

**City Council Meeting
March 15, 2021**

City Council met virtually in regular session on Monday March 15, 2021, over Zoom conference call, and streamed live over YouTube and Facebook, 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, Mayor Joel Long. Also, in attendance was City Manager Gregory Wilson, Director of Public Works Anthony Stopper, City Planner and Development Coordinator Abigail Roberts, and the Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell. Guests in attendance were Angela Harding and Marie Vilello of Downtown Lock Haven Inc., Steve Getz representing the Clinton County Arts Council, Drew Talbot, Race Director of the Great Island Adventure Triathlon.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Mr. Morris and carried unanimously, the minutes of the March 1, 2021 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council considered a request from Downtown Lock Haven, Inc. for the closure of E. Main St. beginning at N. Jay St and ending at N. Vesper St, and Grove Street, beginning at E Main St. and ending at E Church St, for the summer Pedestrian Mall Fridays from 3:00 p.m. through Saturdays at 10:00 p.m., May 7 through and including September 25, 2021. Ms. Vilello and Ms. Harding presented the plan for the closure to Council. The dates of the closure would be every weekend in May and September, and every other weekend in June, July, and August. The Director of Community Life will submit the request to PennDOT. Ms. Harding and Ms. Vilello expressed their appreciation of city staff for their involvement in the plan. **On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Mr. Mincer, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request from the Clinton County Arts Council for the use of Main Street on August 13-14, 2021 for the JAMS Festival. Mr. Getz presented three options to City Council for the JAMS Festival, including a COVID Safety Plan. Council considered Resolution No. 2021-08 proposing a banner across Main Street from July 19 to August 14, 2021 for the JAMS festival. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried**

unanimously, the resolution was passed and the request was approved, with the Arts Council working with the Director of Community Life to follow COVID guidelines at the time of the event.

Council considered a request from the directors of the Great Island Race Series, for the use of the city levee and rights-of-way for a race on June 25 and 26, 2021. Dr. Talbot presented the plan for the Great Island Race Series and will work with the Director of Community Life on the COVID Safety Plans. **On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request from the Delaware Valley Outboard Racing Association and the Lock Haven Jaycees for the use of the Amphitheatre for a race on June 12-13, 2021. **On a motion made by Mr. Mincer, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request for the use of Taggart Field and Peddie Park by the Babe Ruth League, Clinton County Girls Softball League, and the Men's Sunday Softball League. Each organization provided a COVID Safety Plan to the Director of Community Life, which were presented to Council. **On a motion made by Mr. Mincer, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the requests were approved.**

The City Manager notified Council of the State Liquid Fuels tax allocation of \$252,540.58 for the 2021 year.

The City Manager notified Council of the award of \$5,000 to the Summer Concert Series, \$2,500 to the City Beach program from the Clinton County Community Foundation Grant, a deposit of \$445 from the Stephen Poorman Small Business Development Fund, and \$362 from the Hoberman Trust for the maintenance and upkeep of Hoberman Park.

The City Manager notified Council of the virtual meeting of the 13th Annual Hoberman Legislator's Day on April 9, 2021.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered the adoption of the 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program. Council was provided the finalized budget of the use of the City's funds from Capital Improvement allocations, such as Community Development Block Grants and Liquid Fuels. Highlights include Sunset Pines Phase 1 stormwater project, seal coating and asphalt completion of the levee, snow removal equipment, continued investments in the Central Business District, and the planning of park redesigns. This money is approved in the annual approval of the budget, and this plan outlines how the money will be used. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the Capital Improvement Program was adopted.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2021-06 permitting the temporary closure of Sarah's Alley from E Main St to Jordan's Alley from April 1 to June 30, 2021. Mr. Morris inquired about

why the Alley cannot be vacated, and the Mayor explained that decision could be explored later if it were the wish of Council. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, Resolution 2021-06 was adopted.**

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered the approval to solicit bids for polymers and aluminum for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Director of Public Works invited Council to take a tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

The City Planner and Development Coordinator presented a budget revision to the 2019 Community Block Grant Program. \$209,538 is requested to be moved from the East Water Street Paving Project to the Piper Harmon Safe Fall Surface project. The City Planner and City Manager explained that the paving project came under budget, and the money could be transferred to another approved project in need of more funds. **On a motion made by Mr. Mincer, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, the budget revision was approved.**

The City Planner and Development Coordinator presented two Commercial Loans to be issued by the approval of Council. Skeleton Key Boutique is requesting \$30,000 loan at a 1% interest rate, with a six-month payment deferral for improvements and working capital. Cara Montarsi Sate Farm is requesting \$40,000 to be used towards working capital, at a 1% interest rate and six-month deferral. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, the loan requests were approved.**

Council considered the approval of the transfer of \$98,765 to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Lock Haven representing 50% of the proceeds of the sale of 2 E Walnut Street to enable that governmental entity to continue to address property development and blight remediation in the community. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, and seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the approval of the transfer was approved.**

Council considered the appointment of City Manager Gregory Wilson and Finance Clerk Jill Edmonds as the city's delegate and alternate delegate, respectively, to the Clinton County Tax Collection Committee. **On a motion made by Mr. Mincer, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, Mr. Wilson and Ms. Edmonds were appointed to the Tax Collection Committee.**

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Mincer addressed Council regarding the integration efforts by the Pennsylvania Association of Higher Education. Council considered Resolution No. 2021-09 stating the opposition by Council of the integration plan as presented by the Chancellor. Mr. Byerly and Mr. Stevenson expressed support of the resolution, and the importance of the university and its impact on the community. Mr. Morris expressed concern in condemning an integration plan that has not

been presented, and the Mayor explained this resolution is directed to the Board of Governors, to show that the local government will not support the integration until a thorough plan is presented that satisfies the concerns of Council. **On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Mr. Mincer, and carried unanimously, Resolution 2021-09 was adopted.**

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, at 8:14 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

City Clerk