

**City Council Meeting
August 16, 2021**

City Council met in regular session on Monday August 16, 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 was City Manager Gregory Wilson, City Planner and Development Coordinator Abbey Roberts, and the Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell. Guests in attendance were Dr. Paul Ballat and Mr. Ron Haffley representing local pickleball players, and Ms. Tammy Garrison, representing the Ross Library.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, the minutes of the August 2, 2021 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council considered Resolution No. 2021-26, requesting permission for the installation of a banner across Main Street welcoming Lock Haven University Students into town. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the Resolution was adopted.**

Council considered a request from the Clinton County Conservation District for the temporary placement of a sign in Hanna Park promoting the Farm City Festival. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Di Costanzo, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

The City Manager notified Council of a request from Castanea Township to patch water excavations and informed Council that the Director of Public Works has addressed the request with the township.

The City Manager notified Council of the Clinton County Historical Society's Brick Fundraiser, and that according to the Third Class City Code, Council is authorized to provide Honorariums in the amount of \$100. The City Manager explained that the donation could come from Council's budget line item for "Civic Contributions." **Upon a motion by Council**

Member Stevenson, seconded by Council Member Conklin, and adopted unanimously eight \$100 bricks will be donated by the city to the Clinton County Historical Society.

The City Manager notified Council that the City received \$17,538.02 in the Comcast Franchise Agreement that is currently in place.

Dr. Ballat and Mr. Haffley spoke to Council regarding pickleball courts in the city, requesting that the tennis courts located in Hoberman Park be resurfaced and made into eight pickleball courts. A letter from Dr. Jenny Boyle was read by the City Manager, addressing the request for additional pickleball courts. Mr. Haffley explained that currently the only pickleball courts in the area are at Hanna Park and Central Mountain High School. The Hanna Park courts are not well maintained, and once the school year begins, they will be unable to use the school's courts. Mr. Stevenson suggested that staff investigate the cost of repaving and suggested the pickleball organization maintain the inside of the courts, much like the Little League maintains their fields. Mr. Byerly relayed that he had already spoken with the Director of Public Works regarding the current courts, and the Director of Public Works stated that all paint is on back order right now but will look into the cost of resurfacing. The City Manager explained that Hoberman Park is scheduled to be renovated in 2024, so all work that is done from now until then may be changed. Renovations for Hoberman have not been budgeted for 2021, so any work done will need to be funded from grants. The Director of Community Life, City Planner, and Director of Public Works will work with the pickleball group and investigate options.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The City Planner conducted the 2021 CDBG Council Work Session, and the following potential projects were presented to Council for consideration:

Annie Halenbake Ross Library (Roof Rehabilitation)	\$11,975.00
Taggart Park Improvement Project	\$175,000.00
E Bald Eagle & Race Street Improvements	\$80,538.00

The total allocation for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant is \$322,441.00, with \$57,716.00 allocated towards administration costs (18% of total allocation), and \$264,725.00 for remaining projects. The Public Service funds are capped at 15% of the total allocation, which comes to 39,708.00. Mr Stevenson inquired about the plans for Taggart Park and asked if it was necessary to have 4 disability parking spaces spaced apart from each other, and the City Planner explained that the survey for Taggart Park had requests for more accessibility parking.

Council considered Ordinance No. 2021-06, regarding the Comcast Franchise Agreement. This ordinance represents the city's demands as part of the negotiation with Comcast for the multi-year agreement. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, the ordinance was adopted on second reading and will be forwarded to Comcast for its consideration.**

Council considered a request to solicit bids for the 2021/2022 Phase 1 Sunset Pines stormwater and paving improvement project. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the request to solicit bids was approved.**

The City Manager and City Planner updated Council regarding the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station grants. The City Planner provided Council with information regarding grants that will fund the installation of charging stations, as well as details of potential charging stations preapproved under the DEP grant program. The City Manager explained that the stations would fall under the city's insurance, and it would have very little affect on the insurance premium. The City Manager informed Council that the administration will continue to work toward the installation of the EV Charging Stations.

Mr. Conklin expressed to Council that there were residents of the Hill District that came to him with their concerns with the intersection review, and that he supports the stop signs at intersections for the safety of children and pedestrians. There is also concern that if the neighborhoods are not safe for children to play, that may affect residency, particularly when people are looking to move to Lock Haven. Mr. Morris added that there may be more logical places to put stop signs to solve the issues. Mr. Conklin did address the issues with the Director of Public Works, who expressed to Mr. Conklin that he believes that once the stop signs and markings are in their proper place, it should resolve some issues, with parking and line of sight being improved upon.

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Ordinance No. 2021-07, addressing an amendment to the City Code regarding the Health Officer position. The City Manager explained that the requirement of a civil service exam was removed from the 2015 Third Class City Code. For that reason, removing that requirement from the City Code is appropriate, especially in light of the fact that the Health Inspector no longer inspects food facilities in the city which was turned over to the PA Department of Agriculture. This is an already budgeted position and will be a part of the wage ordinance at a later date. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Ms. Masorti and carried unanimously, the ordinance was adopted on first reading.** The ordinance will be considered at second reading at the September 13 regular meeting of City Council.

Council considered the nomination of members to be voting delegates at the Pennsylvania Municipal League Summit. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, Mr. Stevenson was appointed the voting delegate. On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, Mr. Conklin was appointed as the alternate delegate.**

OTHER MATTERS

Council considered allowing Council to meet by zoom, in the event of an emergency, if there is a quorum present in City Hall. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Mr. Di Costanzo, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

Mr. Conklin and Ms. Masorti expressed congratulations to the Clinton County Arts Council and their volunteers on a successful LH Jams Fest.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, at 8:02 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

City Clerk