

City Council Meeting March 5, 2018

City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 5, 2018 in Council Chambers, City Hall, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor William Baney who opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll was called, and present were Council members Douglas Byerly, Richard Conklin, Joel Long, Steve Stevenson, Sara Stringfellow, and Mayor William Baney. Councilman Bravard was absent. Also attending the meeting was City Manager Gregory Wilson and reporter Wendy Stiver from The Express.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion of Ms. Stringfellow, seconded by Mr. Long and carried unanimously, Council approved the minutes of the meeting of the February 19, 2018 regular meeting of Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

William Mincer advised Council that the next Lock Haven Safe Haven meeting will be held on March 31, 2018 at Avenue 209.

CORRESPONDENCE

2018 Liquid Fuels allocation

The Manager acknowledged the receipt of \$273,251.80 in Liquid Fuels allocation from PennDOT.

Maintenance of turnback streets allocation

The Manager acknowledged the receipt of \$5,400.00 from PennDOT for the maintenance of turnback streets. Mr. Wilson stated that this is the second time the City has received this annual allocation from PennDOT.

Changes to Comcast Newsy Live channel

Mr. Wilson advised that Comcast notified the City that the Newsy Live channel will no longer be available on Digital Preferred channel 1498 but will continue to be available on Digital Preferred channels 176 and 1114.

Wayne Township Landfill residential tire collection

The Manager stated that the Clinton County Solid Waste Authority will be holding a residential tire collection event on May 18 and 19, 2018 at the Authority's Recycling Center. Mr. Wilson noted that the event is free to Clinton County residents, however, for more than 12 tires the charge will be \$3.00 for car and light truck tires, and \$8.00 for large truck or tractor tires.

Shaner Property Real Estate Transfer

Mr. Wilson notified Council that the City received \$9,650.00 in real estate transfer taxes for the recent sale of the Shaner property.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consideration of Ordinance 982 Amending Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinance to include Section 6 Public Urination (Second Reading)

The Manager presented Ordinance 982 which amended Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinance to include Part 6, Public Urination and Defecation on second reading. He stated that there have been no changes to the ordinance since first reading. **On motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, Council approved the following ordinance amendment on second reading:**

ORDINANCE NO. 982

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 670, WHICH ADOPTED THE CODE OF
ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF LOCK HAVEN, CLINTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, BY
ADDING CHAPTER 6, PART 6, PUBLIC URINATION AND DEFECATION

Consideration of Ordinance 983 Amending the Alarm Ordinance (Second Reading)

The Manager presented Ordinance 983 which amended the Alarm Ordinance to increase the false alarm fee. He indicated that this fee has not been increased for the past 28 years. Mr. Wilson stated that this increase will act as an incentive to have individuals respond in a timely manner. Mr. Stevenson asked if the ordinance increased fees for multiple times the fire company responds to the same property. The Manager stated that the ordinance provides for increased fees as follows: \$0 cost for the first two false alarms, \$50.00 for the third false alarm, \$100 for the fourth false alarm, and \$200 for five or more false alarms. **On motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, Council approved the following ordinance amendment on second reading:**

ORDINANCE NO. 983

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13, PART 3 OF THE 2003 CODE OF ORDINANCES
WITH REGARD TO ALARM SYSTEMS

Authorization to approve the proposed 2015 CDBG budget modification

The Manager state a public hearing was held on February 19, 2018 to reprogram \$4,532.60 in 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funds to increase funding for the Single Family, Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program. Mr. Wilson indicated that no comments regarding the proposed budget modification were received from the public. **On a motion of Mr. Byerly, seconded by Mr. Stevenson and carried unanimously, Council approved the 2015 CDBG budget modification contingent upon PA Department of Community and Economic Development approval.**

Consideration of Resolution 1295 for the installation of a banner for LH JAMS festival

Mr. Wilson presented Resolution 1295 authorizing the submission of an application to PennDOT for the installation of a banner over East Main Street for the Lock Haven JAMS festival from July 20, 2018

to August 20, 2018. **On motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Conklin and carried unanimously, Council approved the following resolution making application to PennDOT for the installation of a banner over East Main Street for the Lock Haven JAMS festival from July 20, 2018 to August 20, 2018.**

CITY OF LOCK HAVEN
CLINTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 1295

NEW BUSINESS

Dury Dabber 28th Annual Great Adventure Dual Sport Ride Request to use City Authority Watershed

The Manager presented a request from the Dury Dabbers Motorcycle Club for permission to use the City Authority watershed on June 2, 2018 for the 28th Annual Great Adventure Dual Sport Ride. Mr. Wilson noted that the City Authority's forester approved the request and added that anyone using City Authority land enters into a contract which requires remediation of any damages within thirty days. **On motion of Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, Council approved a request from the Dury Dabbers Motorcycle Club to use the City Authority watershed on June 2, 2018 for the 28th Annual Great Adventure Dual Sport Ride.**

Consideration of a contract with Advance Professional Cleaning Services for City Hall Cleaning Service

The Manager stated that the City solicited bids for City Hall Cleaning Services and two proposals were received and is recommending a one-year contract with Advanced Professional Cleaning Services, Jersey Shore, in the amount of \$17,820.00. Mr. Stevenson asked if the contract can be shortened if the City is not satisfied with their work. Mr. Wilson stated that the contract will list all of the work to be performed, and should the company fail to complete any of the work satisfactorily the contract can be terminated. **On a motion by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, Council authorized awarding a contract to Advanced Professional Cleaning Services, Jersey Shore, in an amount of \$17,820.00.**

Consideration of a contract with JJ Peters for \$900.00 for sewage sludge disposal

The Manager stated that the City solicited bids to for Sewage Sludge Disposal Services and the lowest bid received was from JJ Peters in an amount of \$900.00 per month. He indicated that the contract would be for one year starting May 2018 and has a two-year renewable rider. **On a motion by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, Council authorized awarding a contract to JJ Peters in an amount of \$900.00 per ton for a one-year period beginning May 2018.**

Consideration of a contract with JJ Peters for garbage removal services

The Manager stated that the City solicited bids for Garbage Removal Services and the lowest bid received was from JJ Peters in the amount of \$18,195.00. He indicated that it is a one-year contract starting in March 2018, with a two-year renewable rider, and includes garbage removal of all trash cans and

dumpsters throughout the City except for the Levee. Mr. Conklin asked if the trash can be picked up for special events held on the weekends after the event. Mr. Wilson stated that the City does notify the company when there are special events and they accommodate the City. **On a motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Conklin and carried unanimously, Council authorized awarding a contract to JJ Peters in an amount of \$18,195.00 for a one-year period beginning March 2018.**

Authorization to enter into an agreement to permit residents of the City of Lock Haven to participate in the National League of Cities Service Line Warranty Program administered by Utility Service Partner.

Mr. Wilson presented Council with an agreement with the National League of Cities for city residents to participate in a volunteer Service Line Warranty Program administered by Utility Service Partner. The Manager stated that residents are not required to participate but should they agree to participate the cost is about \$5.00 a month for each service line (water and sewer) and includes repairs to the service line for which the property owner is responsible. He added that the City is not involved in the program other than allowing this service to be made available to its residents. He also noted that the City will provide a list of local contractors to include in their data base and the property owners will choose one of the contractors on the list. **On a motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, Council authorized signing an agreement with the National League of Cities for city residents to participate in a volunteer Service Line Warranty Program administered by Utility Service Partner.**

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Stevenson stated that he rode the bus last Friday and it was a pleasant experience and encouraged people to use the bus. He noted that you can ride for free until March 10 and after that date the fee is very reasonable.

Mr. Stevenson advised City residents to sign up for the Clinton County Be Alert Program which will notify participants of alerts that may affect them.

Mr. Stevenson encouraged Council to adopt a resolution in support of a Senate bill regarding the use of local radar. He stated that the Pennsylvania Municipality League is in support of this bill. Mr. Wilson advised that Council had adopted a resolution last year in support of this Senate bill.

Mr. Byerly congratulated Lock Haven University's Wrestling Program for winning the Eastern Wrestling League title which they had not won since 1997. He noted that LHU will be sending six wrestlers to the National Championship's Division 1 Program.

Mr. Byerly stated he is concerned that Councilmen Bravard has failed to attend or call-in the last three Council meetings and therefore the constituents who elected him are not being represented. Mr. Byerly added that he is also concerned that if Council has an important vote it could end in a 3-3 tie. Mayor Baney asked the Manager if Mr. Bravard has been in contact with him. Mr. Wilson stated that he was in contact with Mr. Bravard when he was convalescing in Williamsport but has not been in contact with him since he was moved to Hershey since his cell

phone and iPad were not taken with him to Hershey. Mr. Stevenson stated that Council did not vote on what constitutes attendance to which Mr. Wilson replied that Council did vote on this matter last year and will provide Council with a copy of the minutes. Mr. Stevenson added that he spoke to the Mayor of Bradford and they do not pay any Councilmember if they do not attend a meeting. Mr. Wilson stated that this decision would have to be made prior to the next election and would only affect those members who are newly elected. Mr. Stevenson urged Council to have something ready for the next election.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Long the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

(These minutes are draft and subject to approval by City Council)