

**City Council Meeting
January 18, 2021**

City Council met virtually in regular session on Monday January 18, 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.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Mr. Conklin and carried unanimously, the minutes of the January 4, 2021 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The City Manager stated that the City received two written letters from residents of Greene Township expressing concerns of the potential long-term effects of a solar development on the Rosecrans land. The City Manager explained that the City has only authorized a two-year study of the land to determine if solar development would be beneficial at that site, and further decisions about the use of the land will be discussed after the study is completed. The developer would be responsible for researching and developing compliance with any municipal zoning or other state or local permitting requirements each of which would involve the opportunity for public comment.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council considered a request for the use of Corman Amphitheatre for Downtown Lock Haven, Inc for the Hometown Heroes banner ceremony on August 28, 2021. The Director of Community Life will be working with the organization to provide a COVID-19 Safety Plan, as well as a certificate of liability insurance. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Mincer, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request for the use of Zindel Park for Camp Wedding on June 19, 2021. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered an authorization to solicit for bids for CDBG paving of E Water Street from N Jay Street east to the city line. The City Planner and Development Coordinator explained the project that includes milling paving, and reconstruction of ramps at intersections. This project is coordinated with the paving project that was approved at the January 4, 2021 meeting of Council. **On a motion made by Mr. Mincer, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, authorization was granted to solicit bids.**

Council considered awarding a bid for Garbage Collection Services to the lowest bidder, J.J. Peters, in the amount of \$15,588 for the 1-year term of the agreement. The Director of Public Works explained that the cost of Triangle Park collection is higher than the other parks due to the high volume of traffic at that location, as well as being a year-long pick up, as opposed to the seasonal pick-up in other parks. **On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the bid was awarded to J.J.Peters.**

Council considered the appointment of David Dietrich of N Fairview Street to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission for the term ending January 1, 2025. **On a motion made by Mr. Mincer, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, Mr. Dietrich was appointed to the Planning Commission.**

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered the approval of the PennDOT detour route for Great Island Bridge repairs. The Director of Public Works explained that in 2018 PennDOT preserved the Great Island Bridge, this project is the second phase of this project, and the detour route will follow the same detour route used in 2018. The Director of Public Works assured Council that there will be photo and video of the road before and after for the City's records. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, the detour route was approved.**

Council considered the extension of the landscaping agreement with DAD's Landscaping for its final year with the addition of \$75 per mowing for inclusion of the Tiger Den. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Mincer, and carried unanimously, the extension was approved.**

Council considered the appointment of Baker Tilly as the independent auditor for the City's 2020 fiscal year audit under the pricing proposal of January 28, 2020 at \$44,290. After concerns were expressed by Mr. Morris regarding the use of the same auditor multiple years, the City Manager will compose a request for proposal for independent auditing services to be reviewed by Council in the fall and released early in 2022 for auditing of the 2021 fiscal year. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, Baker Tilly was appointed.**

Council considered the appointment of a Member of Council to meet with the Lock Haven City Authority to engage in discussion regarding the city's agreements with the same. The City Manager explained that the Lock Haven City Authority is an independent governmental entity for the City of Lock Haven, made up of members that are appointed by City Council to five-year terms. Currently the City has operating and maintenance agreements with the Lock Haven City

Authority for Water System and the Sewer System. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, Mr. Conklin was appointed as liaison.**

OTHER MATTERS

The City Manager mentioned that Addie's Awards selling polos with the official Historic District logo. Mr. Mincer requested that the City explore an official logo for the "Hill District."

Mr. Morris asked an update on the Comprehensive Plan. A draft will be distributed in February to City Council, the Planning Commission and the Comprehensive Plan subcommittee for review, and subsequent public release. After the appropriate comment period, the plan would be ready for adoption at the second meeting of City Council in March 2021.

Mr. Mincer announced that a new men's clothing store is now open on Main Street and encouraged residents and Council to visit.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, at 7:37 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

City Clerk