

Minutes

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Monday, January 12, 2026

7:30 P.M.

Municipal Building, Jamestown, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council President Brackman, Councilman Sheldon, Councilman Dolce, Councilman Scotchmer, Councilwoman Jaroszynski, Councilman Faulkner, Councilman Bonfiglio, Councilman Engquist, Councilman Gonzalez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Others Present: Mayor Kimberly Ecklund, City Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer John, Comptroller Ericka Thomas, Deputy Director of Housing, Policy, and Development Kasie Foulk, Director of Public Safety/Police Chief Timothy Jackson, Corporation Counsel Elliot Raimondo, Interim Deputy Fire Chief Ryan Roush, Acting Director of Public Works Mark Roetzer, Mayor's Executive Assistant Joseph Calimeri

Council President Brackman called the meeting to order and asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Opportunity for Public Comment

No one from the public appeared before the City Council to speak.

Standing Committees

Housing Committee

Councilwoman Jaroszynski provided an update on the Housing Committee meeting. Kasie Foulk spoke before the committee regarding the CAPER.

Finance Committee

Resolutions

1. RESOLVED, that warrants be drawn and paid to the respective owners and paying agent the sum of Four Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand, Four Hundred Nineteen Dollars and No Cents (\$452,419.00) in accordance with the bond a note requirements as follows:

Public Improvement Bonds, issue of November 19, 2013, defeasance of 2004 Chautauqua County IDA Bonds, Four Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$415,000.00) in principal and Thirty-Seven Thousand, Four Hundred Nineteen Dollars and No Cents (\$37,419.00) for six months' interest at 1.8% per annum on One Million, Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$1,950,000.00).

Note: This is the first of two payments scheduled for this year. The second interest only payment is due August 1, 2026.

The committee agreed to place this resolution on the January 26, 2026 Voting Session Agenda.

2. RESOLVED, that warrants be drawn and paid to the respective owners and paying agent the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$229,175.00) in accordance with the bond and note requirement as follows:

Public Improvement Bonds Series A, issue of April 22, 2015, One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$195,000.00) in principal and Thirty-Four Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$34,175.00) for six months' interest at 3.00% per annum on Two Million, Two Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$2,265,000.00).

Note: This is the first of two payments scheduled for this year. The second interest only payment is due 7/15/2026.

The committee agreed to place this resolution on the January 26, 2026 Voting Session Agenda.

3. RESOLVED, that warrants be drawn and paid to the respective owners and paying agent the sum of Three Hundred Forty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred Forty-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$344,445.00) in accordance with the bond and note requirements as follows:

Public Improvement Bonds, issue of March 3, 2021, Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$290,000.00) in principal and Fifty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred Forty-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$54,445.00) for six months' interest at 1.70% per annum on Four Million, Seventy-Nine Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$4,079,000.00).

Note: This is the first of two payments scheduled for this year. The second interest only payment is due September 1, 2026.

The committee agreed to place this resolution on the January 26, 2026 Voting Session Agenda.

4. RESOLVED, that warrants be drawn and paid to the respective owners and paying agent the sum of Three Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$338,250.00) in accordance with the bond and note requirements as follows:

Public Improvement Bonds, Refunding 2011 Bonds, issue of October 15, 2020, Three Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$330,000.00) in principal and Eight Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$8,250.00) for six months' interest at 2.5% per annum on Three Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$330,000.00).

Note: This is the FINAL payment on the 2011A bond.

The committee agreed to place this resolution on the January 26, 2026 Voting Session Agenda.

5. RESOLVED, that Officers Adam Deuble and Daniel Torres be, and hereby are, authorized to attend the New York Tactical Training Conference and Expo to be held April 13 through April 17, 2026 in Verona, New York with expenses paid pursuant to Section 77-b of the General Municipal Laws of the State of New York.

The committee agreed to place this resolution on the January 26, 2026 Voting Session Agenda.

6. RESOLVED, That the Mayor be and she hereby is authorized to execute Change Order #1 with Genesee Valley Construction, LLC, 7923 State Route 19A, Portageville, NY 14536 for Cured-In-Place (CIPP) for Storm Sewer – Various Locations based on the Change Order for a total increase amount of Twenty-Four Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$24,800.00) subject to the approval of Corporation Counsel as to form.

The committee agreed to place this resolution on the January 26, 2026 Voting Session Agenda.

Informational Report

Comptroller Ericka Thomas reported that taxes are being received in the City Clerk's Office a little slower this year than in the past. The 4th quarter sales tax payment will be received around January 20, 2026. Additionally, the 2025 audit prep work has begun.

Public Safety Resolutions

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- This resolution also appears on the Finance Agenda.

The committee agreed to place the resolution on the January 26, 2025 Voting Session Agenda.

Informational Report

2. Tower Rate Card Request – Anthony Yachetta, TCP Towing and Recovery.

The committee approved the rate card request as presented.

3. Special Event – St. Pat's Dash, to be held on Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. (including set up and tear down). W. 3rd St. to be closed between Jefferson and Lafayette Streets.

The committee approved the Special Event as presented.

The committee discussed possible traffic pattern changes near Love School to aid in school safety.

Public Works Committee

Resolutions

1. RESOLVED, That the Mayor be and she hereby is authorized to execute Change Order #1 with Genesee Valley Construction, LLC, 7923 State Route 19A, Portageville, NY 14536 for Cured-In-Place (CIPP) for Storm Sewer – Various Locations based on the Change Order for a total increase amount of Twenty-Four Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$24,800.00) subject to the approval of Corporation Counsel as to form.
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Informational Report

The committee discussed the change order process and were comfortable with the responses as per the reasoning. They also discussed increasing the amount of lighting in parks, and speed zones near schools and parks.

Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Ecklund spoke on the streaming app. as it was not working properly and noted that tonight's meeting will be uploaded to the website ASAP. She reminded the public that the Municipal Building will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2026 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday. She welcomed new council members and encouraged them to reach out to department heads with any questions.

Executive Session

There was one potential litigation item for Executive Session. Councilman Dolce moved to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Bonfiglio at 7:45 p.m., the motion was carried 9 – 0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer R. John
City Clerk/Treasurer