

**City Council Meeting
August 17, 2020**

City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 17, 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, Abbey Roberts, Director of Public Works, Anthony Stopper, and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell. Guests in attendance were Jeffrey Rich of the Clinton County Housing Coalition, Lori Callahan, representing the Clinton County Women's Center, and Kevin Tripp representing Clinton Little League.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, the minutes of the August 3, 2020 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Mincer asked if the new survey of community businesses regarding the Pedestrian Mall has been conducted, explaining that a business owner reached out. The Director of Community Life explained that the survey is being finalized with members of Downtown Lock Haven, Inc, and the Clinton County Economic Partnership which will be hosting open discussions after emailing out the survey to meet with owners face to face to hear their concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council considered a request for the use of Taggart Park for Bingo, hosted by the Babe Ruth Baseball League. A COVID-19 safety plan was submitted to the Director of Community Life. The Mayor expressed that this event is usually a large fundraiser for the league, and he was pleased to see they were looking for safer options to continue holding this event during the pandemic. **On a motion made by Mr. Mincer, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried by a vote of 6-1 with Mr. Morris voting in opposition, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request for the use of Zindel Park for the 2020 Boulder Beast on September 19, for an aide station. A COVID-19 safety plan was submitted to the Director of Community Life. Mr. Morris expressed concern with allowing an event on city property that promotes bringing visitors from other areas, during a pandemic. **On a motion made by Mr. Mincer, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried by a vote of 6-1 with Mr. Morris voting in opposition, the request was approved.**

The Director of Community Life provided an update on an email sent to the coaches of the Babe Ruth Baseball League and the Clinton County Softball League, regarding the use of masks on the field. When visited by the Director, all league play had been viewed to be in compliance with their safety plans.

Council considered a request from the Trump Victory organization for the use of the amphitheater and floating stage on September 19, 2020 from 2-6 p.m. for their Freedom Fest event. The organization did not provide the required COVID-19 safety plan or proof of liability insurance. A motion was made by Mr. Byerly but the motion died due to a lack of a second. Mr. Mincer asked if request could be approved contingent on receiving the safety plan and insurance. Mr. Conklin explained that council does not have the right not to approve the event, and that he would have no problem tabling the request until the September 14 meeting, pending the receipt of the required items. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, Council voted to table the request until the September 14, 2020 meeting, pending the receipt of the Covid-19 Safety Plan, and proof of liability insurance.**

The City Manager presented to Council the review of the CDBG 2015, 2016, and 2017 Financial Monitoring Report by the City Planner and Development Coordinator and members of the Department of Community and Economic Development. There were no findings or concerns outlined in the report, and therefore no corrective action plan is due.

The City Manager announced that PennDOT will have temporary lane closures in areas surrounding intersections for two weeks as part of a project to replace traffic signals throughout the city. Mr. Stevenson asked if this will be coordinated with the streetscape project. The City Manager and Director of Public Works explained that the traffic signal engineer has been coordinating with the streetscape design firm so that all designs will work together, and the streetscape will be completed by the end of this year. The Mayor asked for clarification on the streetscape project, due to concerns from the public, and the Director of Public works confirmed that the trees that have been removed as part of the streetscape project will be replaced. The City Manager has sent out a letter to businesses and residents effected by the lane closures due to the E Church Street project. Mr. Stevenson asked if there was a schedule of paving for this summer, and the Director of Public Works explained that PennDOT will not be having any paving projects in the city this year, due to funding cuts related to the pandemic.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A hearing was held for the use of 2020 CDBG public services funds in the amount of \$37,648.00. The City Planner and Development introduced the non-profit applicants; The Clinton County Housing Authority for \$41,250, for renovations to a housing project for the Returning Citizens Program, the Clinton Little League, for \$35,000 for improvements to Taggart Park, and the Clinton County Women's Center (doing business as Roads to Peace) for \$25, 589.00 for renovations to the Women's Center. The City Planner and Development Coordinator explained that the public service allocation is capped at 15% after administration cost, for a total of \$37, 648.00. Each organization was given the opportunity to discuss their project, and answer questions from Council. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried by a vote of 4-2, with Mr. Morris abstaining from voting due to his role with the Housing**

Coalition and Mr. Mincer voting in opposition, to allocate the public service funds toward the project of the Clinton County Housing Coalition.

The Director of Public Works presented a new signage plan to make traffic easier for tractor trailers traveling to and from First Quality. The new signage is being paid for by First Quality and will be installed in the city rights-of-way as previously authorized by City Council. The Director was hopeful that this collaborative effort will help to reduce some of the commercial truck traffic that travels through residential neighborhoods in the city.

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 1561 to enter into an agreement with PennDOT for winter maintenance of State-owned streets within the city by the Department of Public Works. The current agreement is \$28,000, the new agreement begins at \$32,000 and progressively inflates each of the five years of the term of the agreement. The Director of Public Works commented that the same streets covered in the current agreement are in the new agreement, and that no additional mileage is added in the agreement. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Mincer, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

Mr. Conklin inquired about the trees with low hanging branches, and if they would be taken back if they become a safety hazard. The Director of Public Works explained that they will take a look at any trees that appear to have issues and address them.

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Stevenson thanked the city staff for working the Farmer's Market and expressed the opinion of members of the public that wished it would have gone longer. The City Manager also thanked city staff and explained that while the city didn't make any money on the market, it did break even, and proved the concept that a Farmer's Market can be successful within the city.

The City Manager announced that Addie's Awards is now selling polo shirts with the city's historic district logo, which can be personalized with a home or business address within the historic district.

The City Manager asked Council to meet in executive session immediately following the regular meeting of council under Section 708(a)(5) of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, at 8:38 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

City Clerk