

## City Council Meeting September 28, 2020

City Council met in regular session on Monday September 28, 2020, over video conference call, in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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, Director of Public Works Anthony Stopper, and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell. Guest in attendance was Dr. Peter Campbell representing Lock Haven University.

### COUNCIL MINUTES

**On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Conklin and carried unanimously, the minutes of the September 14, 2020 meeting were approved, pending a minor correction.**

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Peter Campbell, APSCUF President, and professor at Lock Haven University addressed Council regarding the Lock Haven University retrenchment proposal and its potential community impact. Dr. Campbell requested support from city representatives and be involved in the integration plan with University representatives. Dr. Campbell asked council to write letters in support of Lock Haven University, and its professors. The City Manager added that the University is the third highest employer of city residents. Dr. Campbell encouraged city representatives to attend the rally on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 12:00 at the University in solidarity with the professors and students.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Council considered a request from the Director of the Boulder Beast, Craig Fleming, for the use of Zindel Park on September 18, 2021, as well as a five-year approval for the use of Zindel Park for an aide station. On a motion made by Mr. Mincer, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.

The City Manager notified Council of the biennial audit results of the City Employees Pension Fund and the Police Pension Fund by the Auditor General. There was a finding in the City Employees Pension Fund which has subsequently been corrected. No other findings were noted.

The City Manager announced the annual allocation for the Lock Haven Fire Relief Fund in the amount of \$37,753.11. This annual allocation is forwarded to the Lock Haven Fireman's Relief Association.

The City Manager notified Council of the award of the CDBG-CV grant in the amount of \$193,732.

The City Manager notified Council of the awarding of the grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency for 100% funding of \$48,683 to purchase 14 body worn cameras for the city police and 12 for the County Sheriff's department.

The City Manager announced the 2020 appeals for reassessment of real estate values.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 1565 amending the Emergency Declaration as established March 18, as amended by the Mayor. This amendment closes all public ballfields and city owned parks, a moratorium placed on the use of city owned park and public property for gatherings and events, and the performance stage on the Pedestrian Mall would not be placed, with no outdoor entertainment taking place on the public walkway of the Pedestrian Mall. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried by a vote of 6-1, with Mr. Byerly in opposition, the resolution was adopted.**

#### NEW BUSINESS

Council considered the authorization of additional work on the levee seal coating project. While performing necessary repairs to the Clinger Walkway, several areas of damage were discovered that need to be addressed. The Director of Public Works presented three options from the contractor for Council for review. The first option is to pull out of the project without completing the project, with a total cost of \$39,208.02. The second option is to finish sealcoating, and not complete anymore tarring, for a total cost of \$49,856.55. The third option is to complete the tarring with an additional cost of \$9,069.20. The funds to cover the additional expenses would come from the borrowed funds, to be utilized for improvements on the Tidlow Dam and the levee. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, council opted to finish the project for an amount not to exceed \$49,856.55.**

Council considered the acceptance of the resignation of Hope Hose Fire Relief Driver Will Harbor and thanked him for his years of service. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the resignation was accepted, and Mr. Harbor was appointed as an auxiliary driver.**

#### OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Byerly discussed with Council the possibility of leasing Peddie Park for camping and outdoor recreation. Under the request of Mr. Byerly, Mr. Conklin, Ms. Masorti, Mr. Stevenson, and Mr. Mincer, the City Manager will direct staff to create a request for proposal for the lease of Peddie Park, that follows the agreement set by DCNR to bring back to City Council for its review.

Mr. Stevenson expressed a desire for the city to work with Downtown Lock Haven, Inc. to have an event for the city's founder, Jerry Church, in celebration of his birthday in November.

Mr. Stevenson inquired about the status of the solar panel RFP's, and requested more information to be drafted by the Director of Public Works, to move forward with the solar project to offset costs for the city. The Director of Public Works will continue to work on reissuing the RFP.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Upon motion by Mr. Morris, at 8:23 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.**

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Mayor

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City Clerk