

## City Council Meeting August 3, 2020

City Council met in regular session on Monday August 3, 2020, over video conference call, in 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, 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, and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell. Guests in attendance were Nick Hawrylchak, owner of the Broken Axe Brewhouse.

### COUNCIL MINUTES

**On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, the minutes of the July 20, 2020 meeting were approved.**

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Hawrylchak addressed Council to express his concerns about the Weekend Pedestrian Mall, and its effects on businesses outside of the closed area. Mr. Hawrylchak expressed that his and many businesses outside of the Pedestrian Mall have experienced significant decline in business, especially during Friday evening and Saturday, and provided suggestions on how to help businesses. Council discussed Mr. Hawrylchak's concerns and agreed to have city staff conduct another survey to follow up to the survey conducted July 8, 2020, and work with businesses to address concerns. On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by and carried unanimously, Council moved to conduct a follow-up survey, partnering with Downtown Lock Haven, Inc.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Council considered a request for the use of Zindel Park on October 3, 2021, for a wedding. On a motion made by Mr. Mincer, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.

The City Manager notified Council of an increase in the City's share of the annual donation to River Valley Transit. Mr. Stevenson explained the increase and discussed the changes to ridership caused by COVID-19.

The City Manager provided Council copies of the Fiscal Year Audits of the Lock Haven City Authority and the Lock Haven Area Flood Protection Authority, which were turned in to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered the second reading of Ordinance No. 2020-07 establishing the CDBG Fiscal Year 2019 budget. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Stevenson and carried unanimously, the ordinance was adopted.**

#### NEW BUSINESS

Council considered the resignation of Josh Grimes, from the Planning Commission, due to Mr. Grimes moving out of the City. Council thanked Mr. Grimes for his time on the Commission. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Mincer, and carried unanimously, the resignation was approved.**

Council considered Resolution No. 1560 to provide a 10-year extension of the designation of the Airport Industrial Zone as a Keystone Opportunity Zone. Mr. Stevenson expressed concern with allowing a business to be tax free. **On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

The City Manager provided a 6-month update to Council on the 2020 budget, noting that annual revenues for the General Fund are above budgeted expectations and that expenditures are down three percent from budgeted estimates.

The City Manager announced that the position of Watershed Manager with the Department of Public Works would be advertised, and a search would begin for a qualified candidate to fill the position.

#### OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Conklin apologized for missing the last meeting of Council.

Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Mincer thanked staff for their work on the Farmer's Market, and the City Manager announced that the city is always looking for more volunteers for the market, and to contact the Director of Community Life if interested.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Upon motion by Mr. Morris, at 8:08 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.**

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Mayor

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City Clerk

