## PUBLIC HEARING

## FEBRUARY 11, 2013

A Public Hearing was held at City Hall in Jamestown on Monday, February 11, 2013, at 5:30 PM, just prior to the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Present and Presiding, the Honorable Ryan S. Smith, Mayor; Gail Dishmon, Recorder; all Board members; news media; City Policeman Rob Lower; and many other interested citizens including local pawn shop owners and secondhand store owners.

Mayor Smith called the hearing to order and stated the purpose therefor:

To gather public input concerning an Ordinance which would require pawnbrokers and secondhand dealers to report all transactions electronically.

Mayor Smith asked City Policeman Rob Lower to explain the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Lower said "it was simply a reporting data base which would link all the businesses involved with the City's LeadsOnline electronic reporting system, a national database shared by law enforcement agencies in recovering stolen items." He further related that the pawn shops were already reporting daily, and that the secondhand stores just have to report items purchased from individuals, but they do not have to report items purchased on the internet or from other dealers.

There was much discussion by those in attendance. The mood of the audience seem to be in opposition to the Ordinance.

Mayor Smith said: "The City has no desire to do anything that the people are against. The purpose of this hearing is to get input, and we appreciate you being here to provide that input.'

With no further discussion, the public hearing then concluded.