

City Council Meeting August 20, 2018

City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 20, 2018 Council Chambers, City Hall, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor 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, Richard Morris, Steve Stevenson, Sara Stringfellow, and Mayor William Baney. Also attending the meeting was City Manager Gregory Wilson, reporters Laura Jameson from The Express and John Lipez from The Record, Castanea Township Supervisors Charles Clukey, Terry Neff, and Ron Welch, and Rick and Maria Vilello.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Byerly, seconded by Ms. Stringfellow and carried unanimously, Council approved the minutes of the meeting of the August 6, 2018 regular meeting of Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Castanea Township Supervisors Charles Clukey, Terry Neff and Ron Welch were present at the meeting and presented photos of several streets in the township that were not repaired correctly by the City's Water Department. Mr. Neff explained that the workers did not put base in but only cold patched the area. Mr. Wilson explained that the Water Department crew did not go back last year to make the necessary repairs other than cold patch, but the City is planning to make the necessary repairs in October of this year. Mr. Wilson assured the Township supervisors that he will review the list of streets with the Water Department supervisor and will have the streets repaired in accordance with the Township's ordinance.

CORRESPONDENCE

Property Use Request:

Susque-View Home/5 K Run

The Manager presented information from Susque-View Home requesting approval to use the following city streets for their annual 5K run: Cree Drive, Irwin Street, Glenn Road on October 6, 2018.. Susann Triponey, Director of Rehabilitation Service, was present at the meeting and introduced Jocelyn Wallace from Central Mountain High School, and David Kramer from Jersey Shore High School who are working with Susque-View Home on the 5K Run as part of their Senior project. The Manager said that they will coordinate the event with the Police Chief and Fire Police. Mr. Stevenson added that they should also coordinate the event with Lock Haven University. **On motion of Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Long and carried unanimously, Council approved Susque-View Home's request to use the following city streets for their annual 5 K Run: Cree Drive, Irwin Street, and Glenn Road.**

Clinton County Tourism Promotion Agency/Summer Concert Series

Mr. Wilson acknowledged receipt of \$3,500.00 from the Clinton County Tourism Promotion Agency for the City's Summer Concert Series.

New Police Cruiser

The Manager informed Council that the new police vehicle was on display outside City Hall for their review after the meeting. Mr. Wilson explained that the vehicle was purchased under a five-year lease through First National Bank.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of appointment of voting delegate for the 2018 PA Municipal League's Annual Summit

The Manager stated that as a member of the PML the City is entitled to appoint a voting delegate and alternate to the 2018 Resolutions Committee meeting and annual Business meeting, which will be held in Cranberry Township on October 4-6, 2018. **On motion of Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Stringfellow and carried unanimously, Council appointed Mr. Stevenson as the voting delegate. On a motion by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Stringfellow and carried unanimously, Council appointed Mr. Conklin as the alternate voting delegate.**

Introduction of Director of Public Works Anthony Stopper

Mr. Wilson introduced Anthony Stopper as the new Director of Public Works. Mr. Baney stated that this position has been vacant for quite some time. The Manager replied that the position has been vacant for fifteen years.

Mr. Stevenson asked if the consultant recently hired for the Ohl & Keller Dam project will be doing the inspections during construction. The Manager stated that Gwin Dobson & Foreman were hired for design services only and inspection was not part of their contract however he anticipated that the city will hire a “clerk of works” similar to what the city did for the sewer treatment plant project. Mr. Wilson added that a Resolution and Ordinance regarding the borrowing for the project will be presented to Council at their September 10, 2018 meeting.

OTHER MATTER

The Manager stated that last Wednesday a member of the Levee crew mowed grass onto a city street which is a violation of the City’s ordinance. He explained that this action was captured by a passerby who posted it on Facebook which was shared 1,392 times which translates into approximately 28,000 views. Mr. Wilson explained that all city employees have been notified that if this occurs again the city employee will be cited by the police and will be personally held responsible for their actions before the district judge.

Mr. Conklin asked if a municipality the City supplies water to notifies the City when they do a street project. Mr. Wilson replied that sometimes a municipality does so but not always.

Mr. Byerly noted that this was Ms. Stringfellow’s last Council meeting and wanted to publicly thank her for her years of service.

Ms. Stringfellow stated that she was grateful and proud serving on Council for the past 3.5 years and was resigning her position since she will be moving to Harrisburg to start her teaching career.

Mr. Byerly stated that since Ms. Stringfellow has publicly announced her resignation, if Council would forego the interview process for a new Councilmember and instead appoint Bill Mincer to fill the vacancy. Mr. Byerly was reminded that Council had to first accept Ms. Stringfellow’s resignation. **On motion of Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Long and carried unanimously, Council accepted the resignation of Ms. Stringfellow from Council.**

Mr. Stevenson said that to have full transparency Council should accept letters of interest from the public and conduct interviews. Mr. Long stated that he supported the appointment of Mr. Mincer and felt that since Council had recently gone through the interview process when Mr. Morris was appointed to Council in June and had only one candidate in addition to Mr. Mincer at that time, he felt they didn’t need to open it up to the public again and go through another interview process. Mr. Morris asked if there was any obligation to hold interviews. Mr. Wilson replied that the only statutory obligation was to vote in a timely manner and the majority of Council must approve the appointment. **On motion of Mr. Byerly, seconded by Mr. Long with Mr. Stevenson voting no, Council appointed Mr. William Mincer to fill the City Council vacancy for a term ending January 6, 2020.** Mr. Wilson stated that Mr. Mincer will not take office until the next meeting.

Mr. Baney said he was approached by a city resident who received a letter from Service Line Warranties of America on City letterhead and questioned whether the letter was legitimate. The Manager stated that the letter was legitimate and is an insurance program offered through the City's Water Department and the National League of Cities. He reminded Council that they approved Service Line Warranties of America to send letters to city residents and that it was a good idea because of the age of a lot of people's laterals. Mr. Wilson said a press release will be prepared letting the public know to expect this letter in the mail and that it is a legitimate program.

Mr. Rick Vilello asked to address Council and stated that he was at the Council meeting when Ms. Stringfellow was sworn in on Council and wanted to be at her last Council meeting. Mr. Vilello remarked that Lock Haven was a special place to live and thanked Council for their service.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Conklin the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

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