

**City Council Meeting  
April 15, 2019**

City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 15, 2019 in Council Chambers, City Hall, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM 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 Douglass Byerly, Joel Long, William Mincer, Richard Morris, and Steve Stevenson, Mayor William Baney. Also in attendance were City Manager Gregory Wilson, Human Resource Specialist Ivana Trader, Laura Jameson with The Express, John Lipez and Scott Johnson with The Record, Chief of Police Kristin Smith, Public Works Director Anthony Stopper, Code Enforcement Officer Cyndi Walker, Kasey Campbell from Downtown Lock Haven, and residents Dr. Gerald Martorell & Dr. Boris Morozov.

*COUNCIL MINUTES*

**On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, the minutes of the April 1, 2019 meeting were approved.**

*PUBLIC COMMENT*

Dr. Gerald Martorell, Assistant Professor in the Business Administration Department and Dr. Boris Morozov in the Finance, Business and Computer Science Department of Lock Haven University requested the City of Lock Haven to approve a letter of support for the university's proposed grand from the Center for Rural Pennsylvania with which they intend to study the economic impact of recreational infrastructure improvements like the Bald Eagle Valley Trail. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Long and carried unanimously, the request for the letter of support was approved.**

*CORRESPONDENCE*

Kasey Campbell from Downtown Lock Haven requested permission to hang Hometown Heroes banner to showcase the Hometown Hero Banner sales for approximately six weeks. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded Mr. Morris and carried unanimously, the request to hang the banner was approved.**

Kasey Campbell from Downtown Lock Haven requested permission to hang approximately 20 banners on the light poles on Jay Street, and the north side of Water Street. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Long and carried unanimously, the request to hang to hang the banners was approved.**

The City Manager announced that Kasey Campbell had been hired by the City as the new Director of Community Life and that her first day of work in that position would be Monday, April 22, 2019. As the Director of Community Life, Ms. Campbell will work to improve the quality of

life for resident with oversight of the Summer Recreation Program, public events and activities that use city property, team sports, the Summer Concerts and Summer Movies, coordinating with organizations for parades and festivals and oversight of the City's Sustainable PA certification through the Pennsylvania Municipal League.

The Clinton County Housing Authority requested the closure of a section of Linden Street on June 22, 2019 from 8AM to 4PM for a block party. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the request to close a section of Linden St was approved.**

The Manager informed City Council the results of the Public Works auction which was held on MuniBid generated \$51,403.57 of which \$7,500.00 was for the Fire Department equipment.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered ORDINANCE NO. 2019-02 AMENDING CHAPTER 170 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES" TO PERMIT THE GRANTING OF EXCEPTIONS on second reading. Mr. Stevenson again advocated for a continued prohibition on open containers on public property within the city limits. Mr. Stevenson expressed concerns as to whether the City can approve one request and not another without liability exposure. Mr. Mincer asked if Council could establish procedures and criteria for which organizations would be approved and how. The Manager explained this could be done by the adoption of a resolution by Council. **On a motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Conklin with one vote of no from Mr. Stevenson, the Ordinance was adopted.**

Council considered ORDINANCE NO. 2019-03 AMENDING THE CITY CODE BY ADDING NOISE CONTROL. Previously considered at the March 4, 2019 meeting, additional provisions were added to Section 3 establishing distances and times of day. Mr. Mincer expressed his concern that the ordinance still does not address decibel levels. **On a motion by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Morris the Ordinance passed on first reading with Mr. Long and Mr. Mincer voting no.**

#### NEW BUSINESS

Council considered ORDINANCE NO. 2019-04 PROVIDING THE VACATING OF THE NORTHERNMOST PORTION OF THIRD AVENUE, A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 390 FEET. Mr. Morris requested further clarity on how the property would be split between property owners. The Manager explained that the first step is to vacate the portion of the street. After that portion is vacated, the City would then be able to consider an agreement with the owner of Murray Motors for a land-swap that would provide Murray 30 feet of property from the city's public works yard so that they could expand their business in exchange for Murray Motor's claim to its half of the vacated Third Avenue which would provide the city additional property in its public works yard. **On a motion by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried**

**unanimously, the request to vacate a portion of Third Avenue was approved on the first reading. (second reading May 20).**

Council considered RESOLUTION NO. 1338 REQUESTING COUNTY LIQUID FUELS FUNDS of \$44,397.00 to mill and pave E Walnut Street from S Hanna Street to the SEDA-COG railroad tracks. **On a motion from Mr. Mincer, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, the Resolution was passed.**

Council considered RESOLUTION NO. 1339 AUTHORIZING, EMPOWERING, AND DIRECTING THE PROPER OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF LOCK HAVEN TO APPOINT A LIAISON BETWEEN IT AND BERKHEIMER, THE DULY APPOINT COLLECTOR OF LOCAL TAXES FOR THE CITY, FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF SHARING CONFIDENTIAL TAX INFORMATION WITH THE CITY FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES. **On a motion from Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, the request to authorize City Manager, Gregory Wilson was passed.**

Council considered the award of bid for utility water system installation at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to the lowest bidders. The Howard Company from Bloomsburg, PA for electrical in the amount not to exceed \$74,500 and Harger Utility of Lock Haven for construction in the amount not to exceed \$346,000 for a total project amount of \$450,500 contingent on DCED approval of the bids and related documentation. \$246,440 is grant-supported and the balance of \$174,060 will be from 2016 borrowed proceeds. **On a motion from Byerly, seconded by Mr. Mincer, and carried unanimously, the requested was passed.**

Council considered the appointment of Joshua Hudson of S. Highland Street as a City representative of the Ross Library Board of Directors. Mr. Conklin verified there was an open seat and suggested a letter from the library explaining the qualifications of the candidate and would be helpful to Council in future decision-making. **On a motion from Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Mincer, and carried unanimously, the appointment was approved.**

Council considered the purchase of real estate located at 55 Bellefonte Avenue from T&C Properties LLC owned by Tom & Cheryl Myers, directing the city manager to execute a sales agreement at the price not to exceed the appraised value as determined by a licensed appraiser. **On a motion from Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the purchase was approved.**

The City Manager announced that Abigail Roberts had been hired as the new Planner & Development Coordinator. Ms. Roberts will hold a B.S. in Regional Planning with a concentration in Land Use and GIS from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and brings with her experience in the Indiana Borough Planning Department and the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission where she assisted with transportation planning and grant writing. Mr. Roberts first day of work will be June 10, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

**Upon motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Morris, at 8:00 p.m., the meeting adjourned.**

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Mayor

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City Clerk