

**City Council Meeting  
June 21, 2021**

City Council met in Council Chambers of City Hall in regular session on Monday June 21, 2021, 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, Alexander Di Costanzo, Barbara Masorti, Richard Morris, Steve Stevenson, and Mayor Joel Long. Also, in attendance was City Manager Gregory Wilson, and the Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell.

COUNCIL MINUTES

**On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Mr. Morris and carried unanimously, the minutes of the June 7, 2021, meeting were approved.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments

CORRESPONDENCE

Council considered the use of Triangle Park by the Clinton County Veterans Affairs for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual 9/11 Moving Tribute. The organizers will coordinate with the Downtown Lock Haven Rotary to be a part of the Angel Lights Display being held at the same time. The Director of Community Life will work with organizers of both events to get certificates of insurance. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

The City Manager presented a letter from Central Region Council of Governments thanking the Lock Haven Fire Department Hand-in-Hand Hose Company for covering their station during recent training event.

The City Planner notified Council of the 2021 Community Development Block Grant schedule and announced that application packets were mailed to known non-profit agencies, and on Wednesday June 23, 2021 there would be a zoom session for interested applicants to answer questions regarding the block grant programs. On Monday, July 12 at 6:30 the City Planner will host the first public hearing for the 2021 CDBG allocation prior the regular meeting of City Council.

The City Manager notified Council of the award of funding under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, in the amount of \$950,710.46. At the next meeting of Council, Council will receive a list of items that qualify for this award which Members will be asked to prioritize for consideration of the use of funds. A budget for Council's approval will be put together for this funding based on Council's feedback and must then be adopted by the majority of Council at a future meeting.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered the renewal of Resolution No. 2021-06 for the temporary closure of a portion of Sarah's Alley (expiring June 30). **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the extension of the resolution was adopted.**

Council considered Ordinance No. 2021-04 accepting that parcel of land as shown in the attached Deed of Dedication from SEDA-COG as a city-owned street named "First Quality Drive." The City Manager explained that the notices are to be served to adjoining property owners on or before June 30, the first advertisement will be on July 1, second advertisement on July 8, and the third will be on July 15. There will be a public hearing July 12 with the second consideration of the Ordinance to be held at the July 26 regular meeting of Council. Mr. Stevenson requested that the guiderail and road be examined by the Director of Public Works to ensure that everything is to code and no further repairs are needed. The City Manager explained that the guiderail is owned by SEDA-COG and is the responsibility of the joint rail authority, and they were notified of the damage to the guiderail. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the Ordinance was adopted with a public hearing on July 12 and the second reading and potential adoption on July 19, 2021.**

## NEW BUSINESS

Council Considered Resolution No. 2021-23 providing for an order or precedence for requests that come before Council for the use of public facilities, streets, parks, et cetera, giving priority to requests for the use of parks, streets, and other city-owned facilities to resident individuals, resident businesses, and resident non-profits each of which is defined in the resolution. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the resolution passed.**

Council considered the award of the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) and BOA (PennDOT Bureau of Aviation) grant-supported taxiway rehabilitation at the city's Piper airport to HRI Inc. in the amount of \$533,564.50. The City Planner explained that the city will not be required to contribute any funds to the project as it is completely grant funded and that according to the contractors, the project is expected to be complete by July 11. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the bid was awarded.**

The City Manager notified council of a major water main break on Youngdale Road, which is a distribution line that connects the filtration plant to Castanea, and there were several households

without water for a period of time. The entire estimate for repairs is at least \$40,000, which includes bank stabilization, cartway restoration, and remediation for the Rails-to-Trails. The Director of Public Works is reaching out to more contractors for estimates and working with the city's insurance company PennPRIME, a service of the Pennsylvania Municipal League. Mr. Stevenson thanked the crews for their hard work restoring the recent water main and distribution line breaks and the hours they have dedicated to improving the system's utility system.

## OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Morris reminded the public that despite lifted restrictions, there is still a risk of exposure to COVID-19 and encouraged residents to continue getting vaccinated to protect themselves and others in order to reduce the threat of the virus in our community.

Mayor Long inquired about adding a restriction on left turns at the intersection where Spring Street meets Bellefonte Avenue. The City Manager stated that he has been contact with both the Chief of Police and Director of Public Works who have been working on the potential of a "no left turn" at the intersection due to increased traffic brought about by the new Geisinger Clinic. The DPW Director is currently awaiting response from the PennDOT representative about changing the turning restriction, and if approved, the city will accommodate left-hand turns onto Bellefonte by signing the same by turning down Stone Alley to Commerce Street to the lighted intersection at that intersection with Bellefonte Avenue.

Mr. Stevenson encouraged residents to attend the events happening in town this weekend, including the Piper Aviation Fly-In, the Economic Partnership Time Out, and the summer concerts.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Upon motion by Mr. Morris, at 7:27 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.**

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Mayor

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City Clerk