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City Council

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

A Public Hearing of the City Council of the City of Jamestown, New York was held on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council President Dolce, Councilman Sheldon, Councilwoman Brackman, Councilman Paterniti, Councilman Reynolds, Councilman Faulkner, Councilman Bonfiglio, Councilman Daversa, Councilman Russell

MEMBERS ABSENT:

COUNCIL ELECT: Councilman Elect Scotchmer, Councilman Elect Gonzalez, Councilwoman Elect Jaroszynski, Councilman Elect Engquist

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Kimberly A. Ecklund, City Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer John, Corporation Counsel Elliot Raimondo, Comptroller Ericka Thomas, Director of Public Works Mark Roetzer, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor Ashlan Daviws.

LEGAL NOTICE

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section C-39.E. of the Charter of the City of Jamestown, New York, the City Council’s Budget and Capital Improvement Program for fiscal year 2026 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk, 200 E. 3rd Street, Jamestown, New York, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (legal holidays excepted), at the Prendergast Library, 509 Cherry Street, Jamestown, New York and on the city’s website at www.jamestownny.gov/budget . A summary of the City Council’s Budget and Capital Improvement Program for fiscal year 2026 is as follows:

City of Jamestown
2026 General Fund Budget

Expenditures

Salaries	\$20,196,870.00
Benefits	\$14,060,742.00
Contractual	\$6,609,135.00
Debt Service	\$1,825,887.00
Capital	\$2,730,000.00
Equipment	<u>\$155,429.00</u>

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Total \$45,578,063.00

Revenues

Property Taxes	\$17,966,786.00
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$3,340,616.00
Misc. Revenues	<u>\$24,270,661.00</u>
Total	\$45,578,063.00

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Municipal Building, 200 E. 3rd Street, Jamestown, New York on the City Council's Budget and Capital Improvement Program for fiscal year 2026.

Anthony Dolce
City Council President

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PUBLIC COMMENT

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Doug Champ of 225 Bowen Street, Jamestown, appeared before the City Council discuss the Mayor's Executive Budget and address concerns over allowable uses of funds. He spoke about the five items that the undesignated fund balances can be used for. He would like to see a policy in place for the fund balance adopted, to outline appropriate levels and uses for the monies.

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Councilman Bonfiglio made comments regarding his concern with the lack of revenue and the population decline. He noted that non-profit organizations receive services, that taxpayers pay for. He has been brainstorming ideas to be reimbursed somehow for services provided.

Councilman Paterniti stated that many non-profit organizations do make payments and help contribute to the city.

Council President Dolce noted that those that do make payments, do so voluntarily. It is not mandatory. There are a lot of legal requirements around a 501C3 status organization. The City Council does not have the ability to mandate that those organizations make payments.

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If the budget were to pass, with the allocation from the fund balance it brings concerns. Over the years the amount has gone up and down, and with the help of ARPA funds, things were a little less tight.

Councilman Sheldon noted that in 2026, the BPU will be making a PILOT payment to the city for a little over four million dollars, it was around two hundred thousand this year.

Corporation Counsel Raimondo noted that other cities have worked with their utility companies to recoup some funding from non-profit agencies. If the city decided to try that route, there would have to be extensive meetings with the BPU, etc. to make that work.

There was a discussion regarding the fund balance and how concerning it is to not have the recommended two months operating budget set aside.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer R. John
City Clerk/ Treasurer