

City Council Meeting September 14, 2020

City Council met in regular session on Monday September 14, 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, and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Conklin and carried unanimously, the minutes of the August 17, 2020 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments

CORRESPONDENCE

The City Manager notified Council of an invitation from the Clinton County Historical Society for the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Castanea Train Station on September 20, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

The City Manager notified Council that all meetings with the County Sewer Authority will be remote for the remainder of the year.

The City Manager notified the public of the start of the Levee Sealcoating project, to repair portions of the river walkway where there is erosion, as well as sealcoating the walkway. Mayor Long asked for an update on Sunset Pines project, and the City Manager explained that a draft was received from the engineer and reviewed by the City's appointed engineer, Gwin Dobson and Foreman, and using liquid fuels money, there will be likely five phases beginning in 2021 to improve the stormwater system and street paving.

The City Manager provided a reopening plan to Council for the Clinton County Arts Council, including a COVID-19 safety plan.

The City Manager notified Council Members that they were invited by the Clinton County Economic Partnership to the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Lucky 7 Travel Plaza on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

The City Planner and Development Coordinator announced the award of \$10,000 from the PA Historical and Museum Commission to Downtown Lock Haven Inc. toward a feasibility study for the Masonic Temple facility which is proposed to be Clinton County cultural center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 1562 establishing the use of the 2020 CDBG allocation and making application to DCED. The public hearing was held earlier in the evening, and the city will be applying to DCED for \$306,88.00 for the 2020 allocation. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Mincer, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

Council considered Resolution No. 1563 entering into a Professional Services agreement with SEDA-COG for the administration of the 2019 CDBG allocation. Mr. Stevenson asked if there was a way to review and make adjustments to exemptions, and the City Manager explained that SEDA-COG would operate in the most efficient way possible. Mr. Morris asked if SEDA-COG would assist in any reviews from DCED, and the City Manager explained that they are obligated to provide that service. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Mincer, and carried unanimously, the resolution passed.**

The City Manager explained that per city zoning, all businesses must provide parking for customers, except for businesses located in the Central Business District. This became an issue during COVID-19 for businesses located in the Central Business District who do not have parking lots to expand their businesses into. The Director of Community Life presented the results of the Pedestrian Mall Survey issued to business owners and discussed the open forums in which business owners could discuss the effects of the Pedestrian Mall and COVID-19. The Director of Community Life also discussed possible events for Downtown Lock Haven and other organizations to safely provide throughout the fall and winter to highlight businesses outside the Central Business District. Mr. Conklin expressed that the city should become more involved in the quality of life and have a more active role in providing community events. Council then considered a request by Downtown Lock Haven, Inc. to apply for an extension from PennDOT to through October 31, 2020 for permission to keep the Pedestrian Mall through then. **On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, council approved the request to extend the Pedestrian Mall until October 31, weather permitting.**

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 1564 accepting a \$500 settlement from PennDOT for the acquisition of a right-of-way for the installation of updated traffic lighting at the northern part of the intersection of Bellefonte and Commerce. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Mincer, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

Council considered the extension of the agreement with Nittany Energy for the provision of fuel. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, the extension was approved.**

The City Manager announced the Uninterrupted System Service Plan had been filed with DEP for the water system and announced that the plan will be a part of the capital improvements for 2021.

The City Manager presented a request from the Pennsylvania Municipal League that the municipality appoint a voting delegate and an alternate voting delegate to the annual summit which is being held virtually this year on October 29 to 31. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, Mr. Stevenson was appointed the PA Municipal League Annual Summit voting delegate. On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, Mr. Conklin was appointed the alternate voting delegate.**

OTHER MATTERS

On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, Mr. Conklin was appointed the representative to the County Sewer Authority.

Mr. Mincer inquired about the junior council member, and Nova Maggs will be invited to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, at 8:03 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

City Clerk