

**City Council Meeting  
August 6, 2018**

City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 6, 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, reporter Laura Jameson from The Express, Bill Mincer, and Bernie Rell, owner of Best Self Storage & Market Haus & Grove.

***COUNCIL MINUTES***

**On a motion of Mr. Byerly, seconded by Ms. Stringfellow and carried unanimously, Council approved the minutes of the meeting of the July 16, 2018 regular meeting of Council.**

***PUBLIC COMMENTS***

Mr. Bernie Rell, owner of Best Self Storage & Market Haus & Grove, stated that his business has been in Lock Haven since 1985, and has approximately 130 vendors and many rental storage units. He questioned the location of the “road closed” sign on East Walnut Street and the lack of detour signs. He stated that his business is down to about 10% of what it used to be since people think that East Walnut Street is closed and can’t get to his business. In addition to his business, there is also a beauty salon, mechanic business & cable company that are also affected. He asked that the “road closed” sign be moved to the corner of Washington Street so people can see that there is access to their businesses. Mr. Wilson stated that the “road closed” sign is necessary to stop people from driving into the construction area. He explained that the sign is placed at the off ramp so that vehicles, especially trucks, don’t make a right turn onto Walnut Street and then due to construction can’t turn around. Mr. Wilson said that PennDOT approved one official detour which is from Church Street, to Main Street to Hanna Street. Mr. Stevenson said that the City can ask SEDA COG (who are the project manager for this project) to ask the contractor to install a sign that says businesses on Washington Street are open. Mr. Wilson said he would ask SEDA COG but reminded everyone that this was not a City project but rather a project managed by SEDA COG with PennDOT funding and ultimately PennDOT approves the detours and signage. Mr. Rell asked how long the road will be closed, and Mr. Wilson replied that the road will be closed into September. Mr. Rell also stated that the construction project is creating a lot of dust and asked who should be contacted regarding the dust. The City Manager said he will contact SEDA COG regarding the businesses are open sign, dust and ask if they can install local detour signs.

Mr. Kyle Coleman asked Council for approval to use the floating stage for an additional concert on August 26, 2018. He explained that he will secure private donations to take care of the band, sound and concert oversight costs but asked the City to provide the person for concert oversight. Mr. Coleman said the band will be RIZE, a classic rock band. **On a motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, Council authorized the use of the floating stage for a concert on August 26, 2018.**

***CORRESPONDENCE***

***Property Use Request:***

***Lock Haven University Alumni Association/Homecoming Event***

The Manager presented information from Lock Haven University Alumni Association requesting approval to use the Corman Amphitheater and close East Water from Jay Street to Canal Park for the 4th annual Homecoming Block Party. The event will also include fireworks and the use of Canal Park for vendors and a homecoming banner across East Main Street from October 12<sup>th</sup> through October 22<sup>nd</sup>. **On motion of Mr. Byerly, seconded by Mr. Conklin and carried unanimously, Council approved Lock Haven University Alumni Association’s request to use**

**the Corman Amphitheater and Canal Park, close East Water from Jay Street to Canal Park, permit fireworks, and the following resolution for a banner across East Main Street.**

CITY OF LOCK HAVEN  
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RESOLUTION NO. 1309

***Lock Haven YMCA for use of levee/sidewalks for 10<sup>th</sup> annual “Run the River 5K/10K”***

Mr. Wilson presented information from the Lock Haven YMCA requesting the use of levee/sidewalks for 10<sup>th</sup> annual “Run the River 5K/10K.” **On motion of Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Stringfellow and carried unanimously, Council approved Lock Haven YMCA’s request to use the levee/sidewalks for 10<sup>th</sup> annual “Run the River 5K/10K.”**

***PA Department of Economic Development/ HOME Performance Review***

The Manager presented correspondence from the PA DCED regarding compliance of the City’s HOME Program.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

***Consideration of the agreement with Gwin Dobson & Foreman for engineering services for upgrades to the Ohl and Keller dams***

The Manager presented an agreement with Gwin Dobson & Foreman for engineering services for the preliminary design of improvements to the water supply system including DEP-required upgrades to the Ohl and Keller dams in the amount of \$2,000,000. Mr. Wilson explained that the City has been working for the past four years working with Gwin Dobson to get to this point and that the project will include upgrades to Ohl dam in Loganton, the replacement of Keller dam in McElhattan, and the installation of groundwater wells to subsidize the water system during the removal of Keller and to provide long-term subsidy to the system thereafter. Mr. Wilson stated that the cost of the project, which is estimated at \$21,550,000.00, will be covered by a combination of grant and loan dollars obtained through the state PennVEST Program, which is a reimbursement-based program whereby the city must expend the money in order to draw down the PennVEST funds. Mr. Wilson explained that the Ohl project has an anticipated completion date of 2021, and the Keller project has a completion date of 2023. Mr. Morris asked where the funding is coming from for the engineering services. Mr. Wilson stated that Council will be presented with a combined interim and bridge borrowing for both the engineering and construction costs, which will be reimbursed using the PennVEST grant and loan funds. **On motion of Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Long and carried unanimously, Council approved an agreement with Gwin Dobson & Foreman for engineering services for the preliminary design of improvements to the water supply system including DEP-required upgrades to the Ohl and Keller dams in the amount of \$2,000,000.**

***Consideration of the appointment to Ross Library Board***

The Manager stated that the Ross Library board is recommending the appointment of Rona Houser of East Main Street and Merle Harnish of W Water Street as the city’s representatives to the Ross Library to fill vacant partial terms ending Jan 1, 2021. **On motion of Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, Council approved the appointment of Rona Houser and Merle Harnish as the city’s representatives to the Ross Library to fill vacant partial terms ending Jan 1, 2021.**

***Consideration of Resolution/Keystone Communities application***

Mr. Wilson presented Resolution No. 1310 authorizing the filing of the Keystone Communities application with the PA Department of Community and Economic Development in the amount of \$500,000.00 for the East Church Street Streetscape Project. The Manager explained that this application will be used along with the \$1,000,000.00 PennDOT grant awarded for this project. **On motion of Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Stringfellow and carried unanimously, Council approved the following resolution authorizing the filing of a Keystone Communities application with the PA Department of Community and Economic Development in the amount of \$500,000.00 for the East Church Street Streetscape Project.**

CITY OF LOCK HAVEN  
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RESOLUTION NO. 1310

*Consideration of Council's response to the grievance of former police patrolman*

Mr. Wilson explained that former police patrolman Bryan Burger has completed the Step 1 grievance request to the Police Chief and Step 2 grievance request to the City Manager which were rejected by the Police Chief and City Manager. The Manager explained that tonight's request is the Step 3 grievance request before City Council. **On motion of Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Stringfellow and carried unanimously, Council denied the grievance of Bryan Burger and directed the manager to issue to him justification for denial in writing.**

**Employee Update**

The Manager stated the new Director of Public Works will begin work on August 21, 2018.

***OTHER MATTER***

Mr. Morris asked who will be doing the summer concert duties if the new city planner will not be doing them. The Manager explained that these duties will be assigned to another staff person.

Mr. Stevenson stated that there is a great article in the Nature Conservancy magazine about the City of Lock Haven.

Mr. Stevenson reminded everyone that the City will be presenting the outdoor movie, Peter Rabbit, this Saturday in Triangle Park.

Mr. Baney presented a \$100.00 check from Tip Wolfe & Craig Gray for the boat dock project.

***ADJOURNMENT***

**On a motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Conklin the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.**

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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