

**City Council Meeting  
November 18, 2019**

City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 18, 2019 in Council Chambers, City Hall, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM Vice President Joel Long 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. 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, Director of Public Works Tony Stopper, and City Planner & Development Coordinator Abigail Roberts, Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell, resident Caleb Rogers; as well as Bob Rolley & Samantha Eisenhart from Downtown Lock Haven, Tammy Garrison & Mary Jane Isenberg from the Ross Library, JoAnne Bowes from the Historical Society, and Kevin Cierpilowski from the Clinton County S.P.C.A.

**COUNCIL MINUTES**

**On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Mr. Mincer and carried unanimously, the minutes of the November 04, 2019, 2019 meeting were approved.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Council heard the request from JoAnne Bower representing the Historical Society for a donation of \$1000.00.

Council heard the request from Kevin Ciepilowski representing the Clinton County S.P.C.A for a donation of \$10,000.00

Council heard the request from Bob Rolley & Samantha Eisenhart representing Downtown Lock Haven for a donation of \$15,000.00.

Council heard the request from Tammy Garrison representing the Ross Library for a donation of \$30,000.00, a \$1,000.00 increase over the 2019 donation.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Council considered the use of Zindel Park and Keller watershed for the Held family wedding on September 19, 2020. **On a motion made by Mr. Mincer, seconded by Mr. Morris and carried unanimously, the requested was approved.**

Council considered the closing of Leather Alley for Christmas tree sales by Citizen Hose Company. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Conklin and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

The City Manager presented the City response to the annual Bureau of Aviation airport inspection.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The City Manager provided notification of substantial completion of repairs to the Tidlow Dam. The project included repairing a large hole that was the catalyst to the project, and two subsequent holes that were discovered once the water was lowered. The repairs were made using funds from the 2018 A Note dedicated to Tidlow Dam improvements. Also, during the lowering of the water level, a large crack was revealed where the Tidlow Dam meets the levee which could compromise the levee in a high-water event. The crack was repaired using funds from the 2018 A Note dedicated to repairs of the levee.

The City Manager provided notification of completion of the 2019 paving and patching projects. In addition to the original scope of work which included a portion of E Walnut Street and W Bald Eagle Street, the manager explained that the city undertook a significant utility patching project. The increased patching amount stemmed from water leaks detected through the city's current leak detection program which has resulted in a savings of more than 400,000 gallons per day.

Council considered making an application to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) for a single event license for the City to be used during the May 21, 2020 Economic Partnership to be held at the Second Avenue Public Works garage. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

## NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Ordinance No. 2019-07 adopting the 2020 Budget Ordinance on first reading. The City Manager explained that a public hearing on the Budget Ordinance will be held on December 2 and December 9, 2019, before being considered for final adoption on December 16, 2019. **On a motion by Mr. Mincer, seconded by Mr. Conklin and carried unanimously, the requested was approved.**

Council considered Ordinance No. 2019-08 setting the real estate tax millage for 2020 at the current rate using the existing split-rate amounts resulting in no proposed tax increase for 2020. The City Manager explained that a public hearing on the Budget Ordinance will be held on December 2 and December 9, 2019, before being considered for final adoption on December 16, 2019. **On a motion by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Conklin and carried unanimously, the requested was approved.**

Council considered the Resolution No. 1352 to make application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority for 75% funding of the \$835,000 project to remove the Upper Castanea Dam and restore the stream (Harveys Run). **On a motion by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, the requested was approved.**

Council considered the Resolution No. 1353 to make application to the DCED Strategic Management Planning Program for 50% of the cost of the City of Lock Haven Comprehensive Plan update. For the remaining cost of the plan, about \$19,000 will come from Community Development Block Grant Funds and the balance has been listed in the 2020 General Fund. **On a motion by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Mincer and carried unanimously, the requested was approved.**

Council considered the acceptance of the resignation of City Engineer Jason Dershem effective December 1, 2019. The City Manager and several Members of Council thanks Mr. Dershem for his more than 13 years of service to the residents of the community. **On a motion by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Mincer and carried unanimously, the requested was approved.**

Council considered the appointment of Gwin Dobson & Foreman as acting City Engineer effective November 28, 2019. The City Manager explained that the necessity of having a City Engineer by the Third Class City Code requires that either an individual or firm be appointed to

that capacity. The Manager explained that a position description will be completed, and the search initiated for a permanent replacement for the City Engineer position. **On a motion by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, the requested was approved.**

OTHER MATTERS

None

ADJOURNMENT

**Upon motion by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Morris, at 7:45 p.m., the meeting adjourned.**

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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