

Council Meeting July 12, 2021

The regular meeting of the City of Port Jervis Common Council was held in the Council Chambers, 20 Hammond Street, Port Jervis, New York on Monday July 12th, 2021, at 6:30 pm

All members of the Common Council were present except Gerald Oney, Jr., Timothy Simmons and Stanley Siegel. Also, present were Corporation Counsel William Frank, City Clerk Treasurer Bobbie Jo Muller, and Account Clerk Dorothy Braid.

Mayor: It is 6:30 PM, Monday, July 12th, 2021. I'll call the meeting of the Port Jervis Common Council to order. Please rise for the pledge. We do have a very small flag here.

Audience: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Mayor: Thank you. I'm going to first start with our roll call for transcription. Mayor Kelly Decker present. Ms. Randazzo.

Lisa Randazzo: Councilman at Large Lisa Randazzo present.

Mayor: Mr. Foster.

Regis Foster: 1st Ward Councilman Regis Foster present.

Mayor: Mr. Santini.

Dominick Santini: 1st Ward Councilman Dominick Santini present.

Mayor: Ms. Campbell.

Chandler Campbell: 2nd Ward Council Chandler Campbell present.

Mayor: Ms. Mann.

Maria Mann: 2nd Ward Council Maria Mann present.

Mayor: Ms. Trovei.

Kristin Trovei: Kristin Trovei, 3rd Ward Council, present.

Mayor: And Mr. Frank.

William Frank: William Frank, Corporation Counsel, present.

Mayor: Thank you. We will start with I'll entertain a motion to open the public hearing on CDBG.

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Lisa Randazzo: So moved.

Dominick Santini: Second.

Mayor: Motion by Ms. Randazzo. Second by Mr. Santini. Discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed. So carried, and I will turn it over to Ms. Maginsky.

Valerie Maginsky: Okay. Good evening, everyone, council and public. Thank you for attending this evening. The mayor just opened a public hearing for discussion and suggestions with regards to future CDBG projects within the City of Port Jervis. These are HUD projects, financed, and then the monies go to the State of New York. And then the State of New York transfers it down through grant applications to various municipalities. And in this case, it is the City of Port Jervis, which is a non-entitlement community, meaning the City of Port Jervis does not get an annual gift of funds. It has to compete for everything. And traditionally, we've done quite well with regards to infrastructure, public facilities, et cetera. Coming up in July, July 30th, applications will be closing. That's a rather short timeframe this year due to my absence with regards to vacation and et cetera. But however, this discussion is open for this application as well as suggestions for future applications. So, it is something that we keep track of.

Valerie Maginsky: The last time we had a public hearing, there was one comment that came from the public. It was transferred to the mayor and various department heads. It was a suggestion for sidewalks around the West End Beach area, and that request is being processed, and some possible sidewalks are being considered. So, this process actually does work. If anyone does have a suggestion, it's certainly taken under consideration. So, at this point, we are looking at the application for CDBG programming for public facilities and public infrastructure. Maximum is \$1 million for public infrastructure. The city has been working on the wastewater system over the last couple of years. And to date, the city has received \$1,750,000 for materials and equipment that are being used to reline the over 100-year-old wastewater lines throughout Port Jervis. The city has over 33 miles of wastewater lines, and all of them need improvement. So that's been one of our major concerns. Beyond that, the city has also received a sidewalk grant for \$300,000, and that is for upper Pike Street. So, at this point, I open it up for discussion, questions, suggestions, issues. And Mayor can direct accordingly.

Mayor: So obviously, our major discussion with this and that we're going to put an application in is for the sewer system again, just to add on to as much as we can get. But does anyone from the council have any suggestions for any more?

Will Frank: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor: Yes, sir?

Regis Foster: Can we just for record purposes just clarify for the public what CDBG stands for?

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Mayor: Community Development Block Grant is what its official terminology is. The acronym is CDBG.

Will Frank: Thank you Mr. Mayor

Mayor: Anyone from the public? Any ideas? Okay. So I think our focus needs to be the sewer.

Regis Foster: Yeah. That's what I was going to say. The biggest thing is the sewer. The mayor had mentioned it, that was on my mind.

Valerie Maginsky: Yes. So the suggestion is to apply for another \$1 million. And that is with the understanding with DPW and the City Engineer Farr that we will be accelerating the repair process under the phase two, which was just received. So that was \$1 million. And again, it would be for material, and the DPW would continue with the work. And that will work in conjunction with the recent EFC \$20 million hardship application. Okay? Comments are open until the end of day, end of workday July 16th. So the public is welcome to send an email or make a comment. There is the city website that's open for commentary. And also, my email is director@pjca.org.

Mayor: Okay. I'll entertain a motion to close the public hearing.

Will Frank: Oh, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor: Yes, sir.

Will Frank: Assuming there's no comments from the public, if we could make the motion to close this portion of public hearing but keep it open for written comments to Valerie's date, please.

Mayor: Okay. So to revise that, to close this portion of the CDBG public hearing but keep open comments directly to Valerie or to the mayor's office.

Will Frank: Just put the date in the record upon which-

Mayor: July 16th.

Will Frank: Right, upon which the public hearing will be closed after that date.

Mayor: Thank you.

Will Frank: Thank you.

Lisa Randazzo: So moved.

Mayor: Ms. Randazzo.

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Kristin Trovei: Second.

Mayor: Second by Ms. Santini. Again, we're going to have this problem, right? Ms. Trovei. I'm sorry. You know why? I'm looking at him, and I'm listening to you. Sorry. I apologize.

Lisa Randazzo: Maria had a question.

Maria Mann: Is four days sufficient time for the public to actually get an opportunity?

Mayor: Four days?

Maria Mann: I mean they're just hearing about it, and there may be some that are on Facebook.

Mayor: Well, it was posted, that within 15 days. It was in the paper.

Valerie Maginsky: It was posted, and according to regulations, comments do typically come in sooner rather than later. And beyond that, those comments are always a topic that we maintain. We maintain every single communication that comes in. So if not for this application, then future applications, whether they're housing, infrastructure, micro enterprise. There are some different rolling applications. So it doesn't necessarily end on July 30th. However, this coincides with the New York State Consolidated Funding application process. So that's where we are today.

Mayor: Okay. Any other questions?

Lisa Randazzo: Just a comment that I know that those others are open, but this specific one is specific to public facilities and public infrastructure. Just so no one gets confused with the other items. They can make a recommendation of anything. This particular grant is specific to those items.

Valerie Maginsky: The grant that the city is most interested in applying for would be the public infrastructure at this point. There's also public planning grants, et cetera. So, for instance, a public planning grant only goes up to \$50,000. It's specific to certain issues. These are the ones that are open at the moment: planning, infrastructure and facilities.

Mayor: All in favor?

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So, carried. Thank you. I am going to change the agenda just a little bit. Normally, we would go into executive session now, but I'm going to jump over to our first public comment because I do know that there are folks here with young children that want to speak, so. Thank you. I apologize. Your first name, it's-

Lourriston Potter: It's very difficult to pronounce. It's Lourriston Potter.

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Mayor: Lourriston. Mr. Potter. Lourriston Potter. Yes, sir. The floor is yours.

Lourriston Potter: My name is Lourriston Potter. I'm the president and founder of the Capitol Social Club Tree. And we started in last year, 4/1/2020. We are a tax-exempt organization. And some of the things that we do is we address the needs-

Will Frank: Excuse me. Just want to make sure everybody hears you.

Lourriston Potter: I'm sorry. We address the needs in some underprivileged communities. And on July 22nd of this month, we put in for application for a barbecue cookout, our event for the community, free admission, lots of entertainment. We got the permit from the Department of Health, or given us the permit to do so. We got the insurance. We got everything that's required to do so, and I stand before you to get approval. This event represents for the community of Port Jervis that suffered from the pandemic, the COVID-19 having everyone cooped up in their houses, a lot of new families, a lot new people that moved into the community. This give us the opportunity to have a family day or get to know the people that are in the community, your neighbor, and not be strangers, just to give us a way to just be social because, again, the COVID-19 had a social effect on many nations, many communities. And again, that's what I stand here for.

Mayor: Thank you. You are on the agenda for approval, number five, under my comments. So, we have to get down through that. It's going to be awhile, but we are bringing it up for approval tonight.

Lisa Randazzo: We have a couple questions.

Mayor: Sure. Sure. Go ahead.

Kristin Trovei: Yes, we did see your application. And I just had one question because you have entertainment coming. You had said that you would need the stage, but our stage isn't ... our stage is in disrepair right now. I'm not sure if it'll even be able to make it....

Mayor: It can't. It can't.

Kristin Trovei: ... to Church Street. So, I'm wondering if you were set on Church Street Park. Or maybe Riverside Park would be a good spot for you because they have the stage and pavilion already there.

Regis Foster: Great stage.

Kristin Trovei: They have electricity hooked up there that you can plug everything in because I don't think Church Street is as set up for that kind of-

Lourriston Potter: Event.

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Mayor: Both of them have bathroom facilities. The bathroom facilities at Riverside are much better, newer. They also have the concession stand at Riverside Park, which has the electricity, and there's refrigeration and stuff there as well.

Regis Foster: Your best bet would be Riverside.

Lourriston Potter: Yeah. A lot of people were explaining that to me, but the purpose of me choosing Church Street is the fact that Church Street needed a lot of attention. And Church Street is where a lot of people who have been hearing about events and haven't been around the community, or even know the community happened to miss out on these opportunities. And Church Street just seems more available for a lot of people in this community. So I chose Church Street for that reason so that a lot of people that live in these communities that especially when it's a free event with free food, we want to address the issues where it's mostly needed at. And it seemed like Waterslide... What was it? Water...

Mayor: Riverside.

Lourriston Potter: I'm sorry. Pardon me. Riverside, I haven't heard of that. A lot of people who just moved into the community haven't heard of that. Again, this is the day that we want to bring everybody together, regardless of religion, race, skin color, regardless of everything, just a day that we definitely want to give attention to where the community definitely needs attention at. And that would be in that area, around that area right there.

Mayor: Anything else? Any other questions?

Kristin Trovei: Yeah. I do. Just a clarification on the street closures. There was no street closures?

Lourriston Potter: No street closures.

Kristin Trovei: Okay, because at one point there was a conversation that there was street closures. But there's not. Okay.

Lourriston Potter: No.

Kristin Trovei: Thank you.

Mayor: Any other questions? Okay. Thank you, sir. Okay. At this point we are going to move into executive session. We had three items on the agenda. I'm add adding actually two more. 105.1H, and that has to do with the Outdoor Club of Port Jervis contract for the city. And then 105.1H, a land offer that we received in regards to the Turntable and Dog Park. So I'll entertain a motion to go into executive session.

Lisa Randazzo: So, moved.

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Regis Foster: Second.

Lisa Randazzo: Motion by Ms. Randazzo. Second by Mr. Foster. Discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So carried. I'm never going to say that it's going to be quick. It is what it is.

Regis Foster: Never is.

Meeting adjourned to Executive session at 6:44 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor: All right. I will entertain a motion to come out of executive session.

Lisa Randazzo: So, moved.

Dominick Santini: Second.

Mayor: Motion by Ms. Randazzo. Second by Mr. Santini. Discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So, carried. Okay. What's that?

Kristin Trovei: Was there another public comment?

Mayor: No, that's at the end. At the end. Approval of minutes. We received the June 14th and June 24th Common Council meeting. So first the June 14th. What's your pleasure?

Regis Foster: So, moved.

Mayor: Motion by Mr. Foster. Do I have a second?

Dominick Santini: Second.

Mayor: Second by Mr. Santini. Discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye. (Chandler not present, but would be an abstention)

Mayor: Opposed? So, carried. And then the June 24th special Common Council meeting. This is regarding, not just the sewer bond, but I believe the police hires as well.

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Lisa Randazzo: So, moved.

Regis Foster: Correct. Yeah. So, moved.

Mayor: Motion by Ms. Randazzo. A second by Mr. Foster. Discussion?

Maria Mann: Chandler's not back.

Mayor: That's okay. That's okay. On these here. When we bring in the executive session material, I'll wait for her. All in favor?

Everyone: Aye. (Chandler not present, but would be an abstention)

Mayor: Opposed? So, carried. So, I just need to wait a few minutes until Ms. Campbell gets back. All right. So, ladies and gentlemen, first item of business is in regard to parcel 13-6-14.2 and 13.6-1.1. The City will agree to waive the fee. What's your pleasure?

Regis Foster: So, moved.

Kristin Trovei: Second.

Mayor: Motion by Mr. Foster. Second by Ms. Trovei.

Regis Foster: Trovei.

Mayor: I was getting there.

Will Frank: Mr. Mayor, that was the fee for the late recording of the second-half payment.

Mayor: Correct.

Will Frank: Just for the record.

Mayor: Any further discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So, carried. The next item of business for... We're not moving on 1 Barclay Street. That is going to Finance. 126 Front Street is being resolved. The next is the Outdoor Club of Port Jervis. Would you like make that motion or that statement (*turns to Will Frank*)?

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Will Frank: If there is a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Outdoor Club for various services to the City, subject to final approval of the contract language by Corporation Counsel and after reporting to the Common Council.

Lisa Randazzo: So, moved.

Regis Foster: Second.

Mayor: Ms. Randazzo, Mr. Foster. Discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So, carried. And the additional land offer for Turntable Dog Park has been declined. Okay. All right. So now we move on to regular business. Mr. Foster. Police and ADA.

Regis Foster: Thank you, Mayor. At this time, I'd like to make a motion to request a permanent civil service appointment to Detective Peter Washalski to rank detective. Since commencing his duties to detective, assigned to our Juvenile Aid Bureau on January 28th, 2020, Detective Washalski has served during his probationary term under very difficult circumstances stemming from the pandemic throughout the past 18 months. Detective Washalski has been a valuable member of our investigative team and has developed novel methods for community outreach and has successfully completed the requirements of his probationary term. I therefore recommend permanent appointment to be granted effective today, July 12th, 2021. And I make that motion.

Mayor: Motion by Mr. Foster.

Dominick Santini: Second.

Mayor: Second by Mr. Santini. Discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So carried.

Regis Foster: I'd like to make a motion, a resolution, whereas the City of Port Jervis Common Council is desirous of continuing the Youth Recreation Program and Juvenile Aid Bureau and whereas the County of Orange through the Youth Bureau has approved \$19,000 for the recreation program and \$8,000 for the Juvenile Aid Bureau. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis hereby accepts the funding for 2021. I make that a motion.

Lisa Randazzo: Second.

Mayor: Motion by Mr. Foster. Second by Ms. Randazzo. Discussion? All in favor?

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Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So carried. Thank you.

Regis Foster: I'd like to make another motion as a resolution whereas the City of Port Jervis Common Council is interested in supporting the body-worn camera program for the Port Jervis Police Department with previously allocated funds; and whereas the Federal Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance is offering a grant opportunity number O-BJA-2021-31001 titled: BJA FY 2021 Body-Worn Cameral Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies; and whereas, as this \$36,761.00 project requires a one-to-one match, \$18,380.00 are allocated from designated City Police Department funds and \$18,380.00 from this grant request; and whereas the initial application forms are due on July 12, 2021, followed by the final submission no later than July 26, 2021; and now, therefore, it is hereby resolved, that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis approves, after review and approval of Port Jervis Police Chief Worden, submission of this application of behalf of the Port Jervis Common Council by Valerie Maginsky, Executive Director of the Port Jervis Community Development Agency, the City of Port Jervis' standard authorized organization representative(AOR).

And I make that a motion.

Mayor: Motion by Mr. Foster. Do I have a second?

Lisa Randazzo: Second.

Mayor: Second by Ms. Randazzo. Discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So, carried.

Regis Foster: Okay. You've all received the June monthly report for this year. I'd like to make a motion to accept the report.

Mayor: Okay.

Dominick Santini: Second.

Mayor: So, motion by Mr. Foster. Second, Mr. Santini. Discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So, carried.

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Regis Foster(continued): Some the highlights for the month of June, total incidents of the month was 917. Tickets issued was 102. Value stolen was \$2,349. Values recovered property was \$1,659. Animal control complaints was 36. Arrests for the months were 40. Damage for property was 27 for the month. Parking tickets issued was eight. Traffic tickets issued was 94. Suspensions of license was 14. Seatbelt violations was 12.

Regis Foster: Tomorrow, the Reform Committee will be meeting to discuss the promotion of two sergeants. So, we will be meeting tomorrow downstairs in the police conference room. So we will be having a special meeting later on this week to promote two sergeants. Our next Police Committee meeting will be on July 15th at 6:00 PM.

The ADA has not met yet. Our next ADA meeting will be on August 2nd, 6:30 here in the Council. And I want to commend what a nice parade it was for the Firemen's. It was beautiful out, nice breeze. Kudos to all firemen, what a job they've done, and also for the DPW workers. What a great, excellent job they've done setting everything up, cleaning up and so forth. Thank you.

Mayor: Thank you. Mr. Santini, Code.

Dominick Santini: Thank you, Mayor. Code met on July 7th. A couple of the highlights. We talked about the need for the city to come up with legalization of marijuana laws as set by the guidelines of New York State. Talked about co-op housing downtown is not allowed under our current zoning. Use of blacktops for sidewalks, it's not allowed per city code. And we talked about fireworks, about coming up with new laws and regulations with those. A lot of those are going to be at the Police Committee meeting for more advice. Code is up to \$457,000 in revenue this year. That's \$300,000 more than last year. The next code meeting is August 4th at 6:00 PM here in the Council Chambers. Thank you, Mayor.

Mayor: Thank you, sir. Ms. Campbell, Recreation.

Chandler Campbell: Thank you, Mayor. Summer recreation program is underway. Its supervised playgrounds are at Church Street, Riverside Park and the Youth Center. And they're open weekdays 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Kids can participate in many different activities and events at all these locations. Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, we have hockey at Church Street playground at 9:30. Wednesdays, we have softball at Riverside Park at 1:15. Tuesdays and Thursdays, we have basketball at Church Street Park also at 1:15. At the Youth Center, there's a reading program Mondays at 1:00 PM. Activity Day is on Wednesday at 11:00 AM. And bowling on Fridays at 10:00 AM as well as 1:00 PM. These programs and events are all free of charge. There's also free lunch that is offered to the kids 18 and under at both the playgrounds and the Youth Center weekdays at 12:00 PM. Tonight's Farnum Park concert has been canceled due to the weather forecast.

Riverside Park concerts are as follows: we have Rich Wilson Thursday, July 15th at 7:00 PM, a throwback cabaret performance by the members of the Port Jervis High School Music Department Wednesday, July 21st at 7:00 PM. And lastly, we have DJG '80s in the Park on Thursday, August 6th at 7:00 PM. Tickets are still available for our field trip to City Park, or I'm sorry, City Field to watch first place New York Mets take on the Atlanta Braves. Tickets are \$55 per person, and that includes the ticket as well as

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transportation. The game is on July 29th. The bus leaves Port at 8:30 AM, and the first pitch is at 12:10 PM. West End Beach is now open for the summer. Beach hours are as follows: Monday, Thursday and Friday 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Saturday and Sunday 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Beach is closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please follow all the beach rules, and no charcoal grills are permitted. Lastly, we have the next Recreation Commission meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 26th at 6:00 PM at the Youth Center. That's it. Thank you.

Mayor: Thank you. Ms. Mann, Tourism and IDA.

Maria Mann: Thank you, Mayor. Tourism has not met since their last meeting. Their next upcoming event Bella Notte Italiana, will be held on Saturday, August 21st from 4:00 to 9:00 PM at Orange Square Park with a special performance at 8:00 PM from America's Got Talent Heidi Klum's golden buzzer recipient Sal Valentinetti. Applications for this event are available at City Hall or on the city website. The board is seeking hand crafters and Italian food vendors. You may contact tourism chair Laura Meyer by email at floralaurapj@yahoo.com or through the Port Jervis Tourism Facebook page. The next Tourism meeting will be held this Wednesday, July 14th at 7:00 PM here in the Council Chambers.

Maria Mann: The IDA has not met since their last meeting. Due to a lack of agenda items, they will not be meeting this month. I would also like to thank all of our department heads, the DPW, sorry about that, Police, Fire Police, the first responders and volunteers, for a job well done during our annual Fireman's Parade. Thank you to Rob Worden for your years of active service for our community. And congratulations on being our Grand Marshall. It was an all-around wonderful day with a great turnout. It was lovely to see everyone out. Thank you all for keeping our city safe. And that's all. Thank you, Mayor.

Mayor: Thank you very much. Mr. Oney, does anybody have anything for him?

Kristin Trovei: No, I do not.

Mayor: Okay. No DPW update. Ms. Trovei, Finance and CDA.

Kristin Trovei: Thank you. CDA will meet in person on Wednesday, July 28th at 7:00 PM here in the Council Chambers. As you heard earlier, the CDA director and the CDA board is always actively seeking grants and loans and funding for various projects, infrastructure, equipment, things like that. So we're always trying to bring some money back to the city. Finance will meet on Wednesday, July 21st at 6:00 PM here in the Council Chambers. We have bills to pay: from the general fund, \$148,650.44; from the water fund, \$23,346.82; from the sewer fund, \$21,130.33; from the capital fund, \$4,181.21; from the trust and agency, \$64,478.35 for a total of \$261,787.15 Some larger items from the general water and or sewer funds: Orange County Landfill \$28,085.08; Orange & Rockland, \$17,168.97; Manufactured Technologies for the sewer relining project, \$16,987.64; State Insurance Fund \$25,954.88; and from the capital fund, United Rentals for the Port Jervis Veterans Memorial, \$2,073; Extreme Tinting & Detail for the Police Department renovation, \$1,175; Neversink Lumber, more renovations, \$933.21. I'll make a motion to pay the bills.

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Mayor: Motion by Ms. Trovei. Do I have a second?

Lisa Randazzo: Second.

Mayor: Second by Mr. Randazzo. Discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So, carried.

Kristin Trovei: That's all. Thank you.

Mayor: Thank you. Mr. Simmons is not here. He asked me to announce that Planning, if there is a Planning Board meeting, will meet next Tuesday, July 20th. The Zoning did not meet in July and is scheduled to meet on August 3rd. Otherwise, no other business. I don't have anything from Mr. Siegel. Does anybody have anything? Okay. Ms. Randazzo.

Lisa Randazzo: Thank you, Mayor. I will just say, because I know those gentlemen both always note it, that life jackets. That's a big issue going right now for the river. Please make sure that you have your life jackets on when you're on the river. We've lost many lives this year, and we would like to prevent that in the future. So please just wear your life jackets. The river's been high. There's lots of rain. It's very important. We don't want to see anyone else be hurt out there. And then I'd also like to give accolades on the Fireman's Day Parade. Thank you, again, as everyone else has commented, to all of the fire departments, the first responders, all the bands and organizations that partook. The route looked wonderful. So to the Police Department and the Fire Police and our DPW who spent a lot of time cleaning up. And then I also saw, I believe it was the BOCES volunteers or the BOCES organization this summer, the kids that were cleaning up led by Mr. Puopolo. So, thank you for that. They did a great job, and everything went really nice. And then I just want to give a shout out to my son, Hunter, who's headed back to Florida for a quick stop and then back to Germany to serve in the United States Army. So, I want to thank him for his service.

Mayor: It was nice to see him too.

Lisa Randazzo: Thank you.

Mayor: Thank you. Back to our second public comment. *Do we have any?*

Bobbie Jo Muller: I don't think anybody's on. No.

Mayor: Okay. All right. So, under approvals and declinations, first item of business that I have is this is a request from the employee for a revert clause to be implemented for employee 233 back to deputy clerk effective July 26, '21. What's your pleasure?

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Lisa Randazzo: So, moved.

Regis Foster: Second.

Mayor: Ms. Randazzo. Second by Mr. Foster. Discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So, carried. With that, I am presenting to you to hire pending a background, fingerprint and bonding of Laura Quick as our new City Clerk Treasurer to begin July 26th.

Lisa Randazzo: So, moved.

Mayor: I have a motion by Ms. Randazzo. Do I have a second?

Maria Mann: Second.

Mayor: I didn't hear who.

Lisa Randazzo: Maria.

Mayor: Who was it?

Lisa Randazzo: Maria.

Mayor: Oh, thank you.

Maria Mann: Maria Mann.

Mayor: Thank you.

Maria Mann: Pleased to meet you.

Mayor: Discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So, carried. Did you need something?

Bobbie Jo Muller: I thought you said the 27th she was starting.

Mayor: 26th. Monday the 26th.

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Bobbie Jo Muller: Okay.

Mayor: Okay. Item number three. This is to reappoint. If you know, the last meeting I did the appointments by name. We cannot do them. According to New York State HCR, we can no longer do them by name, so I have to do them by position. So, these are the appointments. Labor compliance is our DPW Director. MWBE in section three is our City Clerk Treasurer. ADA grievances City Clerk Treasurer. And Fair Housing Officer who used to be the CDA Director, is no longer allowed to be to CDA Director, so that goes to the City Clerk Treasurer. I'm making those appointments.

Mayor: Okay. The first application is Man Up For God. This is at Riverside Park, a request for August 7th, 2021 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. All department heads have acknowledged, and there was an amendment. That amendment was made by the Recreation Director. Otherwise, everything else is approved. What's your pleasure?

Kristin Trovei: So, moved.

Regis Foster: Second.

Mayor: Motion by Ms. Trovei. Second by Mr. Foster. Discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So, carried. Okay. Yeah. Okay. Then we also have a request from the Capitol Social Tree Club for a community barbecue at Church Street Park July 22nd, 2021 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM. And I had the application. However, there were numerous concerns sent by our Director of Recreation, Mr. Faggione just asking certain questions. One that was answered here tonight about the streets, not being closing any streets; about the portable stage; is there a need for chairs? Putting up banners at that location - who's putting them up? Who's taking them down? The request of 40 garbage cans; he doesn't think 40 garbage cans is available; is requesting electric, but we don't have electric, only in the storage closet; and indicates he will use park lights, won't need lighting, and ours are on timers that shut off at 8:14, and the park closes at 9:00. Those were his concerns. Another concern was by the City Building Department in regards to the organization with the Department of Health, which was mentioned tonight, regardless of giving or selling food. So, what is your pleasure?

Dominick Santini: So, moved.

Mayor: You have a motion by Mr. Santini. Do I have a second?

Kristin Trovei: Second for discussion.

Mayor: For discussion. Yeah, great. Okay. Discussion.

Kristin Trovei: Well, I would just like to make the approval, at least contingent upon a meeting with the department heads that had some questions about it to maybe work out the logistics a little bit better so

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everyone has a clear understanding of what the needs are and also if there's going to be recreation services on that day at the park because I think they go till 3:00 PM. And if it starts at 2:00, there might be not enough space for the recreation programs to exist. So, I think that it sounds like a wonderful idea and a great event for the community. I just think that some logistics for an event that could possibly be large might need to be worked out a little bit more with the department heads. So, I wouldn't mind approving it upon a meeting with the department heads to work out any sort of-

Will Frank: Subject to.

Kristin Trovei: Subject to.

Mayor: Any other further discussion?

Lisa Randazzo: Mr. Potter, is that something that we can just pass along to our department heads and they reach out to you and set up a meeting this week?

Mayor: Well, what I was going to do is at the end of this meeting, I'll send an email with you and the department heads on it. That would be the Police Chief, the Building Department.

Lourriston Potter: I have spoken to them. I've spoken to John as well.

Mayor: We just want to see the documentation from them because they sent us a separate concern. So we just want their concerns taken care of. Even if they've already been, they haven't told us. So I will be on the email as well as you, the Police Chief, the Building Official and Recreation. And that way they can say, "Yep, you're good to go." And they're approving it based on them saying it's good to go.

Lourriston Potter: Okay.

Mayor: Any other further discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So, carried. Thank you. All right. I'm looking for an approval for Robert Brady, our Fire Inspector, to go from probationary to a permanent appointment.

Regis Foster: So, moved.

Mayor: Motion by Mr. Foster.

Dominick Santini: Second.

Mayor: Second by Mr. Santini. Discussion? All in favor?

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Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So, carried. I have a letter that was requested of me to send to the Commissioner of the Orange County Department of Parks and Recreations in supporting the request by Orange County to seek a \$250,000 grant from the federal government to build trails at the Cuddebackville D&H Park. What's your pleasure?

Lisa Randazzo: So, moved.

Mayor: Motion by Ms. Randazzo. Do I have a second?

Kristin Trovei: Second.

Mayor: Second by Ms. Trovei. Discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed?

Lisa Randazzo: To just clarify, that the letter is just for us to support.

Mayor: It's just a letter of support from us.

Lisa Randazzo: It's a letter of support.

Mayor: We're supporting the Orange County requesting the federal grant.

Lisa Randazzo: And all that'll do is assist with additional recreation in our local area.

Mayor: Correct. We did discuss this in executive session last time, but we didn't bring it out to the floor. So, I'm just looking for the approval for the Police Chief and Lieutenant, to be able to buy back six holidays for the first half of the year. What's your pleasure?

Lisa Randazzo: So, moved.

Regis Foster: Second.

Mayor: Motion by Ms. Randazzo. Second by Mr. Foster. Discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So, carried. Okay. This is a formality, as I sent to you. We did the approvals already for Bond Council and for the environmental attorney, but they needed an actual resolution. So, I'm going to read the resolution. The Resolution of the Common Council authorizing execution of the environmental attorney services agreement for CWSRF project. Whereas, by resolutions adopted on

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April 12, 2021, the Common Council authorized City officials, departments and City's Attorneys to make a finance application to the NYSEFC by the deadline of June 25, 2021 in preparation to close on the \$20 million interest-free loan package that was offered in the NYSEFC Hardship Assistance Commitment Letter dated January 10, 2019 to fund the City's NYS CWSRF I&I Correction Project No. 5396-03-00; and Whereas, it is necessary to retain legal services of the City's Environmental Attorney, Carole L. Gallagher, Gallagher and Gallagher, to assist the City's departments and officials in preparing the finance application documents and to prepare for the closing of the CWSRF Project loan; Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Common Council hereby approves the terms of the letter agreement for the environmental attorney legal services dated June 11, 2021, and a copy is attached to these resolutions; and be it further resolved, that the Mayor or the Deputy Mayor or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City of Port Jervis at least two originals of the Environmental Attorney Services Agreement; and the City Clerk shall retain at least one fully executed agreement for the City Clerk's records and shall make copies of the agreement as needed for the CWSRF application process.

I need a motion, please.

Lisa Randazzo: Can you say that again? Laughs.

Regis Foster: So, moved.

Mayor: Mr. Foster, did you say?

Regis Foster: Yeah.

Mayor: Mr. Foster, second by Mr. Santini.

Dominick Santini: Yeah, ok.

Mayor: Discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? All right, so you're going to hear it again. It's just going to change the name. Resolution of the Common Council authorizing execution of Bond Council service agreement for CWSRF project. Whereas, by resolutions adopted on April 12, 2021, the Common Council authorized City officials, departments and the City's Attorneys to make a finance application to the NYSEFC by the deadline of June 25, 2021 in order for the City to prepare to close on the \$20 million interest-free loan package that was offered in a NYSEFC Hardship Assistance Commitment Letter dated January 10, 2019 to fund the City's NYS CWSRF I&I Correction Project No. 5396-03-00; and

Whereas, it is necessary to retain the legal services of the City's Bond Counsel, Robert P. Smith, Hawkins Delafield & Wood, LLP, in order to prepare the bond resolution and other bond documents that will finance the CWSRF project;

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Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Common Council hereby approves the terms of the Letter Agreement for Bond Counsel Legal Services, dated June 9, 2021, of which a copy is attached to these resolutions; and be it further resolved, that the Mayor or Deputy Mayor or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City of Port Jervis at least two originals of the Bond Counsel Services Agreement; and the City Clerk shall retain at least one fully executed agreement for the City Clerk's records and shall make copies of the agreement as needed for the CWSRF application process.

Mayor: Motion?

Kristin Trovei: So, moved.

Dominick Santini: Second.

Mayor: Motion by Ms. Trovei. Second by Mr. Santini. Discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So, carried. Thank you. I will be setting a special Common Council meeting for the promotion in the Police Department. The time has changed. It is going to be Thursday, July 15th at 7:00 PM, not 6:00 PM.

Will Frank: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor: Yes, sir.

Will Frank: Just say to consider the promotion?

Mayor: Oh, I'm sorry. To consider the promotion. Thank you.

Will Frank: Thank you.

Mayor: All right. So, I'm setting that for Thursday, July 15th at 7:00 PM here in the Common Council room.

Lisa Randazzo: You want to add on there any other business that needs to be voted on because I was...

Mayor: All right. Or any other business.

Bobbie Jo Muller: I always put that on.

Mayor: Okay. Or any other business to be voted on.

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Will Frank: Or any other lawful business of the Council.

Mayor: Okay. I think I got everything. I ran out of paper, so it must be important. All right. I'll entertain a motion to-

Lisa Randazzo: Water bills are due. Are water bills due?

Mayor: No.

Bobbie Jo Muller: They just went out July 1st.

Mayor: Till August 2nd.

Bobbie Jo Muller: August 2nd because July 31st is on a weekend.

Mayor: Falls on a Saturday. Thanks. So, August 2nd.

Will Frank: So, you'll have to put that notice in there.

Mayor: Yeah. Yeah. Adjournment.

Regis Foster: So, moved.

Kristin Trovei: Second.

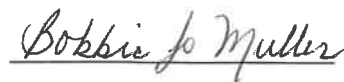
Mayor: Motion by Mr. Foster. Second by Ms. Trovei. Discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So, carried. Thank you. Have a good night, everybody.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm on July 26th, 2021, in-person in Council Chambers City Hall 20 Hammond Street, Port Jervis, New York.



Bobbie Jo Muller
City Clerk Treasurer