

**City Council Meeting
February 3, 2019**

City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 3, 2020 in Council Chambers, City Hall, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor 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, William Mincer, Richard Morris, Steve Stevenson, Junior Council Member Nova Maggs, and Mayor Joel Long. Also in attendance were City Manager Gregory Wilson, Human Resource Specialist Ivana Trader, Scott Johnson and John Lipez with The Record, Laura Jameson with The Express, City Planner & Development Coordinator Abbey Rogers, Director of Public Works Tony Stopper, Director of Licenses & Permits Cyndi Walker, Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell, Police Chief Kristin Smith, and Fire Chief Bob Neff. Also, in attendance were residents Caleb Rogers Chris Williams, and Don Powers. Other attendants were Kayla Katalinas, Joseph Katalinas, Linda Galliher, Nathaniel Antonuab, Gage Fischer, Gerald Jewett, Michelle Wondoloski, Mick Galliher, Trent Dunlap, Cynthia Griffin, Ed Griffin, Michelle Griffin, Mike Sager, Dana Antonuccio, Cathy Sager, Jordan McCloskey, Nick Antonuccio, Nicole Capasso, Chris Capasso, Jim Hanna, Steve Getz, Dave Harger, Jim Russo, and Masa James.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Mr. Mincer and carried unanimously, the minutes of the January 20, 2019 meeting were approved.

Council considered the appointment of a resident to the vacant seat on City Council. One letter of interest was received from Barbara Masorti along with an affidavit of residency as required by the Third Class City Code. Ms. Masorti was present at the meeting. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Mincer and carried unanimously, resident Barbara Masorti was appointed to fill the vacant seat on City Council for the term ending January 2, 2022.** Mayor Long issued the Oath of Office to Ms. Masorti and she was seated as a Council Member.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Getz and Dave Harger presented City Council with preliminary drawings for a refurbishment of Veterans Park at the corner of E. Water Street and N. Jay Street to be paid for with donations. Mr. Getz and Mr. Harger requested that Council call a meeting of the Veterans Park committee made up of representatives from veterans organizations throughout the County to discuss the potential improvements to Veterans Park and provide City Council with a recommendation. **On a motion made by Mr. Mincer, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried**

unanimously Council directed Council Member Conklin who chairs the committee to call a meeting of the Veterans Park Committee to consider the request for improvements.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council considered the request of Sentimental Journey, Inc., presented by Sentimental Journey Executive Coordinator Kim Garlick, for use of City property in for events during 2020 as follows:

Use of Hangar 1 on May 3, 2020 for a pancake breakfast

Use of Piper Airport for the Sentimental Journey Fly-in on June 16-20,2020

Use of Hangar 1 on September 20, 2020 for a pancake breakfast

On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Morris and carried unanimously, the request was approved.

Council considered Resolution No. 1361 providing for the application to PennDOT for the installation of the banner over East Main Street (U.S. Census) and Resolution No. 1362 providing for the application to PennDOT for the installation of a banner over East Main Street (Ross Library). **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Mincer and carried unanimously, the Resolutions No. 1361 & No. 1362 to install banners over East Main Street were adopted.**

The City Manager provided Council with the 2019 recycling report from Wayne Township Landfill. During 2019, the Authority collected 346.34 tons of recyclables withing the City of Lock Haven.

The City Manager provided Council with a total of 2019 Unpaid Real Estate Taxes. \$260,367.86 was turned over to the County for collection.

The City Manager provided Council with the 2018 Annual Audit (CLGS-30). The Manager explained how the audit was divided by type of activity and is easier for the public to understand than the annual financial statements. The Manager explained that the difference between revenues and expenditures was attributed to borrowed proceeds from the 2016 and 2018 borrowings. Mr. Mincer questioned how the amusement tax was paid. The manger stated it was paid on a flat rate per item.

The City Manager provided Council with a letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection that after reviewing the 2019 Annual Inspection Report for Upper Castanea Dam, DEP has classified the dam as unsafe. DEP has ordered the City to file and “application to Draw Off Water from the Impoundments” with the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission within 5 days of receiving the letter dated January 22, 2020 and subsequently begin reservoir drawdown. Mr. Conklin questioned the effect the drawdown would have on Harveys Run. The Manager stated it would be a small increase, but not a substantial increase in flow. An application to Draw Off Water was submitted to Thomas Shervinskie, Fisheries biologist of the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission on January 24, 2020 by consulting engineer Gwin Dobson

& Foreman. When the City receives approval from Fish & Boat, it will begin the drawdown process.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Long issued the Oath of Office to newly hired police officers Gage Fischer, Cynthia Griffin, and Joseph Katalinas.

Council heard the presentation of the new City smartphone app “Lock Haven City” from Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell. The app was designed to give City residents another way to communicate issues they feel need to be addressed with the City.

Council considered second reading of Ordinance No. 2020-01 adopting the budget for the 2018 Community Development Block Grant program accounting for the expenditures appropriated from the fund equities, revenues and other financing sources available for the specific purposes set forth in the ordinance.

On a motion made by Mr. Mincer, seconded by Mr. Morris and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 2020-01 was adopted on second reading.

Council considered the award of materials for a 12-bay storage shed at Second Avenue to Triple D Truss, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$23,554.86. Director of Public Works Tony Stopper stated the shed will be large enough for the leaf vac trucks to protect them from the elements. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, the bid was approved.**

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 1363 to acquire title to certain properties through Eminent Domain Proceedings for a permanent avigation easement of the parcel Control No.19-9391, owned by Robert G Baguley and Judith M Koch by virtue of that certain Deed recorded to Clinton County Instrument No. 2005-2747 (the “property”) on, over, and above the Property for the purposes of William T. Piper Memorial Airport. The City Manager explained the City would be taking air, not the land, and that there is a tree in the easement area that needs to be removed

The City had negotiated with the property owner and offered the appraised value of the easement, \$1,000.00; however, the property owners were not responsive to the amount being offered and had additional demands that can’t be met by the City. **On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Mr. Mincer and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 1363 acquiring title through Eminent Domain to parcel 19-9391 was adopted.**

Council considered the request to declare the lease with Anadarko Marcellus Midstream of 11 acres of land at the airport abandoned if a new lease for the site is obtained with Costal Defense. The City Manager explained that 2020 is the last year of the lease with Anadarko, and that Coastal

Defense intends to enter into a minimum 25-year lease and construct an additional hangar on the site. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Conklin and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

The City Manager presented four property transfer requests from the Redevelopment Authority of Lock Haven for Council's consideration:

1. That the City transfer 2 E Walnut St. to the Redevelopment Authority so that it may enter into an agreement for sale for \$200,000.00 to Vasas Inc. and the construction of a restaurant on the site. **On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Mr. Stevenson and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**
2. That the City transfer 37-55 Bellefonte Ave to the Redevelopment Authority so that it can continue to pursue an agreement for sale for \$65,000.00 or greater to the co-developers of Davis & Davis Real Estate LLC and Yoder Development Group Inc. for construction of 3 story commercial structure (1st floor commercial, floors 2-3 residential at market rate rent). **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**
3. That the City transfer 615 Park Street (parcel 22-11587-6) to the Redevelopment Authority for its disposition. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Stevenson and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**
4. That the City transfer parcel ID 6-2995, commonly known as the "Drake site" to the Redevelopment Authority for disposition. The property which is accessible from Myrtle street was originally purchased for \$900.00 by the City at judicial sale. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

With Council's consent on the above requests, the City Manager stated that the solicitor will now draw up the appropriate resolution for Council's consideration so that the properties may be transferred to the Authority's ownership and it may then enter into legally binding agreements for their development and sale.

The City Manager provided a memo from Fire Administrator Robert Neff stating that the Lock Haven Fire Advisory Board requests that Trevor J Reeder be appointed as a relief driver for the Citizens Hose Company and that Craig Simcox be appointed as a relief driver for Hope Hose Company. **On a motion made by Mr. Mincer, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Stevenson stated that a recent meeting of the county partners with River Valley Transit that the bus service ended 2019 with 90% of within its revenue target and 92% of its spending target and has been seeing increasing ridership, especially among students.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor

City Clerk