

**City Council Meeting
August 19, 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 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 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, John Lipez with The Record, Public Works Director Anthony Stopper, Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell, and City Planner & Development Coordinator Abigail Roberts. Lock Haven residents, Rona Houser, Brian and Andrea Leuthold, and Kyle Coleman. Representing RER Energy Group, Loretta Ottinger and representing IGS Solar, Sel Edor.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, the minutes of the August 5, 2019, 2019 meeting were approved with the correction under PUBLIC COMMENT of the Constellation termination fee up to \$100,000.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Woodward Township Supervisor Kyle Coleman requested the use of the floating stage on Saturday August 24, 2019 from 6:30-9:00pm for a concert. Mr. Coleman verified that there would be no cost to the City. **On a motion by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, the requested was approved.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Clinton County Democratic Committee requested the use of Triangle Park for a “meet the candidates” on September 7, 2019 from 10AM-2PM. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Mincer and carried unanimously, the requested was approved.**

Clinton County SPCA requested the use of the levee for their 5K on September 22, 2019. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Mincer and carried unanimously, the requested was approved.**

The YMCA requested the use of the levee, beach pavilion, and selected streets by the YMCA for their 5K/10K race on October 26, 2019. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Mincer and carried unanimously, the requested was approved.**

Sue Packer of Susque-View Home requested the use of Cree, Irwin and Glenn streets for their annual 5K run on Saturday, November 2, 2019. **On a motion made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Mincer and carried unanimously, the requested was approved.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council continued discussion over a letter of intent to for a solar array to benefit the wastewater treatment plant. While generally agreed that the project is worth pursuing, the sentiment was that it is still too early to select a provider of the solar array and preferred to continue discussion and exploration of the project. **On a motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Mincer, and carried unanimously, Council approved City Staff continuing to engage developers to discuss and refine proposals for the solar array project was approved.**

Council considered the award of the contract for repairs to the Tidlow Dam at Grant Street to Greenland Construction of Clearfield PA as the lowest bidder not to exceed \$393,000.00. In the 2018 Note A, the city borrowed \$300,000 toward the Tidlow Dam repairs and an additional \$329,000 for levee repairs. These two amounts are tethered legally in the borrowing, meaning that funds for one purpose can be rededicated to the other. If council approves the bid, the additional \$93,000 will come out of the levee improvements of which \$14,111.18 has also been spent on lighting. The remaining amount for the levee repairs will now be \$221,888.82 if no additional funds are pulled for unforeseen items in the Tidlow project. **On a motion made by Mr. Long, seconded Mr. Conklin and carried unanimously, the contract with Greenland Construction was approved.**

Council was asked to consider rejecting all bids, and return the bids unopened to the contractors in order to allow for proper advertising and rebidding of the project. **On a motion made by Mr. Long, seconded Mr. Morris and carried unanimously, all bids were rejected and the requested to solicit for bids for demolition was approved.**

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered the recommendation from the Commercial Loan Committee to award a 3-year loan for \$50,000 to Brian Leuthold for the purpose of acquiring the Dutch Haven Restaurant. The term of the loan would be 5 years at an interest rate of 3%. **On a motion made Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, the requested was approved.**

Council considered the removal of traffic signals on Water & Grove and E Main & Hanna Streets. Council had previously request a 4-way stop be installed at E Main & Hanna while the light is disabled; however, according to the analysis engineering and traffic study (PennDOT TE-151) a 4-way stop sign would not be necessary or recommended and the request was denied by PennDOT. Representatives from PennDOT will be invited to a future Council meeting so that discussion can continue about whether to retain or remove the two signals.

Council considered the amending chapter 380 Vehicles & Traffic of Ordinance No. 2019-05 by restricting truck traffic on Third Avenue. **On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Mr. Conklin, however declined by Mr. Long, Mr. Mincer, and Mayor Baney, the Ordinance was adopted on first reading.** Second reading of the Ordinance will not be advertised, and a hearing held on the topic until after the decision is made about the signaled intersections at Hanna and Grove.

Council considered the agreement for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) with the Clinton County Housing Authority, having been provided a copy which correctly compensates the city based on its effective millage which is the calculated combination of its split-rate millage. **On a motion made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Byerly, however declined by Mr. Morris, the requested was approved.**

City Manager, Greg Wilson, announced the initiation of testing for entry level police officer by the Civil Service Commission of the City of Lock Haven. The successful candidates will be provided by the Commission to Council as a list form which to choose the appointment of the new officer.

OTHER MATTERS

Council Members were informed of the letter of appreciation from Steve Getz thanking numerous members of City staff for their work to ensure that the Lock Haven Jams festival was a safe and well-attended event.

Director of Public Works Tony Stopper informed Council Members that the recent auction held by the department of public works brought over \$11,000.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Conklin, at 8:30 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Mayor

City Clerk