

July 8, 2019

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 July 8th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance-

All members of the Common Council were present except Stanley Siegel. Also present were Corporation Counsel William Bavoso, City Clerk Treasurer Robin Waizenegger and Deputy City Clerk Treasurer Bobbie Jo Muller.

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm by Mayor Kelly Decker.

Pledge of Allegiance-

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

Youth Report- None**Senior and Veterans Report- None**

Public Hearing – Motion was made by Lisa Randazzo seconded by George Belcher to open the public hearing for Proposed Local law #5 of 2019.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Siegel) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Ms. Randazzo did a complete description and reading of the law for those present. Mr. Ed DeGroat raised the issue of better defining the sign dimensions by width and height for clarity. The Mayor recognized his input noting that it should be modified to indicate which measurements are width and height.

Motion was made by Lisa Randazzo seconded by George Belcher to close the public hearing.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Siegel) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Presentation – None

A motion for executive session was made by Regis Foster, seconded by David Bavoso for review personnel issues in the Police Department, contractual issues with the PJCDA and any other contractual matters as well as to seek advice of legal counsel.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Siegel) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 pm
Council Member Stanley Siegel arrived during executive session.
Meeting Reconvened at 7:30 pm

Minutes Approved-Motion by George Belcher seconded by David Bavoso to approve the minutes of the June 24th, 2019 regular meeting.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

For the Good of the City –

Peter Grech – He read a composed letter to Vladimir Putin regarding the oppression of citizen’s rights and asked if the Council would sign their support. The council declined.

Ed DeGroat – He spoke regarding his request of documents through the FOIL process on 29-31 Front Street and questioned the bill for the sewer and water installation and its payment status.

Business:

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Ms. Randazzo- A motion was made by Lisa Randazzo and seconded by David Bavoso to approve Local Law #5 subject to the change of indicating that sidewalk signs should be 24 inches in width and 36 inches in height.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

A motion was made by Lisa Randazzo and seconded by George Belcher to approve a carbon credit purchase proposal pending attorney review of same.

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The plumbing board and code committee will meet on July 10th at 5:30 and 6pm respectively.

She noted that the Electrical Board has no meetings scheduled for the summer their next meeting will be Wednesday 9/4 at 5:30

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- Gave the Recreation update as follows:

1. Summer Program is underway and will continue through August 16, 2019. City Playgrounds and the Youth Center are open and supervised Monday-Friday between 9:00 am- 3:30 pm. Special events this week include the following:
 - Tuesday July 9
 - Little Chefs at the Youth Center at 1 pm
 - Hockey at 9:30 am and Basketball at 1:00 pm both at Church St.
 - Wednesday July 10
 - Sand Art at the Youth Center at 1 pm
 - Hockey at Church St. at 9:30 am
 - Softball at Riverside Park at 1:30 pm
 - FREE Concert at Riverside Park at 7 pm – The Parting Glass Irish Trio
 - Thursday July 11
 - Basketball at Church St. at 1:00 pm
 - Shoprite Nutritionist at the Youth Center at 1 pm
 - Friday July 12
 - Hockey at Church St. at 9:30 am
 - Special Event Friday at Riverside Park at 1 pm- this week Fencing demo and participation
2. West End Beach is open Monday- Thursday-Friday between 12 pm- 6 pm and on the weekends between 11 am – 6 pm. Please remember to follow all beach rules and swimming is prohibited when lifeguards are off duty. The beach is closed Tuesday and Wednesdays.
3. The Parting Glass- an Irish Trio will be performing this Wednesday July 10 at Riverside Park. The concert starts at 7:00 pm and is FREE of charge. On July 18 Rich Wilson will be performing at 7 pm!
4. On Wednesday July 17 First AG Church and PJ Recreation will be putting on a FREE Movie in the Park at Riverside Park. Arrive to the park by 7:30 pm. Hot Dogs, popcorn and water will be given out.
5. We still have seats available for the NY Mets baseball game on July 25 and our trip to the 911 Memorial and museum on August 13. Please contact the Recreation office for more information. We can be reached at 858-4045, pjrec@frontiernet.net or like us on Facebook- Port Jervis Recreation.
6. There will be no Recreation Commission meeting in July.

A motion was made by Gina Fitzpatrick, seconded by George Belcher as follows:

The Recreation Commission respectfully requests the approval to hire Luke Jones, pending background check as a substitute lifeguard. Mr. Jones would start July 9, 2019. This position is budgeted for the 2019 year.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mr. Belcher-

A motion was made by George Belcher and seconded by David Bavoso to approve the July DPW minutes.

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Garbage pickup will be on the regular schedule for the next two weeks. Bulk waste is available from 7:15 to 11:30 on Saturdays with a dump pass. The brush pile and compost pile is also available on Saturday mornings. The bridge construction project is continuing with night work for the next 3 weeks with lane closures during this work. Yard debris pickup will be on Mondays and must be in compostable bags or cans with brush tied in small bundles. The next DPW meeting will be 8/5/2019 at 6pm in the Council room.

Mr. Belcher noted that the tourism board has not and their next meeting will be 7/10 at 6pm

Mr. Belcher notified everyone that the Carnival for this week has been cancelled. However, the band Night Cap will still perform from 5:30-9:30pm Saturday at the downtown promenade.

Mr. Belcher stressed the importance of the 2020 Census as it drives the allocation of a lot of revenue. He noted that every household will receive an invitation and should respond.

Mr. Santini. He stated that at the zoning board meeting on 7/2 a request was reviewed regarding a variance for the 6 foot fence height at 67 Ball for which a public hearing was set for 8/6 at 7pm which is the next meeting date.

The next planning board meeting is 7/16 at 7pm.

Mr. Foster- The police committee did not meet in June and the next police committee meeting will be 7/18 at 6pm.

The next ADA meeting will be 10/7 at 6:30pm.

He noted that the Police did receive a letter of thanks from the Fire Department for their assistance in dealing with the recent tragedy. He read the letter.

Mrs. Mann- She noted that the Port Jervis IDA has not met since 6/17. The next IDA Meeting is scheduled for 7/15 at 6pm.

Mrs. Trovei- She reported that the CDA met on 6/26 at which time they reviewed the Section 8 administration plan, the need for translators and the recent transactions with the Progress Development Corporation.

A motion was made by Kristin Trovei seconded by George Belcher to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract for services from the Port Jervis CDA in the amount approved in the 2019 budget.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

The next meeting of the CDA will be 7/24/2019 at 7pm.

Mrs. Trovei noted that the finance committee met on June 19th and she reviewed the items discussed including a property auction, capital notes and bonds, the implementation of the new IT system, audit, RFP for Human resources and a potential repair of a reservoir spillway.

The next meeting of the finance committee will be 7/17 at 6:30pm.

A motion was made by Kristin Trovei seconded by George Belcher to approve the payment of bills in the total amount of \$715,041.95.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion was made by Kristin Trovei seconded by George Belcher as below:

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis Common Council is accepting in an Urban Forestry Grant in the amount of \$50,000 and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence for completion of work by September 30, 2019

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NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis hereby authorizes the request for proposals to be advertised on July 9th 2019 with a due date of July 23rd 2019 and to schedule a special meeting on Monday July 29th 2019 at 6pm to award the contract to a successful bidder.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mrs. Trovei gave a reminder of the National Night out against Crime Event scheduled for 8/6/2019 at Riverside Park along with the proud to be drug free parade before the event has begun and that any organization wishing to have a booth at the event should contact Kristin Colley at 845-858-4065 or KColley@portjervispolice.com.

Mr. Siegel – Mr. Siegel made a motion, seconded by George Belcher as follows:

For your consideration and action by the Common Council, Delaware Engine Company No. 2 requests the following member be removed from the rolls for the reason stated:

Nicholas R. McKeon - deceased 06/23/2019

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mr. Siegel informed everyone that grief counseling is available for those experiencing any need after the tragedy by contacting the Fire Chief.

He noted that the Fire Department Annual Inspection Parade will be Saturday July 13th and that here are some other events in conjunction with the parade as follows:

- Photo shot for individual companies as posted on the Facebook page
- Thursday at 6pm graveside visits of past deceased chiefs
- Friday at 6pm a prayer service at the Fireman's memorial
- Saturday Parade line up is at 1pm with step-off at 3pm
- Trophy presentation 6pm at the Bandstand in Farnum Park

He stated that the parade route has been changed such that it will not go down Kingston Avenue due to the sidewalk construction and will end at the reviewing stand near Sullivan Avenue.

The Fire and Emergency Committee's next meeting is 7/15 at 7pm.

Mr. Bavoso- He reminded everyone that the comprehensive plan is in draft form and now the public hearing process will commence. The public hearings are scheduled for 7/25 at 7:05 pm and 8/12 at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Siegel – He stated that due to his late arrival he did not get a chance to warn seniors regarding scams. He informed all that the City Clerk provided him with a bulletin of places to report scams which he will post and is available at the City Clerk's office.

For the Good of the City –

Mr. Peter Grech – He also warned the public about scams particularly on Craig's list.

Mayor Kelly Decker –

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the Fire Department to apply for participation in the Federal Surplus Property Program.

A motion was made by David Bavoso and seconded by Stanley Siegel to approve the application.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

The Mayor noted that he is scheduling a special meeting for 7/29/2019 at 6pm for the purpose of making an award related to the urban forestry grant.

The Mayor reviewed the parade route and also announced the cancellation of the carnival due to contractual issues. First, with the contract not being returned and second with a substitution of another carnival company, for whom we had no background.

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He noted that 2 weeks ago Mr. Grech brought up a letter written on 1/15/2019 which was an advisory opinion on a specific issue regarding a community board in the Bronx and the advisory indicated recommended actions things that the City actually has in place. He noted that the person who wrote this advisory has been terminated from the committee on open government and also noted that advisory opinions are not required to be followed.

As to Mr. DeGroat's comments regarding an open water & sewer invoice the Mayor noted that he did misspeak regarding the payment status and was immediately corrected. He noted that as he is not involved in the day to day business of bill processing. He was aware that that the connection was done up to the building rather than the curb due to the fact that the sidewalk was open during construction and this would prevent future disturbance of the new sidewalks. The line does not hookup to the inside of the building.

Lisa Randazzo - She gave thanks to the organizers and vendors who participated in the Dinner on the Delaware event. The Mayor echoed this sentiment and indicated that this event does the fundraising to support the cost of the fireworks. He noted that next year the event is tentatively scheduled for July 2nd 2020

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion was made by David Bavoso, seconded by Dominic Santini to adjourn.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 7 pm Monday July 22nd, 2019.

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer