

Minutes

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday, September 8, 2025

7:00 P.M.

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

Councilman Russell called the meeting to order.

Opportunities for Public Comment

No one from the public appeared to speak before the Public Safety Committee.

Resolutions

1. WHEREAS, the County of Chautauqua heretofore applied for State funding under the New York State Discovery 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 to accept funding in the amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) 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, the City of Jamestown heretofore applied for State funding under the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Police Traffic Services Program for 2025 and 2026 and,

WHEREAS, the City's application has been approved, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Police Chief be and they hereby are authorized and directed to participate in the Police Traffic Services Program for the period of one year with funding in the amount of Eight Thousand, Six Hundred Eighty Dollars and No Cents (\$8,680.00) provided by the State of New York.

- This resolution also appears on the Finance Agenda.

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

Carried: 3 – 0

3. 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.

Up to eight on-call matron positions in the Jamestown Police Department.

- This resolution also appears on the Finance Agenda.

Chief Jackson explained what the position of matron entails, and expressed the need to hire. They will be part time, on call.

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

Carried: 3 – 0

4. RESOLVED, that Mayor Kimberly A. Ecklund, and Director of Public Safety Timothy Jackson be, and they hereby are, authorized to enter into an agreement with the City of Jamestown School District for providing School Resource Officers in the Jamestown Public Schools for a term of one (1) year beginning September 1, 2025 and ending August 31, 2026, subject to the approval of the Corporation Counsel as to form.

- This resolution also appears on the Finance Agenda.

It was noted that this is a ten-month position, however, the resolution shows twelve months. This should be changed to match the MOU with an end date of June 30, 2026.

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

Carried: 3 – 0

Informational Report

1. Block Party: Pine Street, from 2nd to 3rd Streets, on October 11, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

Councilman Paterniti moved to approve the block party, seconded by Councilman Reynolds.

Carried: 3 – 0

Councilman Reynolds referenced a letter that came from Senator Borello's office regarding safety concerns, landlord concerns, drug problems, etc. This constituent resides in Councilman Reynold's ward. He would like to get a collective letter put together to respond to the constituent.

Chief Jackson noted that all of the Crossing Guard positions are filled.

Councilman Paterniti expressed his concern over the E-Bikes. They continue to drive unsafely and too fast.

Councilman Russell noted that there are 75 children that live at Bradmar, which should warrant a crosswalk from the housing complex and Jefferson Middle School.

Councilman Paterniti moved adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Reynolds.

Carried: 3 – 0

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

City Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer R. John