

December 28th, 2015**Regular Meeting-**

The regular meeting of the City of Port Jervis Common Council was held in the Council Chambers, 20 Hammond Street, Port Jervis, New York on Monday December 28th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance-

Mayor Kelly Decker and all members of the Common Council were present except Mr. Belcher. Fire Chief Jeff Rhoades, CDA Director Valerie Maginsky, Building Official David Rivera, Police Chief William Worden, City Clerk-Treasurer Robin Waizenegger and Corporation Counsel William Bavoso were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance-

Mayor Decker led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Youth Report given by Mr. Michael Conklin-

Members of DECA and PJHS Chapter joined Santa in giving out gifts to area children at the annual Holiday Party. Congratulated all PJHS students who received Academic Varsity Letters and to Jack Piscitelli, Wesley Schools and Justin Rodriguez on being named to MSG 2015 All Section IX Football Team. Paddington came to visit the ENL students at ASK and took them on a long voyage around the world. The 1st graders at HBE took a magical trip on the Polar Express. Their classroom was transformed into a train as the children got their golden ticket punched. School will resume on Monday January 4th, 2016. The next meeting of the Board of Education is Tuesday, January 5th, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Senior Report-

There was no report to be given today.

Veterans Report-

There was no report to be given today.

Public Hearings-

Having no public comment

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to close public hearing on Local Law #9.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Having no public comment

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, Seconded by Mr. Bell to close public hearing on the 2016 budget.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

December 28th, 2015**Presentations-**

Mayor Decker presented Mr. Oney, Mr. Hendrick, Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Waligroski with sun catchers made from Gillinder Glass imprinted with the City Seal as a token of appreciation for their time served on the council.

Public Comment-

No public comment

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the minutes of the December 14th, 2015 regular meeting.
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mayor's Correspondence-

Mayor Decker suspended the regular agenda due to inclement weather and asked all council members to give Committee and Liaison reports during old and new business.

Asking any citizens that would be interested in joining a committee to help organize a full scale triathlon in the June, please contact the Mayor at 845-858-4017.

Reminded citizens that overnight parking is now in effect.

Old Business:**Mr. Siegel-**

Asked Robin if we received a response from the school district on allowing the City to use the Middle School for 4th Ward voting.

Robin replied that, no the school district hasn't responded. It was agreed that she would follow up.

Mr. Oney- No old business

Mr. Ritchie-

The IDA will meet January 13th, 2016 at 6:00pm. Mr. Paladino will be attendance.

Mr. Ritchie thanked the outgoing council for everything they accomplished together and looks forward to working with the newly elected council members.

December 28th, 2015**Mr. Hendrick-**

Thanked the residents of the 1st ward for allowing him to represent them over the last 4 years.

Mr. Bavoso- No old business**Mr. Cunningham-**

Garbage pickup for the week of New Year's will be as follows; the 1st, 2nd & 3rd ward will be normal pick up and 4th ward garbage will be normal day but will only be collecting till 11:00am, so be sure to have it out early.
1st ward paper will be collected January 4th.

Mr. Belcher- Absent**Mr. Waligroski-**

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve Jeremy Gunderman, Wyatt Burghardt and Christopher D. Southard for active membership into the PJFD.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Youth Center hours will be follows; December 29th-31st and Jan 3rd 11:00am-3:00pm and Jan 1st /2nd the Youth Center will be closed.

Mr. Bell-

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to pay the current bills for General Fund, Water Fund, and Capital Account for a total of \$504,644.95.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

New Business:**Mr. Bell-**

Thanked the current council for always working together to solve the City's issues

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Hendrick to approve the budget for 2016.

AYE: 6 ABSENT:1 NAY: 2(Ritchie, Siegel) ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mayor Decker-Thanked the public for coming out and discussing the issues regarding the budget and informed citizens of his concerns; he spoke about how low the City's fund balance is well below NYS recommendations and leaving no monies for infrastructure repairs and special projects.

Mr. Bell- worked with Mayor Decker and City Clerk Treasurer to reduce the budget as much as they could. Thanked the

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departments that made cuts in order to reduce the budget.

Mr. Ritchie- Everyone worked hard to get the budget done and agrees with the mayor the City needs to find revenue sources. He believes that the council needs to be more aggressive in getting more businesses to locate to Port Jervis.

Mr. Siegel- Guides himself by what the people want and doesn't believe this budget is what the citizens want. He will be voting no for this budget.

Mr. Waligroski-

Wished Fire Chief Jeff Rhoades good luck, his term as chief will be ending the first of the year. Also thanked the citizens for all their support during his term and wished the new council good luck.

Mr. Belcher- Absent

Mr. Cunningham-

Thanked everyone who voting and supported him during his time on the council, says it's been a privilege. Urged new council to work together regardless of political party.

Mr. Bavoso-

Codes meeting will be held the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Mr. Hendrick- No new business

Mr. Ritchie- No new business

Mr. Oney-

Thanked the 3rd ward residents for electing him to serve. Wished everyone good luck and a Happy New Year

Mr. Siegel-

Housing Authority meeting will be held January 26th at 7:00 pm

Code Committee will meet January 6th at 7:00pm

Plumbing and Electrical will also meet January 6th at 6:30 pm

Mr. Siegel mentioned that he is keeping an eye on the new State Law regarding clothing bins which would impose fines if clothing is left outside the container for any lengthy amount of time.

Thanked the outgoing council members and looks forward to working with the newly elected members and everyone involved with the Codes committee over the last 2 years.

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Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Hendrick to approve the City to be lead agency for the purpose of being SEQRA.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Hendrick to declare negative declarations of the SEQRA that there is no environmental impact as a result of this Local Law.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve Local Law # 9.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Public Comment

Wayne Kidney, 1st ward, thinks the engineering fees the City pays are way too high and knows how hard the council worked on getting the budget as low as they possibly could and he thanked them for that.

Executive Session set-

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to allow Executive session for contractual and to seek advice of counsel with invitation to the newly elected council members..

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to adjourn to executive session at 7:40pm.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting Reconvened at 8:23pm

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to allow exclusive use of the conference room on the first floor of City hall to be used by Mental Health Court.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 DENIED

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve a \$1.00 fee to be charged for a daily overnight parking pass.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 DENIED

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Mr. Cunningham seconded by Mr. Oney to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

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AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer