

City Council Meeting September 13, 2021

City Council met in person on Monday September 13, 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 Costanzo, Barbara Masorti, Richard Morris, Steve Stevenson, and Mayor Joel Long, with Mr. Byerly attending virtually over zoom conference call. Also, in attendance was City Manager Gregory Wilson, City Planner and Development Coordinator Abbey Roberts, and the Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell. Guest in attendance as Diane Whittaker, representing the Daughters of the American Revolution.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Morris and carried unanimously, the minutes of the August 23, 2021, meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Whitaker addressed Council regarding Resolution No. 2021-36, proclaiming September 17-23 Constitution Week. Ms. Whitaker represented the Daughters of the American Revolution, which meets once a month at the Ross Library, and thanked Council for their consideration of the Resolution. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

Ms. Masorti complimented the Jaycee's Labor Day Regatta, and commented that she received a lot of positive feedback.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council considered Resolution No. 2021-28 for a LHU Homecoming Banner to be installed over Main Street from October 18 to October 26, 2021. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

Council considered the use of Zindel Park for Eisenhower wedding on Oct 9, 2021. Council also considered the closure of Third St from Water Street to W Main Street for the Lock Haven Catholic School Fall Festival on October 23, 2021. The Director of Community Life will work with the requestees to ensure all guidelines are followed, and all necessary departments in the city are notified of the street closure. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Di Costanzo, and carried unanimously, the requests were approved.**

The City Manager notified Council of the request for reassessment by Dickey Realty LLC. The new proprietor petitioned that the value of assessment for Dickey Elementary School be reduced. The petition was for a reduction from just over \$1,000,000 down to \$80,000, a 96% reduction in value of the property. The Commissioners reduced the value by 78%, to a total value of \$225,000.

The City Manager notified Council of the Fire Department Halloween Parade Oct 30 at 10:00 a.m. The PennDOT application has already been submitted for this event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered the second reading of Ordinance No. 2021-07 Health Officer. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the ordinance was adopted.**

Council considered the award of Engineering & Design Services for the CDBG Piper-Harmon playground project to Gwin, Dobson & Foreman Inc. in the amount of \$17,500.00. Mr. Stevenson inquired why Piper-Harmon is being renovated before Hoberman and Hanna, when it was recently renovated. The City Planner and Development Coordinator explained that these plans have already been approved by Council in 2019, and the funds were allocated by CDBG for Piper-Harmon for this purpose. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the bid was awarded to Gwin, Dobson, & Foreman.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2021-29 enabling the application of the city-owned Ross Library building to apply for Keystone grant funding for the purpose of repairing the roof of the building. Council considered Resolution No. 2021-30 authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign documents on behalf of the Ross Library Keystone grant. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Di Costanzo, and carried unanimously, the resolutions were adopted.**

Council considered the appointment of three Council Members to review the RFPs for City Solicitor. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, Mr. Di Costanzo, Ms. Masorti, and Mr. Morris were appointed to review the RFP's.**

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 2021-31 authorizing the disposition of documents under Act 428 of 1968. Mr. Stevenson asked for confirmation that tax records are kept for seven years, and the City Manager explained that different documents are kept for different lengths of time under the policy of the Historical & Museum Commission, but they are monitored and disposed of at the appropriate time. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the resolution was passed.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2021-32 requesting 100% reimbursement from the Lock Haven City Authority (LHCA) for maintenance on the Castanea and Cummings Village

water storage tanks. Council considered Resolution No. 2021-33 requesting 100% reimbursement from the LHCA for water system hydraulic modeling and evaluation. Council considered Resolution No. 2021-34 requesting reimbursement from the LHCA for 32.5% of the cost of the purchase of a specialized mower to be used on the levee (67.5%), as well as Castanea, Keller and Ohl dams (32.5%). **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the resolutions were adopted.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2021-35 amending Resolution No. 1355 "Fee Schedule" to update the fee for the Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment program. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Di Costanzo, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Conklin asked to reiterate to the public that even though the parade is on October 30th, Trick or Treating will be held on October 31, as it has in the past.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, at 7:36 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.