City Council --- Proceedings by Authority

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

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Jamestown, New York was held on Monday, November 28, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Council President Greg Rabb and Council Members, Brent Sheldon, Tony Dolce, Vickye James, Marie Carrubba, Maria Jones, Tom Nelson, Kim Ecklund, George Spitale

Members Absent:

Others Present: James N. Olson, Director of Financial Services/City Clerk, Corporation Counsel Marilyn Fiore-Lehman, City Comptroller Joe Bellitto, Director of Public Works Jeff Lehman, Police Chief/Director of Public Safety Harry Snellings, Deputy Fire Chief Chet Harvey, Director of Development Vince DeJoy, Executive Assistant to the Mayor Matt Hanley

City Council President Greg Rabb called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Dr. William Blair of the New Creation Assembly of God.

Councilman Spitale moved to approve the minutes from the October 24, 2016 meeting.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

201611C00.01

Douglas Champ 225 Bowen Street: I first want to state something that I reiterated up there about the outstanding police force that we have in the city of Jamestown. In this turbulent time, when you look at what we have in our community, it's difficult sometimes to justify a problem ourselves. But when we have a police force like we have protecting us every day and serving us, I as a citizen and a father and a grandfather, feel really assured that what outstanding performance we have here in this community here in Jamestown. The police department and also the fire department.

Now, regarding the budget that is going to be passed tonight, as I said, I feel a little more optimistic about the non-deficit budget, which I'll let the City Council explain how that's all going to work. However, I do believe there are issues next year that have to be addressed as soon as possible. I would hope that City Council and the Mayor would look at some format for my idea exchange could be incorporated within the design and the operation of the city. How that should flow, I'm not quite sure, but I'd be willing to help on that; specifically, in the areas of energy development and use as it relates to the Board of Public Utilities. But I'm sure there are other issues at hand that could be part of that discussion, but we all are in this together. And it's

difficult to justify, in this time of economic distress that the city is in; that we can't find other ways that we could work together to achieve success. So, I would encourage that somehow the City Council look at that option for next year in having some type of a public forum discussion; whether it be focus groups on specific areas, to look at the challenges that are ahead and see how we can all work together to solve them.

I down-toned my little commentary tonight because of what I expect to follow through on the approval of the budget. But again, it's the budget that is difficult, there are still unknowns out there and I think that we've got to have a better way of explaining what that's all about to the community in terms of how we get from a deficit to a non-deficit budget and how you're going to incur additional revenues, if they do flow to you, through the State of New York as you've indicated that they should. So, with that I'll leave it and hopefully there are other people besides me. I get tired of being the only one looking at you sometimes, but I feel it's a responsibility of citizens to show up and to point out issues and hopefully try to address this with you in a non-adversarial way although at items I think that maybe we are more trying to fight each other rather than work with each other and I don't want to assume that role at this time. So, that's it. I wish you all a happy New Year and a nice Christmas.

STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

201611C01

BY COUNCILWOMAN ECKLUND:

RESOLVED, That bills be audited and warrants drawn on the proper funds in payment of the respective amounts, totals as follows: General Fund, Capital Fund, Special Revenue Fund and Trust & Agency Fund $4,429,416.65

in accordance with the period ending November 25, 2016, copy of which is annexed hereto and a copy to be filed in the office of the City Clerk, and be it further

RESOLVED, That disbursements in the total amount of $3,238,172.44 and payrolls in the total amount of $1,191,244.21 as paid by the Comptroller and Director of Financial Services, a copy of which is annexed hereto and a copy to be placed on file in the office of the City Clerk be and hereby are approved.

Carried: 9 – 0

201611C02

BY COUNCILWOMAN ECKLUND:

RESOLVED, That Deputy Fire Chief Chester Harvey be and he hereby is authorized to attend the New York State Career Fire Chief's Meeting in Dewitt, New York, November 16, 2016, with expenses paid pursuant to Section 77-b of the General Municipal Law.

Carried: 9 – 0

201611C03

BY COUNCILWOMAN ECKLUND:

WHEREAS, Carrie Wolfgang, 208 Parkview Ave., Jamestown, New York is desirous of contributing $1,080 for the installation of a new Allen Park sign that is to be located at the corner of Cole Ave. and West Virginia Blvd., now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Jamestown hereby accepts the donation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Jamestown City Council hereby extends its appreciation and gratitude on behalf of the citizens of the City of Jamestown to Carrie Wolfgang for her generous donation.

Councilwoman Ecklund: I would just like to reiterate that we are very grateful for her donation and the Parks and Rec Commission has spoken very much in detail of this and will recognize her donation at the summer band concerts next year as well.

Carried: 9 – 0

201611C04

BY COUNCILWOMAN ECKLUND:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to enter into a Property Tax Collection and Enforcement Agreement with the County of Chautauqua for a term not to exceed five (5) years, January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2021 that maintains procedures for the collection and enforcement of real property taxes that are equivalent to those procedures afforded to the Towns, Villages and School Districts outside the two cities, including the guarantee of all taxes, subject to the approval of the Corporation Counsel as to form.

Carried: 9 – 0

201611C05

BY COUNCILWOMAN ECKLUND:

RESOLVED, That the Mayor of the City of Jamestown be and he hereby is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation in an amount not to exceed Thirty Five Thousand Dollars ($35,000.00) for the purpose of funding the Physician Recruitment Project through the Strategic Planning and Partnership Commission Health Care Action Team subject to the approval of the Corporation Counsel as to form.

Carried: 9 – 0

201611C06

BY COUNCILWOMAN ECKLUND:

RESOLVED, That the City Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to make the following amendments to the 2016 General Fund Budget, to recognize the various contributions to the City of Jamestown from private agencies:

INCREASE:	Appropriations	$1,651.50
	Summer Band Concerts	
	A.7270.0499	
INCREASE:	Appropriations	$10,000.00
	Summer Playgrounds	
	A.7140.0100	
INCREASE:	Appropriations	$8,618.80
	Playground Equipment and Signs	
	A.7110.0200	
INCREASE:	Appropriations	$ 2,500.00
	Senior Citizen Center	
	A.7623.0465	
INCREASE:	Estimated Revenues	$22,770.30
	Contributions-Private Agencies	
	A.0000.2070	

Carried: 9 – 0

201611C07

BY COUNCILWOMAN ECKLUND:

RESOLVED, That warrants be drawn and paid to the respective owners and paying agents the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighty Seven Dollars and Fifty cents ($58,887.50) in accordance with the bond and note requirements as follows:

Public Improvement Bonds Series A, issue of June 1, 2011, Fifty-Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents ($58,887.50) for six months interest at 3.50% per annum on Two Million Nine Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars ($2,975,000).

Carried: 9 – 0

201611C08

BY COUNCILMAN DOLCE:

RESOLVED, That warrants be drawn and paid to the respective owners and paying agents the sum of Sixty-Eight Thousand, One Hundred Six Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents ($68,106.25) in accordance with the bond and note requirements as follows:

Public Improvement Bonds, Series A issue of June 15, 2010, Sixty-Eight Thousand, One Hundred Six Dollars and Twenty-Five cents ($68,106.25) for six months interest at 4.25% per annum on Three Million, Two Hundred, Five Thousand Dollars ($3,205,000).

Carried: 9 – 0

201611C09

BY COUNCILMAN DOLCE:

RESOLVED, That warrants be drawn and paid to the respective owners and paying agents the sum of One Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars and Zero cents ($1,900.00) in accordance with the bond requirements as follows:

Various Purpose Bonds, Series C issue of March 9, 2006, One Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars and Zero cents ($1,900.00) for six months interest at 3.75% per annum on Ninety-Five Thousand dollars ($95,000.00).

Note: Refunding of 2000A (partial issues). Interest savings $1,100.00 for this payment.

Carried: 9 – 0

201611C10

BY COUNCILMAN DOLCE:

RESOLVED, That the Mayor be, and hereby is, authorized to enter into an administrative service agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York, 257 West Genesee Street, Buffalo, New York 14202-2657 to administer the City of Jamestown's self-insured health insurance program for the period January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 at the rate of Forty-Five Dollars and Eight-Nine Cents ($45.89) per member per month and for the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 at the rate of Forty Seven Dollars and zero Cents ($47.00) per member per month and for the period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 at the rate of Forty Eight Dollars and Fourteen Cents ($48.14) per member per month subject to the approval of the Corporation Counsel as to form.

Carried: 9 – 0

201611C11

BY COUNCILMAN DOLCE:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be, and he hereby is authorized to enter into an contract with Complus Data Innovations, Inc. (COMPLUS), 560 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, New York 10591 for the processing of parking tickets using the FastTrack™ Parking Ticket Management System (FastTrack™) at a cost of 12.5% of Parking Ticket Collections for the time period January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019 subject to the approval of the Corporation Counsel as to form.

Councilman Dolce: I believe this is a decrease, Jim, correct?

Mr. Olson: Yes. 14% to 12.5%.

Councilman Dolce: A 1.5% decrease in cost, so that's good news. Thank you.

Carried: 9 – 0

201611C12

BY COUNCILMAN DOLCE:

RESOLVED, That the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized to enter into an agreement with Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro, 201 West Third Street, Suite 300, Jamestown, New York 14701 for a Premium Conversion Plan and Flexible Spending Plan in accordance with Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code in the amount of $4.00 per participant per month for administrative services for the employees of the City of Jamestown for the January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019 time period subject to the approval of the Corporation Counsel as to form.

Carried: 9 – 0

201611C13

BY COUNCILMAN DOLCE:

RESOLVED, that the City of Jamestown General Operating Budget as set forth herewith, be and hereby is approved and adopted effective January 1, 2017 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017, and that the sum shown amounting to $35,023,494 be appropriated for the use of Boards, Departments, and Officers enumerated, and

WHEREAS, the Budget shows an estimated income from various miscellaneous Revenues of $19,179,224, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in pursuance of Section C-39.G. of the Charter of the City of Jamestown, New York, there is hereby levied on the taxable properties and against the inhabitants of the City of Jamestown, New York, and ordered to be raised for the year 2017, the sum of $15,844,270, the amount which is necessary to be raised by direct tax.

CITY OF JAMESTOWN, NEW YORK

GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET for the Fiscal Year

JANUARY 1, 2017 to DECEMBER 31, 2017

ACCOUNT			2017 BUDGET
GENERAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT			**3,723,740**
A1010	**COUNCIL**		90,150
	Salaries	46,000	
	Contractual Services	44,150	
A1210	**MAYOR**		169,910
	Salaries	153,710	
	Equipment	-	
	Contractual Services	16,200	

A1310	**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**		92,857
	Salaries	91,557	
	Contractual Services	1,300	
A1315	**COMPTROLLER**		205,312
	Salaries	185,962	
	Equipment	-	
	Contractual Services	19,350	
A1325	**TREASURER**		88,801
	Salaries	79,176	
	Equipment	-	
	Contractual Services	9,625	
A1355	**ASSESSOR**		186,831
	Salaries	164,556	
	Equipment	-	
	Contractual Services	22,275	
A1410	**CITY CLERK**		122,410
	Salaries	80,410	
	Equipment	-	
	Contractual Services	42,000	
A1420	**CORPORATION COUNSEL**		144,293
	Salaries	136,993	
	Equipment	-	
	Contractual Services	7,300	

A1435	**HUMAN RESOURCES**		50,774
	Salaries	49,874	
	Contractual Services	900	
A1440	**ENGINEER**		309,288
	Salaries	294,568	
	Equipment	1,470	
	Contractual Services	13,250	
A1620	**BUILDINGS-City Hall**		427,681
	Salaries	70,681	
	Equipment	7,000	
	Contractual Services	350,000	
A1621	**BUILDINGS-Steele St.**		19,144
	Salaries	3,744	
	Equipment	500	
	Contractual Services	14,900	
A1640	**CENTRAL GARAGE**		1,055,661
	Salaries	518,161	
	Equipment	7,500	
	Contractual Services	530,000	
A1680	**INFORMATION SERVICES**		135,628
	Salaries	120,378	
	Equipment	1,650	
	Contractual Services	13,600	

A1910	**PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE**		225,000
A1930	**JUDGMENTS & CLAIMS**		60,000
A1950	**TAXES & ASSESSMENTS ON CITY PROPERTY**		120,000
A1990	**CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT**		220,000
PUBLIC SAFETY			**11,077,268**
A3020	**COMMUNICATIONS**		57,000
	Salaries	-	
	Equipment	-	
	Contractual Services	57,000	
A3120	**POLICE DEPT.**		5,533,272
	Salaries	5,333,272	
	Equipment	-	
	Contractual Services	200,000	
A3170	**COURT SECURITY**		193,308
	Salaries	193,308	
	Equipment	-	
	Contractual Services	-	
A3310	**TRAFFIC CONTROL**		212,646
	Salaries	168,146	
	Equipment	7,500	
	Contractual Services	37,000	

A3330	**PARKING METER ATTENDANTS**		65,041
	Salaries	59,841	
	Contractual Services	5,200	
A3410	**FIRE DEPT.**		4,926,281
	Salaries	4,750,001	
	Equipment	16,280	
	Contractual Services	160,000	
A3510	**ANIMAL CONTROL**		89,720
	Salaries	62,720	
	Equipment	-	
	Contractual Services	27,000	
TRANSPORTATION			**3,730,918**
A5010	**STREET ADMINISTRATION**		92,257
	Salaries	90,307	
	Contractual Services	1,950	
A5110	**STREET MAINTENANCE**		1,939,661
	Salaries	1,175,661	
	Contractual Services	764,000	
A5120	**BRIDGE MAINTENANCE**		6,000
	Salaries	6,000	
	Contractual Services	-	

A5142	**SNOW & ICE REMOVAL**		1,180,000
	Salaries	780,000	
	Contractual Services	400,000	
A5182	**STREET LIGHTING**		513,000
	Parking Ramp Deck Heating	18,000	
	City Wide Street Lighting	495,000	
CULTURE & RECREATION			**1,703,733**
A7020	**RECREATION ADMINISTRATION**		184,038
	Salaries	181,438	
	Equipment	-	
	Contractual Services	2,600	
A7110	**PARKS MAINTENANCE**		993,270
	Salaries	769,520	
	Equipment	17,750	
	Contractual Services	206,000	
A7120	**TREE MAINTENANCE**		216,500
	Salaries	200,000	
	Equipment	1,500	
	Contractual Services	15,000	
A7130	**SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM**		10,000
	Salaries	10,000	

A7140	**PLAYGROUNDS**		12,750
	Salaries	11,500	
	Contractual Services	1,250	
A7150	**OTHER REC PROGRAMS**		2,500
	Salaries	-	
	Contractual Services	2,500	
A7210	**STADIUM**		149,100
	Salaries	71,600	
	Equipment	6,500	
	Contractual Services	71,000	
A7265	**SKATING RINK**		6,625
	Salaries	-	
	Contractual Services	6,625	
A7270	**BAND CONCERTS**		1,250
A7410	**LIBRARY**		100,000
A7520	**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**		26,200
A7557	**SPECIAL PROGRAMMING**		1,500
	Historical Marker Program	1,500	
HOME & COMMUNITY SERVICES			**837,000**
A8140	**STORM SEWERS**		235,000
	Salaries	175,000	
	Contractual Services	60,000	

A8170	**STREET CLEANING**		207,000
	Salaries	205,000	
	Contractual Services	2,000	
A8791	**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT**		395,000
UNDISTRIBUTED			**13,950,835**
A9010	**EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT**		975,000
A9015	**POLICE & FIRE RETIREMENT**		2,325,000
A9030	**SOCIAL SECURITY**		1,225,000
A9040	**WORKERS' COMPENSATION**		430,000
A9050	**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**		3,000
A9060	**HEALTH INSURANCE**		5,885,000
A9061	**DENTAL INSURANCE**		360,000
A9551	**CAPITAL**		897,918
	DPW Equipment	-	
	Street Reconstruction	368,959	
	Street Resurfacing	368,959	
	Curb & Gutter	50,000	
	Storm Sewer	50,000	
	Sidewalk	50,000	

	Tree Planting	10,000	
A9710	**PRINCIPAL - SERIAL BONDS**		1,105,000
	1999 Various Purposes	50,000	
	2000 Various Purposes	25,000	
	2010 Various Purposes	300,000	
	2011 Various Purposes	250,000	
	2013 General Obligation	330,000	
	2015 General Obligation	150,000	
A9711	**INTEREST - SERIAL BONDS**		520,175
	1999 Various Purposes	5,800	
	2000 Various Purposes	3,300	
	2010 Various Purposes	129,838	
	2011 Various Purposes	113,400	
	2013 General Obligation	156,075	
	2015 General Obligation	111,762	
A9785	**INSTALLMENT DEBT - BPU**		224,742
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		**35,023,494**

CITY OF JAMESTOWN
2017 ESTIMATED REVENUES

ACCOUNT		2017 BUDGET
A1051	Gain on Tax Acquired Property	1,000.00
A1080	Federal Housing Payments	35,000.00
A1081	Payments In Lieu of Taxes	249,000.00

A1090	Interest & Penalty on Taxes	35,000.00
A1110	Sales Tax	6,000,000.00
A1170	Franchise Fee	340,000.00
A1230	City Treasurer's Fees	116,000.00
A1232	School Tax Collection Fee	31,000.00
A1250	Assessor's Fees	66,000.00
A1255	City Clerk's Fees	65,000.00
A1311	Utilities Gross Receipts	145,000.00
A1520	Police Dept. Fees	25,000.00
A1540	Fire Dept. Fees	80,000.00
A1550	Dog Violations	1,500.00
A1589	Traffic Control Fees	1,500.00
A1590	Parking Violations	250,000.00
A1710	Public Works Services	50,000.00
A1720	Parking Lots & Garages	120,000.00
A1740	On Street Parking Meters	147,000.00
A2001	Park Fees	48,000.00
A2401	Interest On Investments	3,000.00
A2412	Rentals of Real Property	213,000.00
A2501	Business Licenses	30,000.00
A2540	Bingo Fees	200.00
A2542	Dog Licenses	26,000.00
A2545	Automatic Device Licenses	5,000.00
A2546	Marriage Licenses	6,000.00
A2555	Building Permits	38,000.00
A2560	Street Opening Permits	120,000.00
A2570	Special Event / Vendor Permits	3,500.00
A2590	Encroachment Permits	

		2,000.00
A2610	Fines & Forfeited Bail	80,000.00
A2701	Refunds of Appropriated Exp.	150,000.00
A2770	Other Unclassified Revenues	20,000.00
A2815	PILOT - Electric	2,063,000.00
A2816	PILOT - Water	956,000.00
A2817	PILOT - District Heat	115,000.00
A2818	PILOT - Waste Water	438,000.00
A2819	PILOT - Solid Waste	192,000.00
A2956	Interest on Capital Investments	1,000.00
A3001	State Aid Per Capita	5,397,206.00
A3005	State Aid Mortgage Tax	150,000.00
A3021	State Aid Court Facilities	23,000.00
A3330	State Aid Court Security	250,000.00
A3501	State Highway Aid - CHIPS	887,918.00
A3589	State Highway Maintenance	203,400.00
	TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE	**19,179,224**

201611C13a

Councilwoman Ecklund: I do have a series of three proposed adjustments to the budget; amendments that I'd like to introduce. The first one is in account A. 3410.0100, Fire Department salaries; a reduction of $13,810.00.

Council President Rabb: Thank you. Any questions or comments?

Councilman Dolce: Just a quick comment on these three resolutions. These were the three that initially brought the $53,000.00 savings. They weren't part of the Mayor's original budget. It was not part of the budget hearing that was held, so we have to procedurally go through and amend those three items in order to utilize that $53,000.00. This is just a procedural move to get that money taken out. Thank you.

Carried: 9 – 0

201611C13b

Councilwoman Ecklund: Thank you Mr. President. The second appropriation is an adjustment and a reduction also, is in account A.9060.0800, health insurance; a reduction of $15,000.00.

Carried: 9 – 0

201611C13c

Councilwoman Ecklund: Thank you Mr. President. Last I have an increase in revenue in account A.0000.2815, payment in lieu of taxes of water $25,000.00 increase.

Carried: 9 – 0

201611C13d

Councilman Dolce: Mr. President, I also have an amendment to the budget line. Line A3001, under State Aid Per Capita; we'd like to increase that number by $824,926.00. As I mentioned upstairs, this is a transitional aid. As we've mentioned before, we've been in contact with New York State Department of Budget and Finance. There has been a series of phone calls and meetings to discuss the situation that we're in with our deficit and again, as you know, back in late 2008, 2009; our state aid was reduced by about $500,000.00 and has been held flat ever since then. We also discussed some of the other tough situations that we're under in our budget season this year. Through a series of meetings, they have given us reasonable assurance that as we move into 2017, we can expect a significant increase to cover that deficit. Also, we listed a series, with that, of ideas coming forth for next year; some very aggressive initiatives. Ones that certainly we'll let the Mayor unveil as he sees fit as we enter 2017. Many of those items will have to be discussed under contract negotiation, possible litigation, other difficult personnel moves as well. So, we can't really get into the specifics, but we have laid out a very aggressive agenda moving forward to help alleviate this problem in the future. Again, we're going to be increasing our revenue line by $824,926.00 which will, in effect, put us at the point of having a balanced budget. Thank you.

Carried: 8 – 1 (Sheldon-nay)

Councilman Sheldon: First off, I'm disappointed that the Mayor presented this council with an unbalanced budget. Per the City Charter, the Mayor must present a balanced budget to this council. The budget then, can subtract or add to it, but must leave it balanced before approval. As far as increasing state aid; the State of New York had cut our aid in 2010 and 2011 and not increased it at all at least in the previous few years. I find it hard to believe that they will restore the aid and give us almost double what they cut. Therefore, I will not vote for this budget.

Roll call on the resolution with the proposed amendments.

Carried: 8 – 1 (Sheldon-nay)

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

201611C14

BY COUNCILMAN SPITALE:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized to execute Change Order #1 for Tracy Plaza Phase 2 renovations and master plan design contract with Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., 4950 Gennesee Street, Suite 100, Buffalo, New York, 14225 per the proposal submitted October 26, 2016 to include changes as follows:

ADD Preparation of asbestos abatement bid documents

for a total increase of Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars ($2,500.00), subject to the approval of the Corporation Counsel as to form.

Carried: 9 – 0

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

201611C15

BY COUNCILWOMAN JONES:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Public Utilities be, and it hereby is, requested to install a new 150 Watt HPS street light at the following location:

City Pole 38430 Alfred Street

Carried: 9 – 0

201611C16

BY COUNCILWOMAN CARRUBBA:

RESOLVED, That the following persons be and they hereby are reappointed to the office of Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City of Jamestown for a term of two years:

William Hartley	December 1, 2016 to November 30, 2018
Julie Johnson	December 1, 2016 to November 30, 2018
Patricia A. Canby	December 8, 2016 to December 7, 2018

Carried: 9 – 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

201611C17

BY COUNCILMAN DOLCE:

LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2016
A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION C-57 OF THE JAMESTOWN CITY CHARTER RELATIVE TO THE CITY OF JAMESTOWN BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES RECORDS AND ANNUAL REPORT

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Jamestown, New York as follows:

Section 1. Section C-57 of the Charter of the City of Jamestown is hereby amended as follows:

Said Board of Public Utilities shall keep books showing, in detail, the cost of the maintenance of said water, electric, district heating or other public utility systems and of extending the same and all its collections, rents, expenditures and proceedings and shall furnish whenever required by the City Council such information, in writing, as to the business and affairs of the Board of Public Utilities as may be required by the Mayor and City Council. All the books, records, vouchers, contracts and all other papers kept by said Board or in its possession or under its control shall be deemed to be public records. The Board shall each year pay into the general fund of the City the sum of $36,000 to reimburse the City for collecting the revenues accruing to said systems. Said Board shall, at least 10 days before the first day of April each year, make and file with the City Council a statement of the following facts:

Section 2. All local laws, ordinances and provisions of the Charter and all other laws capable of modification hereby which conflict with the provisions of this local law are hereby modified, amended or repealed as the case may be to conform to the provisions of this local law.

Section 3. This local law shall take effect immediately.

Carried: 9 – 0

Council President Rabb stated that a Public Hearing by the Mayor will be held on December 9, 2016 at 3:00 P.M. in the Fourth Floor Training Room.

NEW BUSINESS

201611C18

BY COUNCILWOMAN ECKLUND:

RESOLVED, that the Jamestown Police Department is authorized to accept private donations to be used towards the medical and care costs of K-9 Mitchell.

Councilwoman Ecklund: I'd like to make the comment; during the altercations in capture, I guess you would call it that, of Keith Robbins in the murder, Officer Mitchell has sustained some injuries; a stab wound. Many people in the community have reached out to both the Police Department, myself and other people; asking how they can help. This is an attempt to make them feel good about donating something to go to the medical care of Officer Mitchell. I know that we have gotten this out there publicly, but again, I'd like to reiterate that if anybody is interested in donating, they can accept donations at the Police Department. If it is a check, please make it payable to the Jamestown Police Department noted to K-9 in that donation. Also, I want to advise the public, if they don't already know, that K-9 Mitchell will, and his handler, Officer Kraft will be the Grand Marshalls for the parade on Friday night. And he is doing well. But I'm sure, has additional medical bills coming with revisits and everything else.

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Councilman Dolce: Just a few items briefly. On the budget, again it's been a very difficult budget. This is not a perfect budget; it's nowhere near a perfect budget obviously and people might say well, it's a wing and a prayer. In my time on council, over the past nearly twenty years, or over twenty years we have had some very difficult budgets and each year they're getting tougher and tougher. We've made some very difficult decisions over those years. We've cut our workforce, in some cases, 20%, 25% in our Police Department, Fire Department, DPW, Parks. Our administrative team has been slashed over 50%, 60%. We're doing a lot more with less. Our community obviously is in dire need of the services that we provide. This past week is a perfect example. There's basically very little left to cut. A) We need some help. We reached out to get that help. I think it's fair to say that in a time where the state has surpluses, the state has reached out to school districts and increased their aid, that it's time that they take a look at the small cities that are all dying on the vine. It is not because we haven't done our job. It is not because we're clinging to something that doesn't work, but we also need to reinvent what we're doing.

The challenges in front of all of us for the next year, and possibly beyond for some or all of us, hopefully; that as we go into the future, we need to, as Mr. Champ would say, take a look at the services that we provide and how we provide them and look at ways to do it better. There's just nothing left to cut. It's gotten to the point where we're now looking at taking away things that people come to expect. Whether it's picking up leaves, whether it's plowing roads, whether it's keeping our streets safe, putting out fires, tearing down dilapidated homes, keeping up with the myriad of code violations.

We have an aggressive agenda for 2017 and I'm sure the Mayor would agree with me that the challenge is his and it's also ours. That we have to look at doing things differently

because this can't continue down the road. I just wanted to make those comments as someone who's been around. I've been here in years where this place was packed. When we cut police officers, when we cut firemen, when we cut city workers. And again; I don't think we're at a point where the public wants to see that happen again and we're between minimum manning and the issues that our community has, we just need to look at some other creative ways to come up with revenues. We can't cut our way to prosperity. I think we've pretty much cut our way down – the tree is bare as we move forward. But, the challenge is there for all us; including the Mayor and his administration, to figure out ways to do things differently. To come up with some innovative ideas in order to turn this situation around. With the help of the state, we can do that. We have to take them at faith value and hope that they will come through for us and be assured that they will. That's my comment on the budget and to piggyback on Mr. Champ; I want to thank you for coming. I know sometimes, as you said, people might think that you're a pain, but someone who cares about their community, who has knowledge, who has experience in utility. We value people coming to these meetings and we value input. It may not always be easy to hear things. It may take some time, but that's how things get done and I appreciate that. I hope you continue that.

Just a quick comment on the police. As you know, this has been a very difficult week and I just want to take time to thank the Police Chief and the Captains and the entire force for the work that they have done over the last several days. This is kind of a unique situation that we have not been in before. We've had isolated incidents in the past. This one seems to have escalated beyond a point that we're used to in our small community. Many people are scared. They have fear, they're upset, they're nervous. There's been a lot of misinformation out there. There's been a lot of exaggeration. In a day and age with social media, things kind of get embellished and I'm in no way trying to make it less than it is, but I just appreciate the work that you guys have done in keeping us informed along the way and also having stepped up patrols. We can't guarantee that there won't be another incident, but we can do all we can to try to alleviate that and certainly hope to come to some conclusion in the near future and I want to publicly thank you for reassuring, or trying to reassure the public and I just want everyone to know that we have been inundated and we have listened and we do care and we want this to be resolved and we support you. Thank you.

Councilwoman Ecklund: I just want to reiterate exactly what Councilman Dolce said, but also to say thank you and to reaffirm with the public that just because the Chief or his department isn't making what they want to hear be announced all the time, don't think that they are not working on it. There are just certain things we cannot do, we cannot say. Again, thank you for your tireless efforts this weekend. Anytime I've called you or sent you a text or asked a question, he has responded in such a manner that is professional and courteous and informative so that we can inform our constituents. So, thank you to you and your department.

Councilwoman Carrubba: On a happy note, the parade is Friday night. Just to bring up the mood here. The weather should be great. It should be good, so we invite everybody to come out and celebrate a little bit.

Council President Rabb: If I could just briefly add to what everyone has said here. One; thank you for all your hard work on the budget. We have even more hard work to do going ahead and also again, I know we're repeating ourselves Chief, but especially since some of it happened

very close to my house, I because of the hard work of you and your department and the sacrifices your officers make, I feel safe. So, on behalf of the Council and the city, I want to thank you again. I don't think we can thank you guys enough, so thank you.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

James N. Olson
Director of Financial Services/City Clerk