

**City Council Meeting
February 18, 2019**

City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 18, 2019 in Council Chambers, City Hall, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor 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, Steve Stevenson and Mayor Baney. Also in attendance were City Manager Gregory Wilson, Human Resource Director Ivana Trader, Laura Jameson with The Express, John Lipez of the Renovo Record, Jim Russo, Kasey Campbell, Louie Anastos and Steve Getz representing Lock Haven JAMS; retiring city employees Denny Furl and Gary Ferree; city employees Kyle Dale and Jared Smith; Director of Public Works Tony Stopper, City Fire Administrator Bob Neff and Aimee St. Patrick.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, the minutes of the February 4, 2019 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council considered Resolution No. 1325 to congratulate retiring Streets and Parks Foreman Denny Furl after 26 years, 10 months and 5 days of service to the City of Lock Haven.

Council considered Resolution No. 1326 established to congratulate retiring Levee Superintendent Gary Ferree after 24 years, 8 months and 9 days of service to the City of Lock Haven.

On a motion made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Stevenson and carried unanimously, Resolutions No. 1325 and No. 1326 were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Getz of the Clinton County Arts Council spoke on behalf of Lock Haven JAMS and indicated that although council was only considering the installation of a banner across E Main Street with resolution No. 1327, supporters of the event will be returning to city council in the future to request several other considerations for the event. A few of the potential points to be addressed are allowing for free parking on the day of the event, a waiver of the Noise Control Ordinance, a waiver of the open container law with respect to outside alcohol consumption and a letter of support from City Council for the entire event.

On a motion made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Conklin and carried unanimously Resolution No. 1327 was approved.

The Dirty Dabbers provided a written request to City Council to use the City Authority watershed June 1, 2019. The motorcycle club is requesting permission to use a portion of the watershed property as part of the trail for their 29th annual Great Adventure Dual Sport Ride. They anticipate approximately 400 riders of street legal, licensed and insured motorcycles.

On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Mr. Long and carried unanimously, the use request of the City Authority watershed was approved.

The manager provided Council a letter from DCED confirming the adequacy of response to FY2010-2015 CDBG contract review. The Department of Community and Economic Development has acknowledged that the city has adequately addressed their issue regarding acquisition and no further response is necessary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council held the second consideration of Ordinance No. 999 which adopts the 2019 Codification of City Ordinances through July 2, 2018. Mr. Wilson explained that this is the second reading of the proposed ordinance which will complete the first codification process of city ordinances since 2003.

On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Mincer and carried unanimously, the ordinance was adopted on second reading.

Council considered Resolution No. 1328 enabling the immediate enactment of Ordinance No. 999. As a third class city Lock Haven has the capability of adopting a resolution which will immediately enact the ordinance adopting the Code of Ordinances absent an appeal period.

On a motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Morris and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 1328 was adopted.

As part of the codification, all charges and fees were removed from ordinances to be adopted as part of an all-encompassing fee resolution with the Council consideration of Resolution No. 1329.

On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 1329 was adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 1330 to initiate the process of filing with the court system and the state to gain permission to offer Peddie Park for sale. Mr. Wilson explained that to one day consider the sale of the park, approval from both the court and the state would be required first. As part of the process, Council must adopt a resolution requesting such consideration. Mr. Wilson emphasized that it did not bind the city to the sale of the park, it merely gave the city the option if it so desired. Mr. Long and Mr. Morris both shared their reservations about starting the process without further discussion. Mayor Baney indicated that the park is underutilized, is outside of city limits and is very costly to maintain. Mr. Byerly and Mr. Conklin concurred stating that they both felt that because the resolution did not bind the city to the sale of the park that we should move forward with initiating the process.

On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, with Mr. Long and Mr. Morris dissenting, Resolution No. 1330 was adopted on a 5-2 vote.

Council considered Resolution No. 1331 to enter into a purchase agreement with the Castanea Fire Company for \$6,000 for parcel 6-2755-J which adjoins the land of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Wilson explained to council that the area in question is a land locked parcel for the Fire Company but because it is immediately adjacent to city owned property, the city would be able to access it from the treatment plant.

On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Conklin and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 1324 was adopted.

Mr. Wilson informed council that the city had solicited bids in September 2018 for engineering services for extending the streetscape project from Bellefonte Avenue to Grove Street. The award for engineering services will be for Phase I of the project only and will be funded through the CDBG program. Actual construction and inspections of the project will be accomplished with \$1 million in PennDOT Transportation Alternative Program funding and requires that the project commence in 2020. After reviewing the 9 proposals submitted, city staff and SEDA COG felt that the most qualified bidder was the EADS Group with a bid not to exceed \$59,290.

On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Stevenson and carried unanimously to award the engineering services to the EADS Group.

According to Mr. Wilson, the proposed Bureau of Aviation grant-funded renovations to one of the hangars at the airport requires that an engineering study be completed. The bid presented was from GAI Consultants at a cost not to exceed \$77,116.35.

On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Long and carried unanimously council voted to award the engineering services to GAI Consultants pending approval from the Bureau of Aviation.

The City Manager presented a recommendation for the purchase \$60,489.07 of groundskeeping maintenance equipment for the airport. The purchase would be supported by a grant from the Bureau of Aviation and the purchase would be through the PA CoStars program. The purchase would include a John Deere 1550 Terrain Cut Commercial Front Mower and 60” 7-Iron Pro Commercial Side Discharge Deck for \$17,825.67 and a John Deere 5100E Utility Tractor for \$42,663.40.

On a motion made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Conklin and carried unanimously council voted to approve the equipment purchase.

PennDOT has requested permission from the city to mill and pave SR 150 from the Flemington Borough line to and including East Main Street during the overnight hours. Work is to commence sometime in the spring or summer of this year and will take place during the hours of 6 PM to 6 AM.

On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously to allow PennDOT to pave during the overnight hours.

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Wilson informed council that Mike Rendos of 715 West Third Street submitted a letter of interest in being appointed to fill a vacancy on the City Authority.

On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Conklin and carried unanimously council voted to appoint Mr. Rendos to the City Authority.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Conklin the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Mayor

City Clerk