINE-ITEM ADJUSTMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2025 TO BRING SAID LINE ITEMS INTO A POSITIVE BALANCE, SUBJECT TO A LIMIT OF THE AMOUNT OF TOTAL EXPENDITURES BUDGETED FOR THE 2025 CALENDAR YEAR.

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

Ms. Willett explained, according to Home Rule Charter, at the end of the fiscal year, the budget must be balanced. The resolution allows for line items to be balanced and then a report will be provided to Council in January.

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. 10740

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO INITIATE A FUND BALANCE TRANSFER TO ELIMINATE DEFICIT BALANCES WITHIN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT 2026 OPERATING BUDGET.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve the resolution. 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,

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Ms. Huchel (7).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10741

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ESTIMATING THE AMOUNT OF REVENUES TO BE RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FROM VARIOUS SOURCES AND APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE VARIOUS FUNDS, BUREAUS, DEPARTMENTS, THE PAYMENT OF DEBT SERVICE AND THE PENSION FUND OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FUND SECTIONS, AND THE RESPECTIVE FUNDS BUDGET EXHIBIT DETAILS.

Mr. Clark stated the proper channels of the process did not happen. He added there was quite a bit to review with the budget.

When asked by Mayor Janakovic, Ms. Willett suggested advertising the budget in the December 12, 2025, newspaper and then holding a meeting December 30 or 31, 2025.

Reverend King stated December 31st would allow for the correct timeframes for public review.

Ms. Mock made a motion to table the resolution. 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).

After discussion, it was decided the meeting would be held at 5:00 p.m. on December 31, 2025.

Resolution No. 10742

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE PARKING TECHNOLOGY AND RELATED SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN AND BUTTS TICKETING COMPANY.

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

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Mr. Martynuska clarified previous votes were for the kiosk system, and this was to approve the software purchase.

Mr. Clark commented he would still like to see free parking downtown eventually.

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. 10743

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
PENNSYLVANIA, APPOINTING THE CAMBRIA COUNTY TREASURER AS  
REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, AND  
DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE(S) TO SIGN ALL  
DOCUMENTS AND TAKE ANY/ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ENTER  
INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE COLLECTION OF REAL ESTATE TAXES.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Clark 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. 10744

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA, CONFIRMING UPDATING SIDE-LOT PROGRAM.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the resolution. 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).

Nay: None (0).

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Resolution No. 10745

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA SELECTING A PROPOSAL OF THE CITY GENERAL LIABILITY, GARAGE, PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY AND PROPERTY INSURANCE PLANS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY/ALL AGREEMENTS AND NOTICES NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SAME.

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

Mr. Clark inquired as to additional details.

Mr. Martynuska stated the City is part of an MRM or municipal trust. The premium had increased based on previous losses, as well as an increase by Philadelphia Insurance and by trust. Overall, there was an increase of 17 percent. He noted garage insurance was secured for \$11,000, and there was professional liability insurance for police and the rest of the City.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock (5).

Nay: Mr. Clark (1).

Abstain: Ms. Huchel (1).

Resolution No. 10746

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING A PROCUREMENT POLICY TO ENSURE ALL PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING ACTIVITIES ARE CONDUCTED IN TRANSPARENT & COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER.

Mr. Clark stated there was adequate time to review the entire document.

Reverend King echoed Mr. Clark's statement.

Mr. Martynuska recommended a vote for approval by the end of the year, so another finding would not be required.

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

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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).

### NEW BUSINESS

None.

### OLD BUSINESS

None.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None.

### PUBLIC COMMENT: NON-AGENDA ITEM

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, had questions about the business privilege tax and was considering filing a complaint. He had concerns about transparency. He commented on the officials who were ending their terms. He wanted to see a change in Johnstown.

Mayor Janakovic asked Mr. DeBartola to look at the positives, instead of the negatives.

Rob Forcey, Executive Director, Vision Together, shared comments about an event held at the Masons Temple by the Women's Help Center. The event was a private Christmas party for 180 kids who had gone through the shelter. He was proud to have been a part of the celebration. He shared the library, Center for Population Health, and fire department all played a part in the event. He recommended people look at the photos posted on Facebook of the event.

Mr. Forcey shared, in 2025, Vision Together planted over 110 trees under two grants, distributed \$50,000 in home repair grants, \$50,000 in facade grants and \$50,000 in new business recruitment grants. He invited everyone to their upcoming public meeting.

Mayor Janakovic commented that Santa Fund had also assisted with the Christmas event.

Mr. Forcey confirmed he was correct and noted the event was a team effort.

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Megan Coward, 105 Sue Street, shared comments regarding stray animals in the City. She noted Pennsylvania law states stray animals are the legal responsibility of the municipality, and the responsibility is enforced through police departments and the county dog warden. She expressed concerns at how stray animals are handled in Johnstown, noting she often comes from Richland to assist with stray dogs. She noted a need for a kennel and for the police department to actively handle strays and be accountable. She also noted a need for enforcement of animal abandonment laws. She hoped the compassionate rescuers in Johnstown would be able to work with the City and support a functioning system.

Mr. DeBartola questioned the legality of Ms. Coward being allowed to speak as she is not a city resident. Discussion ensued on setting legal precedents for non-residents.

Dustin Greene, 312 Chestnut Street, wished Ms. Huchel and Mrs. Mock well. He expressed concern over transparency and asked Council to do the right thing moving forward. He shared thoughts on Mayor Janakovic through the years and wished him farewell. He pointed out the image of the fountain at Central Park having been replaced with a photo of Olympic Park in Atlanta and questioned why. He encouraged the fountain image to be put back.

Mr. Martynuska shared the police and fire departments were not represented at the meeting as they were shopping with families at Walmart. He shared over \$30,000 was raised to help 250 families for the holidays. He added the absences were further encumbered by a fatal fire earlier in the day in the West End.

Mr. Clark shared Coney Island would be hosting Santa and Mrs. Clause for an event on December 20th where kids can get a photo, free candy, and a free hot dog.

#### RECESS/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7:39 p.m.

A Special Council Meeting is scheduled for December 31, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

A Reorganization Meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

The next Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting is scheduled for January 14 at 6:00 p.m.