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City Council

Proceedings by Authority

State of New York
City of Jamestown ss:
City Council Chambers

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Jamestown, New York was held on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Council President Marie Carrubba, Council Members, Brent Sheldon, Tony Dolce, Vickye James, Maria Jones, Kim Ecklund, Andrew Liuzzo, Councilman Tom Nelson

Members Absent:

Others Present: Todd M. Thomas, Director of Administrative Services/City Clerk, City Comptroller Joe Bellitto, Director of Public Works Jeff Lehman, Director of Public Safety/ Police Chief Harry Snellings, Deputy Fire Chief Sam Salemme, Corporation Counsel Marilyn Fiore-Lehman, Director of Development Vince DeJoy,

Council President Marie Carrubba called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Carolyn Stow of Kidder Memorial UMC.

Councilman Dolce moved to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2019 meeting.

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR

201902A00.01

CITY OF JAMESTOWN)
Mayor’s Office)

To the City Council of the City of Jamestown New York

Council Members:

In pursuance of the authority vested in me by the Charter of said City, I do hereby nominate:

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James N. Olson
106 Arcade Ave.
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be appointed Acting Director of Administrative Services/City Clerk in and for the City of Jamestown, New York, to fill the unexpired term of Todd Thomas, resigned.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire December 31, 2019.

Dated: February 22, 2019

Samuel Teresi
Mayor of the City of Jamestown, New York

Councilwoman Ecklund moved to suspend the rules and vote on the appointment.

Carried: 9 – 0

Councilman Dolce moved to approve the appointment.

Carried: 9 – 0

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE

201902A01

BY COUNCILWOMAN ECKLUND:

RESOLVED, That bills be audited and warrants drawn on the proper funds in payment of the respective amounts, totals as follows: General Fund, Capital Fund, Special Revenue Fund and Trust & Agency Fund \$14,347,373.63

in accordance with the period ending February 22, 2019 copy of which is annexed hereto and a copy to be filed in the office of the City Clerk, and be it further

RESOLVED, That disbursements in the total amount of \$13,168,585.56 and payrolls in the total amount of \$1,178,788.07 as paid by the Comptroller and Director of Financial Services, a copy of which is annexed hereto and a copy to be placed on file in the office of the City Clerk be and hereby are approved.

Carried: 9 – 0

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201902A02

BY COUNCILWOMAN ECKLUND:

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and the Police Chief/Director of Public Safety be and they hereby are authorized to enter into a purchase agreement with DeLacy Ford, 3061 Transit Rd., Elma, New York for two (2) 2020 Ford Explorers in the amount of Seventy-One Thousand, Three Hundred Four Dollars (\$71,304.00), paid for with STOP DWI funds subject to the approval of the Corporation Counsel as to form.

Councilman Liuzzo: Just a comment. I spoke with two Ford dealers and these are very good prices for these vehicles. The two I spoke to said they couldn't come near that.

Chief Snellings: It is based on the existing state contract.

Carried: 9 – 0

201902A03

BY COUNCILWOMAN ECKLUND:

RESOLVED, That the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to enter into a purchase agreement with Jones Chevrolet, 21505 Route 6, Warren, PA 16365 for one (1) 2018 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab in the amount of Thirty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Six (\$34,996) dollars, purchased from winning bid #COJDFS01, which was opened on 2/15/19, subject to the approval of the Corporation Counsel as to form.

Carried: 9 – 0

201902A04

BY COUNCILWOMAN ECKLUND:

RESOLVED, That Police Sergeant Scott Forster and Police Officer Adam McKinley be and they hereby are authorized to attend the New York Tactical Training Conference and Expo to be held in Verona, New York, April 16 – 19, 2019 with expenses paid pursuant to Section 77-b of the General Municipal Laws of the State of New York.

Carried: 9 – 0

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201902A05

BY COUNCILWOMAN ECKLUND:

RESOLVED, That Police Captain Robert Samuelson be and he hereby is authorized to attend the FIO Regional Coordinator Conference to be held in Saratoga Springs, New York, March 20 – 22, 2019. The cost of lodging and meals is included. Remaining expenses will be paid pursuant to Section 77-b of the General Municipal Laws of the State of New York.

Carried: 9 – 0

201902A06

BY COUNCILMAN DOLCE:

RESOLVED, That the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to enter into a lease agreement with Chautauqua County for rental of approximately three hundred twenty-four (324) square feet of office space on the third floor of the Municipal Building for use by the Chautauqua County Public Defender Office, which lease shall commence January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2022 with rental payments as follows:

January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020	\$ 3,900 per year
January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021	\$ 4,200 per year
January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022	\$ 4,500 per year

subject to the approval of the Corporation Counsel as to form.

Carried: 9 – 0

201902A07

BY COUNCILMAN DOLCE:

RESOLVED, That the following claim be and hereby is allowed:

No: 28 of 2018	Irma Capizzi	\$1,026.70
	3622 Towerville Rd.	
	Sinclairville, New York 14782	

Carried: 9 – 0

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201902A08

BY COUNCILMAN DOLCE:

WHEREAS, On January 22, 2002 the Jamestown City Council adopted resolution number 200201C03 that effective immediately and until further notice instituted a hiring freeze for the City of Jamestown, and

WHEREAS, On November 20, 2006 the Jamestown City Council adopted resolution number 200611B17 to extend the freeze to any change in employment from Part-Time to Full-Time status, and

WHEREAS, it has become apparent that within the Jamestown Police Department in an effort to effectively manage the city's day-to-day responsibilities in a cost-efficient manner, it is in the City of Jamestown's best interest to lift the hiring freeze for a certain position, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that effective immediately the Jamestown City Council hereby suspends the hiring freeze instituted by resolution number 200201C03 and resolution number 200611B17 and authorizes the filling of the following positions due to the essential nature of the position.

- Two (2) Police Officers in the Jamestown Police Department (one resignation and one pending retirement funded in the 2019 General Fund Budget).

Councilman Dolce: These are just replacements due to the resignation and retirement.

Carried: 9 – 0

201902A09

BY COUNCILMAN DOLCE:

RESOLVED, That the City of Jamestown Management Employee Guidelines, last revised January 1, 2010, be and they hereby are, further revised and updated, effective immediately.

Councilman Dolce: Just a brief comment that these are just language updates to the charter. All of us were given the revisions over the last week to review. Most things are just clerical cleanup.

Carried: 9 – 0

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

201902A10

BY COUNCILWOMAN JONES:

RESOLVED, That the following person be and she hereby is appointed to the office of Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City of Jamestown for a term of two years:

Kimberly A. Ecklund

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Carried: 9 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

201902A11

BY COUNCILWOMAN ECKLUND:

WHEREAS, On January 22, 2002 the Jamestown City Council adopted resolution number 200201C03 that effective immediately and until further notice instituted a hiring freeze for the City of Jamestown, and

WHEREAS, On November 20, 2006 the Jamestown City Council adopted resolution number 200611B17 to extend the freeze to any change in employment from Part-Time to Full-Time status, and

WHEREAS, it has become apparent that within the Jamestown Fire Department in an effort to effectively manage the city's day-to-day responsibilities in a cost-efficient manner, it is in the City of Jamestown's best interest to lift the hiring freeze for a certain position, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that effective immediately the Jamestown City Council hereby suspends the hiring freeze instituted by resolution number 200201C03 and resolution number 200611B17 and authorizes the filling of the following position due to the essential nature of the position.

- One Firefighter Jamestown Fire Department (One retirement funded in the 2019 General Fund Budget).

Carried: 9 – 0

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201902A12

BY COUNCILMAN DOLCE:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to submit to Local Initiatives Support Corporation an application for grant funding from the “Zombie” and Vacant Properties Remediation and Prevention Initiative – ROUND 2; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents with Local Initiatives Support Corporation should the City of Jamestown be successful in securing funding through said application process.

Carried: 9 – 0

Council President Carrubba: Councilman Dolce has asked to be recognized.

Councilman Dolce: Thank you Madame President. I just wanted to take this opportunity to publicly thank our clerk, Todd Thomas, for his year and a half of service. We wish you well up in the county offices. Your job is very difficult; you do a lot of multi-tasking and a lot of different things. We wish you well and we will miss you. We just got you broken-in and now you’re leaving us.

Mr. Thomas: I regret that it happened in this timeframe. It’s been a pleasure working with everyone and wish everyone the best going forward.

Councilman Dolce: Again, tonight we did approve the former clerk, Jim Olson will be coming back on a part-time basis to fill out the remainder of Todd’s term through the end of the year and then of course next year, new people will be put in. I just wanted to take this time – the good news on this is I still get to see you every week for 4:00 mass.

Council President Carrubba: I’d like to thank you also Todd for working with me as we’ve tried to learn this together. We can’t thank you enough for all your help and support. We congratulate you on your new venture and wish you very well. Again, it’s been a pleasure working with you and I’m sure everyone will miss you. Thank you.

Councilwoman James: I too would like to thank you, Todd, for everything; especially with being new with the Housing Committee and all of your work and your knowledge of the zombie properties and all your background. I just want to thank you. You are a wonderful man.

Council President Carrubba: I would add that we are very fortunate that Jim Olson, during his short tenure, has agreed to come back. When Todd let me know, I was really quite worried as to with a couple impending retirements how we were going to deal with this. There is a lot that

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goes on and people do not appreciate how much goes into setting up these meetings with paperwork and getting all the notices out to the paper and everyone else that needs to be notified. There's a lot that happens behind the scenes and we only see a little bit of what happens. Thank you again for everything you've done to keep it running smoothly.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Todd Thomas, Director of Administrative Services/ City Clerk