**City Council Meeting**

**July 12, 2021**

City Council met virtually 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, Richard Morris, Steve Stevenson, Mayor Joel Long. Council Member Masorti was absent. Also, in attendance was City Manager Gregory Wilson, Director of Public Works Anthony Stopper and the Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell.  Guests in attendance were Castanea Township Supervisor Brandon Coleman,

COUNCIL MINUTES

**On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, the minutes of the June 21, 2021 meeting were approved.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Coleman asked for clarification regarding the location of First Quality Drive, and council confirmed that it will be located just in the right of way going out to Castanea Township line.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council held the first public hearing for Ordinance No. 2021-04, accepting the parcel of land as shown in the Deed of Dedication from SEDA-COG as a city-owned street named “First Quality Drive”. The City Manager presented proof of notices to adjoining property owners on or before June 30, 2021, as well as confirmation of first advertisement on June 29, second advertisement on July 5, and third advertisement on July 12, 2021.

There were no comments from the public during the hearing.

Mr. Stevenson asked if the Director of Public Works was able to inspect the property to ensure that everything meets current standards, and the Director of Public Works confirmed that he inspected the property.

Mayor Long notified Council and the public that the second and final consideration by Council will be held at the next regular meeting of Council on July 19.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council considered a use request by the Lock Haven Area Jaycees for the use of Water Street from Jay to Hann for the 50th Anniversary of the Lock Haven Jaycees Regatta. The Director of Community Life explained that the use request is the same as previous years, and the organizers have met with the Chief of Police and Director of Public Works, and the request was approved by the Chief. On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.

The City Manager notified Council of the Clinton County Economic Partnership Time Out at Avis Grand Central Beer on August 12, 2021.

The City Manager reminded Council of the CCEP Annual Picnic on July 21, and to RSVP if they have not already done so.

The City Manager announced the Wayne Township Landfill household waste collection event, being held on August 20 and 21, 2021. The Landfill is requesting that all residents RSVP for the event, and more information can be found on the city’s Facebook page, or on the Wayne Township Landfill page.

The City Manager provided Council with the Year-to-Date budget report, explaining that over 70% of the year’s total revenue has been received through real estate taxes. At this time, most expenditures are not far off the expected amounts, but mentioned that the local services tax is lower, and noted there are 725 fewer full time equivalent individuals employed within the city limits this year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered the second reading of Ordinance No. 2021-03 amending Chapters 328 and 394 to establish consistent collection procedures for unpaid water/sewer charges. Mr. Stevenson asked if the penalty covers the additional administrative costs, and the City Manager explained that the water interest on the unpaid amount is how those costs are covered, and in sewer it is the penalty charge. On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the ordinance was adopted.

Council considered the award of the 2021 Utility Patching Project to RC Bowman in the unit price amount of $160.00. The Director of Public Works explained to Council that since requesting this bid, ten additional patches are needed, and were added to the bid by RC Bowman. The Director of Public Works recommends the approval of the bid with the addition of the cost of extra patches. After an inquiry by Mr. Stevenson, the Director of Public Works confirmed that the cost does include work done by the city’s crews. On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the bid was awarded to RC Bowman.

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered the appointment of Jeff Brinker of 317 W Main Street to the Recreation & Parks board for the term ending 1/1/26. On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, Mr. Brinker was appointed to the Recreation & Parks Board.

Council considered Ordinance No. 2021-05, amending Chapter 380 (vehicles & traffic) of the city code. Amendments to the ordinance include a speed limit and stop intersection on First Quality Drive, prohibited left hand turn at Spring Street and Bellefonte Avenue, prohibition of parking on both sides of First Quality Drive, and sections of N Grove St and E Main St, and prohibition of parking at parks from Dusk until Dawn at all city owned parks. Mr. Stevenson expressed that he approved of all amendments, except for Spring Street, stating that he would like to see more studies done on the area to provide the best solution. On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried by a vote of 5 to one, with Mr. Stevenson voting in opposition, the first reading of the ordinance was passed.

The City Manager provided Council with a list of potential projects for the 2021 American Rescue Plan (ARP), and asked Council to review the list and rank the projects for review at the July 19 meeting. The City Manager explained that if there were other projects Council members would like to see on the list, they can contact him to see if they qualify under the plan’s guidelines. Mr. Stevenson inquired about using the funds towards a “Rainy Day Fund”, and the City Manager explained that the money that was borrowed from the fund during 2020, was put back into the fund, and the funds received from the American Rescue Plan must be spent by 2024. Mr. Stevenson requested quotes for two of the items on the list be sent to council when they are received.

The City Manager announced the resignation of Mr. Frank Rohrer, the Watershed Manager, and wished him luck in his next position, and explained that the position will be announced at a later date for interested applicants.

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Stevenson announced the Antique Auto Association will be visiting town this weekend.

Mr. Stevenson informed Council of an incident he witnessed of a motorcycling going up on the levee before quickly turning around and exiting the levee.

Mr. Stevenson expressed the need for PA legislature to allow the regulation of fireworks be done by local municipalities, due to an increase in fireworks throughout the city, and the dangers this presents to residents and business owners.

ADJOURNMENT

**Upon motion by Mr. Morris, at 7:41 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.**

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