

City Council Meeting April 19, 2021

City Council met virtually in regular session on Monday April 19, 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, City Planner and Development Coordinator Abigail Roberts, and the Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell. Guest in attendance was Marie Vilello, manager of Downtown Lock Haven, Inc..

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Mr. Morris and carried unanimously, the minutes of the April 5, 2021 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council considered a request from Keystone Central School District and Lock Haven University for the use of city-streets and rights of way for a homecoming parade on Thursday, October 21, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Director of Community Life explained that the event will only be held in event that all COVID restrictions are lifted, to ensure that it is safe for all in attendance. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request for the use of the city's E Main St parking lot on May 27, 2021 from 2:00-9:00 p.m. for a Clinton County Economic Partnership Time-Out hosted by Downtown Lock Haven, Inc. Ms. Vilello presented the request and Covid-19 Safety Plan to Council, and discussion was initiated by Mr. Morris regarding the overall safety of holding a networking event, while COVID numbers continue to rise. Mr. Conklin agreed with Mr. Morris and underlined the importance of setting an example to residents on following guidelines and taking the necessary precautions. **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 with the addition of requiring masks at the event to the Covid Safety Plan.**

Council considered a request for the use of the levee on April 22, 2021 by the LHU Geoscience and Geology program to study the fossils in the riprap. Mr. Stevenson asked for

confirmation that all studies will be done with what is visible on the surface, and that was confirmed by the City Manager. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

The City Manager notified Council of the CCEP Annual Picnic on July 21, from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

The City Manager read a letter from the Clinton County Historical Society, thanking the City for their annual contribution of \$1,000.00.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution 2021-12 adopting the City of Lock Haven's Comprehensive Plan: Destination Lock Haven. The City Manager and City Planner discussed the Comprehensive Plan, titled Destination Lock Haven. Beginning May 3, 2021, all agenda items must address at least one of the goals and action items outlined in the Comprehensive Plan to be considered. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously with expressed appreciation to the City Planner and the EADS group for their work on the comprehensive plan, the resolution was adopted.**

Council considered the award of the contract for sludge hauling to J.J. Peters Disposal, Inc. in the amount of \$6.25 per ton. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the contract was awarded to J.J. Peters Disposal, Inc.**

Council considered Resolution 2021-13 requesting the use of \$4,000.00 in County Liquid Fuels in support of the Route 220/Paul Mack Boulevard interchange lighting. Per the agreement, this is 25% of the county's share of all maintenance and electric bills. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

Council considered the award of the 2021 Summer Concert Series sound contract to GP Audio in the amount of \$620 per concert, totaling \$3,720.00. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the contract was awarded to GP Audio.**

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution 2021-14 requesting the support of the state House and Senate in the passage of HR606 enabling municipal use of "radar". The City Manager explained the importance of allowing municipal police this use of radar, to keep the community safe. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously,**

Council considered the submission of a letter of request to the County Commissioners for the county to apply for a FEMA AFG grant to replace SCBA units for the county's fire companies.

On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.

Council considered the submission of a letter of request to the County Commissioners for the county to issue a prorated interim tax bill for the former Dickey Elementary site for the tax year 2021. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

The City Manager recommended Mr. Conklin and Mr. Morris to a subcommittee of Council to work with the Planning Commission to help establish boundaries of eligible districts of the city under the Tax Exemption and Mixed-Use Incentive Program Act of 2020. The City Manager cited the experience of Mr. Conklin and Mr. Morris, and the expertise each would bring to these roles. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Mincer, and carried unanimously, the council members were appointed.**

At the request of the city solicitor, Council considered the filing of an injunction in the Court of Common Pleas against a particular property owner for prohibiting city access the city's turn-around easement and utility easement. The City Manager explained that the property owner has been made aware of the easement through several notices from the city. The injunctions will be available for the public to view after they are filed with the Prothonotary's office. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, Council approved the filing of the injunction.**

City council discussed the effect of a borrowing package on the city's General Fund, Water Fund, and Airport Fund, for the proposed 2021 Note. The City Manager presented the 20-year Levels, as well as the 20-year wrap option, and the differences in the options for each fund. In discussion with Concord, the City Manager explained that while it is a great time to borrow, it is also a great time to refinance, and 2018 A and B Notes can also be refinanced for a lower rate and reduce debt service. The City Manager asked Council to revisit putting out an RFP for the cost to rebuild or refurbish City Hall, which could be funded through these borrowing packages. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, council approved releasing an RFP.**

The City Manager explained that the borrowing packages will be revisited by Council at a later date.

OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters brought before Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, at 8:16 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

City Clerk