

**City Council Meeting**  
**August 05, 2019**

City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 05, 2019 in Council Chambers, City Hall, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. 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, 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, Scott Johnson with The Record, Public Works Director Anthony Stopper, Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell, City Planner & Development Coordinator Abigail Roberts, and wastewater treatment plant Instrumentation Technician Foreman Caleb Rogers, and members of the public Rona Houser, Dan & Rose Reeder, and David & Lou Taylor. Also present were members of the board of the Lock Haven City Authority: Chairperson June Houser, Karen Gugino, Jack Neal, Michael Rendos, and Authority Engineer Richard Marcinkevage.

*COUNCIL MINUTES*

**On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Mr. Conklin and carried unanimously, the minutes of the July 15, 2019 meeting were approved.**

*PUBLIC COMMENT*

Lock Haven city resident Rona Houser expressed concerns regarding the traffic light at the intersection of E Main Street and Hanna Street which is not currently in operation. Public Works Director Tony Stopper stated that a recent power outage disabled the operating electronics for the light. The City Manager explained that the controls for the light were installed in 1983 and that the system can no longer be repaired, and the cost of replacement is quoted to be between \$8000-\$10,000 dollars. Mr. Stopper relayed that PennDOT has been contacted and has provided some of the temporary signage while Council considers the future for the lighted intersection. However, PennDOT has approved only stop signs at the Hanna Street portions of the intersection, and if Council would like to request approval from PennDOT to temporarily have the intersection be a 4-way stop, Council could make that request by motion and it would be relayed the next day to PennDOT by the Director of Public Works. **On a motion by Mr. Mincer, seconded by Mr. Long and carried unanimously, the requested was approved.**

Council members heard two presentations for consideration of the installation of the solar array at the Lock Haven City Authority & Lock Haven City properties adjoining the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Representing IGS, Sel Edor presented two thirty-year proposal, with each option having two options. Option A 30-year solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) under which the City could claim and sell the Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SREC) which can be sold. Under

Option A, the City would have a choice of \$0.0739 per kWh with a 1.9% annual escalator, or \$0.0821 per kWh with an annual escalator of 1%. Under Option B, IGS Solar would claim the SREC benefits, and the City would have a choice of \$0.0599 per kWh with a 1.9% escalator or \$0.0699 per kWh with a 1% escalator.

Representing RER Energy Group of Reading, Loretta Ottinger presented a 30-year PPA under which the price for electric would be \$0.0620 with a 2% escalator per year. Any revenue from SREC sales in excess of \$50 would be split 50% with the City. In addition, RER would pay rent on the land on which the array would be located for 25 years with the first year's payment being \$9,996 gradually increasing each year to a final payment of \$14,289. For the last five years of the agreement, the City would not be charged for its energy consumption from the array.

In each scenario, IGS or RER, the City will be required to "buy out" the current energy agreement with Constellation which in April of 2019 was an additional cost of \$189,781; however, that cost goes down each month. RER proposed to help offset that amount if SREC market conditions allow RER to obtain an initial 5-year SREC contract at or above \$45 per SREC, then RER will pay the termination fee imposed by Constellation up to \$100,000.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Cody McKinney requested the use of Peddie Park on August 31, 2019 from 8-3 for a Team Building softball Game. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, the requested was approved.**

King of Life Ministries requested the use of Veterans Park from October 17-19 for an Awaken the Dawn prayer tent which will be staffed for all 40 hours of the event. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, the requested was approved.**

The City Manager presented a notice from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board notifying the City of the approval of its petition for exemption from Liquor Code Section 493(34) "Noise" in favor of the City's Noise Ordinance. This exemption will be in effect through July 31, 2020 before which the City will need to file again for exemption if it is the wish of Council at that time.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered the award of the 2019 paving projects of portions of E Walnut Street from the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority tracks to Hann Street, W Bald Eagle Street from Commerce to the Norfolk Southern tracks, and utility street restoration. to GOH, Inc from State college, PA, as the lowest bidder in an amount not to exceed \$191,760.00. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, the requested was approved.**

Council considered Resolution No. 1347 enabling the appointment of a Junior Council Member who is a city resident and a senior in high school. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Mincer and carried unanimously, the resolution was approved.**

#### NEW BUSINESS

The City Manager provided Council unaudited year-to-date budget reports through June 30, 2019. The reports showed the following:

	Budget	Actual
General Fund Revenue	5,685,428	3,851,041
General Fund Expense	5,307,537	2,303,134
Excess (Deficiency)	0.00	484,618
Excluding Fund Balance		
Water Fund Revenue	1,538,239	993,994
Water Fund Expense	1,651,905	808,392
Excess (Deficiency)		185,603
Excluding Fund Balance		
Sewer Fund Revenue	3,235,495	1,410,038
Sewer Fund Expense	3,491,231	1,475,461
Excess (Deficiency)		-65,423
Excluding Fund Balance		
Airport Fund Revenue	265,760	161,909
Airport Fund Expense	265,760	107,303
Excess (Deficiency)		54,606
Excluding Fund Balance		

#### OTHER MATTERS

Council Members requested an update on the demolition of 53 and 55 Bellefonte Avenue. The City Manager informed Council that the contractor should be returning the equipment to the site within two weeks, and that within two weeks after that the contractor should be back to work demolishing the remaining structures to clear way for new development.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Upon motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Conklin, at 9:00 p.m., the meeting adjourned.**

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Mayor

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City Clerk