

**City Council Meeting
June 15, 2020**

City Council met in regular session on Monday June 15, 2020, over video conference call, in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 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, Barbara Masorti, William Mincer, Richard Morris, Steve Stevenson, and Mayor Joel Long. Also, in attendance were City Manager Gregory Wilson, City Planner and Development Coordinator, Chief of Police Kristin Smith, and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell. Guests in attendance were Marie Vilello, manager of Downtown Lock Haven, Inc, and Greg Packech of Vape Haven.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Stevenson and carried unanimously, the minutes of the June 1, 2020 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public were invited to speak with council. Marie Vilello, the manager of Downtown Lock Haven, Inc., spoke to council regarding the closure of E Main Street for the Pedestrian Walkway, which began on June 12, 2020. Ms. Vilello surveyed a few business owners on Main Street, to gain feedback from the first weekend. Most business owners were happy with the closure, but wanted to see a later start time, to allow parking on Main Street longer on Fridays. Greg Packech, owner of Vape Haven at 134 E Main Street, addressed council with his concerns regarding the E Main Street closing for the opening of a Pedestrian Walkway. Mr. Packech requested three parking spaces in the lot off E Church and Grove Street, for his customers to be able to patronize his business. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson and seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried on a vote of 6-1, Council voted to set aside three spaces for 15-minute pick-up and drop-off for businesses in the parking lot during the E Main Street closure times.** Council did not take action on offering free parking throughout Friday, and instead continued the existing practice of offering free parking during the beginning at 5:00 on Friday evening and continuing for the weekend.

Mr. Mincer shared correspondence from a business owner that expressed positive feedback during the Pedestrian Walkway and explained that they were happy to see Main Street so busy on Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Mincer had a member of the public ask if smoking was permitted in the outdoor dining area. The City Manager explained that smoking is prohibited in the Main Street Dining Park, and it is determined by the Department of Health's Clean Air Act.

City Council was informed by the City Manager that the start time for the Main Street Pedestrian Mall would be changed from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday unless Members of Council objected. Not Members of Council voiced an objection.

CORRESPONDENCE

The City Manager gave notice from the Auditor General of the scheduling of the review of the 2016-2019 pension fund activities which is performed every two years.

The City Manager read a notice of the award from the Bureau of Aviation of \$250,000 grant to the city for improvements at Piper Airport.

The City Manager notified Council of the PLCB public hearing for noise exemption on June 22, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered Ordinance No. 2020-06 adopting the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lock Haven Police Department and Keystone Central School District. **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. 1582 accepting the deed of dedication for Kistler Park “Tiger Den”. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Morris and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

Council considered the approval of safety protocols presented by Babe Ruth Baseball League and the Clinton Little League to begin practice and games at City fields which were reviewed by the Director of Community Life who recommended Council approve the protocols. **On a motion made by Mr. Mincer, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, the approval was granted.**

The Director of Community Life announced that the city parks were sanitized and are now open to the public. The new construction at Jack Bailey Playground at Hammermill Park is currently going through final inspections and should be open to the public within a month.

The City Manager announced the end of the period of waiving interest and penalties on unpaid water/sewer bills and end of deferment of existing Commercial Loan payments beginning July 1, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 1583 appointing the Environmental Review Certifying Officer for CDBG projects. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Mincer and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

Council considered the extension of the agreement for sewage sludge hauling through April 30, 2021, and the extension of the agreement for garbage pick-up through January 31, 2021. The City Manager explained that after next year, these contracts will be up for bid again. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the extensions were granted.**

Council considered the award for the contract for Piper Airport runway crack sealing and remarking to lowest bidder Axtell's Inc. of Jermyn, PA in the amount of \$49,211.31, with the city share of \$2,461 from the 2016 Note borrowing. **In a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the contract was awarded.**

Council considered Resolution No. 1584 for the hanging of a Census Banner over E Main Street. **On a motion made by Mr. Mincer, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

OTHER MATTERS

The City Manager asked that if any businesses or residents had concerns or suggestions on how to improve the Pedestrian Walkway, to please submit those to the Director of Community Life. The City Manager also announced the intent to provide a Farmer's Market during the Pedestrian Walkway, to be implemented by the end of the July. This would be restricted to only vendors that are not in direct competition to other businesses already in the Central Business District.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, at 8:29 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

City Clerk