

## City Council Meeting August 2, 2021

City Council met virtually in regular session on Monday August 2, 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, Alex Di Constanzo, Barbara Masorti, Richard Morris, Steve Stevenson, and Mayor Joel Long. Also, in attendance were City Manager Gregory Wilson, Director of Public Works Tony Stopper, and the Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell. Guests in attendance were Mr. Kevin Tripp, representing Clinton Little League Softball.

### COUNCIL MINUTES

**On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, the minutes of the July 19, 2021 meeting were approved.**

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Tripp addressed Council regarding the Clinton Little League's use of Taggart Park. Mr. Tripp inquired about liability for a scoreboard that was damaged in a recent storm, as well as mowing for the field after the end of regular season. The City Manager explained that the City's insurance only covers buildings on the property, including dugouts and concession stands, but does not cover scoreboards or building contents, and recommended the league look into their own insurance for those items. The Director of Public works informed Mr. Tripp that the city crews will resume responsibility for mowing the fields now that Mr. Tripp has informed the city that the season is over and asked to be notified next year when the season and any subsequent championships are completed. The Public Works crew will also secure the fencing leading to the dugout, to prevent vandalism. After inquiring about the progress of the Taggart Field renovation projects, the City Manager explained that the City Planner will be in touch to give an update on the progress, and that renovations suggested through public input are expected to be underway in the fall of 2022 and completed in 2023.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Council considered the use of Zindel Park by the Keystone Trail Association on October 15-17, for guided hikes. The Director of Community Life explained that the association has already provided insurance certificates, and these hikes would take place on trails that already exist, and personally offered to lead a hike for the organization. Council also considered the use of Triangle Park by Revival Ministries for an outreach event on August 21, from 11:00-3:00. Mr.

Conklin expressed concern regarding background checks for organizations and asked that individuals provide appropriate paperwork. The Director of Community Life assured Council that organizations must provide liability insurance for the use of the parks. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the requests were approved.**

Council considered the approval of letters of support requested by the Pennsylvania Municipal League for the local use of radar, stormwater management fees, and the repeal of the Consumer Fireworks Act. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the approval was granted.**

The City Manager distributed to Council the 2020 audits for the Lock Haven City Authority and the Lock Haven Area Flood Protection Authority.

The City Manager read a letter from resident, “Krista”, requesting a Taco Bell, and a mall, and pay increases for city police. Mayor Long thanked Krista for taking the time to write to council.

The City Manager presented Council with a request for electric charging stations in city parking lots by Lee Roberts. The City Manager stated that after receipt of the letter, city staff has already begun researching funding and costs of installing electric charging stations and will report back to Council when they have more information to provide.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered the second reading of Ordinance No. 2021-05 updating Chapter 380 Vehicles & Traffic, providing for speed limits and parking regulations on First Quality Drive, no parking areas where fire hydrants were moved, and no parking from Dusk to Dawn in city parks, and no left hand turns from Spring Street to Bellefonte Avenue. Mr. Stevenson expressed concerns with the section regarding the prohibition of left-hand turns from Spring Street onto Bellefonte Avenue and the effect of traffic flow if that change were to be made. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Di Constanzo, and carried by a vote of 6-1, with Mr. Stevenson voting in opposition, the ordinance was adopted on second reading.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2021-24 providing for the immediate implementation of Ord. No. 2021-05. The City Manager explained it will not be an offense that tickets will be issued for until signage is in place. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

Council considered the authorization to request proposals from lending institutions for the 2021 borrowing package. The City Manager clarified that the figures given to Council for this in March during the discussion of the Capital Improvement Plan, are still those presented at the meeting with \$2.5 million on general obligation for improvements to city-owned buildings, \$450,000 for water line replacements, and \$385,834 in taxable borrowing for the city’s share of improvements to FAA- and BOA-grant supported improvements at the airport. In addition to what

was previously discussed in March, the City Manager is requesting that Council also include refinancing of the 2013 Note, the 2019A note, and the 2018B note as interest rates are considerably lower than the current rates on those borrowings. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the request for proposals was approved.**

Council considered the appointment of Buchart Horn as the provider of architectural services for City Hall. The City Manager explained that this would be for services of providing a feasibility study for renovations or construction of City Hall, at the cost of \$9,960.00. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the bid was appointed to Buchart Horn.**

The Director of Public Works presented to Council the intersection review in the South Hill District. Mr. Stopper explained that the study found that every intersection did not meet the requirements for a multi-way stop and provided documentation of the study. The study also reviewed sight issues and relocated existing hydrants and stop signs to help with those issues. There was discussion among council regarding the use of stop signs to control speeding, and the importance of making the neighborhood safer for children playing.

The City Manager presented the ranking results of projects for the American Rescue Plan provided by Council and members of leadership staff at the City. Mr. Stevenson requested there be a future work session to review the projects in depth, and to have members of city leadership attend to explain the projects in greater detail. The City Manager will inform staff and advertise for the special meeting to be held on August 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

## NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Ordinance No. 2021-06, the Comcast Franchise Agreement Renewal, which is available for review at City Hall, and an executive summary was provided to the newspaper, with the biggest change regarding the informational public access channel that is provided to municipalities. This will be reviewed again at the next regular meeting of Council on August 16, and once approved will go to Comcast for review for any further negotiations. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, the first reading of the ordinance was adopted.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2021-25 increasing the rate of pay for part-time relief fire drivers to \$11.49 per hour. Mr. Stevenson inquired about the required hours of the drivers, and the City Manager explained that a Relief Driver works a minimum of 12 hours a week and a general maximum of 40 hours per biweekly payroll. Mr. Stevenson asked if this was included in the budget, and the City Manager explained that there are several budgeted employees that were not hired in 2021, and it provides enough savings to offset this raise. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the resolution was passed.**

Council considered the authorization to request proposals for City Solicitor. The City Manager explained those proposals will need to be returned by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September to be reviewed by Council, and the agreement would go into effect January 1, 2022. **On a motion made by Mr.**

**Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously the request for proposals was approved.**

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Stevenson reminded everyone of the Clinton County Fair, Wings over Piper event, and LH Jams happening in two weeks.

Mr. Morris reminded the public to continue being diligent about the COVID-19 pandemic.

ADJOURNMENT

**Upon motion by Mr. Morris, at 8:17 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.**

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Mayor

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City Clerk