

Minutes

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday, July 14, 2025

7:00 P.M.

Police Training Room, Fourth Floor
Municipal Building, Jamestown, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jeff Russell, Councilman Paterniti, Councilman William Reynolds III

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk Jennifer R. John, Police Chief/Director of Public Safety Timothy Jackson, Interim Deputy Fire Chief Ryan Roush

Councilman Russell called the meeting to order.

Opportunities for Public Comment

Margaret Connelly of 214 Fulton Street, Apartment 1, Jamestown, appeared before the Public Safety Committee to discuss concerns she is having in the neighborhood. She would like Chief Jackson or Deputy Chief Forster to respond to the issues on her street. She doesn't feel like she is being treated fairly when concerns arise.

Councilman Russell informed Ms. Connelly that the concerns she has brought forth are civil matters that should be handled by the landlord. The Public Safety Committee is not the proper place to discuss these matters. Councilman Russell also recommended that she speak again to Chief Jackson regarding her concerns.

Resolutions

1. WHEREAS, the County of Chautauqua heretofore applied for State funding under the New York State Division of Criminal Justices Services GIVE Grant Program for 2025 and,

WHEREAS, the County's application has been approved and a portion of the grant funds must be shared with the City of Jamestown Police Department, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Police Chief be and they hereby are authorized and directed to participate in GIVE for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 with funding in the amount of Three Hundred Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Eighty Dollars and No Cents (\$309,980.00) provided by the State of New York.

- This resolution also appears on the Finance Agenda.

Councilman Reynolds moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Paterniti.

Carried: 3 – 0

2. 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, 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 authorized the filling of the following position due to the essential nature of the position.

- One full-time Crime Analyst position in the Jamestown Police Department
- This resolution also appears on the Finance Agenda.

It was noted that the DA fills the position for the STRIVE Coordinator.

Councilman Reynolds moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Paterniti.

Carried: 3 – 0

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WHEREAS, it has become apparent that within the Jamestown Police Department, 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 authorized the filling of the following position due to the essential nature of the position.

- One full-time GIVE Coordinator position in the Jamestown Police Department
- This resolution also appears on the Finance Agenda.

Councilman Reynolds moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Paterniti.

Carried: 3 – 0

4. 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

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WHEREAS, it has become apparent that within the Jamestown Police Department, 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 authorized the filling of the following positions due to the essential nature of the positions.

- Two police officers in the Jamestown Police Department.
- This resolution also appears on the Finance Agenda.

It was noted that these are budgeted position.

Councilman Paterniti moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Reynolds.

Carried: 3 – 0

5. RESOLVED, that Officers Justin Conti, Mark Conklin, and Kaitlin Promber be, and hereby are, authorized to attend the International Homicide Seminar to be held at the Crowne Plaza Desmond Hotel in Albany, NY from September 21st through September 26th, 2025, with all expenses paid by the Chautauqua County District Attorney's Office.

- This resolution also appears on the Finance Agenda.

Councilman Reynolds moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Paterniti.

Carried: 3 – 0

Informational Report

6. Special Event: Scandinavian Folk Festival, to be held on Saturday, July 19, 2025 and Sunday, July 20, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. (including set up and tear down), on Lafayette Street, between 2nd and 3rd Streets.

Councilman Reynolds moved to approve the special event as presented, seconded by Councilman Paterniti.

Carried: 3 – 0

7. Special Event: Vacation Bible School Outreach, to be held on Saturday, July 26, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 pm. (including set up and tear down), at Jackson-Taylor Park.

Councilman Reynolds moved to approve the special event as presented, seconded by Councilman Paterniti.

Carried: 3 – 0

8. Special Event: Lucille Ball Comedy Festival, to be held on Saturday, August 9, 2025 – Sunday, August 10, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. (including set up and tear down) on 2nd Street between Jefferson and Washington Street, and August 8, 2025 – August 11, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (including set up and tear down) on the east lane of Jefferson Street, between 2nd and 3rd Streets. Note: It is requested that music be played until 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 9, 2025.

Councilman Paterniti moved to approve the special event as presented, seconded by Councilman Reynolds.

Carried: 3 – 0

9. Special Event: Downtown Jamestown Cruise In, to be held on Friday, August 15, 2025 from 3:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. (including set up and tear down) on 3rd Street between Washington and Spring Streets, Cherry Street between 2nd and 4th Streets, Main Street between 2nd and 4th Streets, and Pine Street between 2nd and 4th Streets.

Councilman Reynolds moved to approve the special event as presented, seconded by Councilman Paterniti.

Carried: 3 – 0

10. Block Party: Peterson Street from Scioto to Benedict Streets, on July 3, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

- This Block Party was approved electronically.

11. Block Party: 3rd Street, from Cook to Lakin Avenues, on August 9, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The committee expressed concern over closing 3rd Street. They discussed that if this were to be approved, signage would need to be placed ahead of the closure on the east and west bound lanes. Clerk/Treasurer John suggested that the requestor consider closing Cook Avenue or Lakin Avenue instead of 3rd Street.

Councilman Reynolds moved to table the block party until the August 4, 2025 Public Safety Meeting, seconded by Councilman Paterniti.

Carried: 3 – 0

12. Zoning Change Discussion.

The change was discussed in the Housing Agenda and was placed on the Public Safety Agenda as the Local Law will come through that committee if approved.

Councilman Reynolds referenced an article about e-bike misuse in Clarence and East Aurora. They are looking into implementing new laws to combat the problem. E-bikes continue to be a problem in the City of Jamestown. The committee will continue to work with Chief Jackson about dealing with this dangerous situation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

City Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer R. John