City Council Meeting October 18, 2021

City Council met in person for a regular session on Monday, October 18, 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, Alexander Di Constanzo, 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, Director of Public Works Anthony Stopper, and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell. Guests in attendance were Kira Rosamilia and County Commissioner Angela Harding representing Downtown Lock Haven, Inc.

COUNCIL MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council considered a use request from Downtown Lock Haven, Inc. for November 27, 2021. Commissioner Harding addressed Council and requested the use of Sarah's Alley, as well as the delivery of 4 kiosks to Triangle Park for their use during various Haven Holidays activities. Downtown Lock Haven is also requesting the closure of the E Main St parking lot for light festivities, and to play public domain music on Main Street during Small Business Saturdays. Commissioner Harding thanked Council for their consideration. On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the requests were approved.

The City Manager notified Council and the public of the fall leaf pick up schedule. Collection will take place November 8 to November 18, 2021, following the street sweeper schedule. The City Manager explained this is for leaves only, and all other yard waste can be disposed of at the Second Avenue Garage.

The City Manager notified Council of Duke military training low operations in Western Clinton County.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 2021-4, authorization to apply for the 2021 CDBG allocation. On a motion made by Mr. Di Costanzo, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, the resolution carried.

Council considered the authorization the 100% grant-supported change order for the LHV airport taxiway. Mr. Stevenson inquired about the change to cost, and if there was an elimination to any part of the project. The City Manager will follow up with Council. On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the authorization was granted.

Council considered the award of the bids for test boring and soil sampling for the Keller Dam improvement project. On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, the bids were awarded to Pennsylvania Drilling Company and CMT Laboratories.

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered a request to close Fallon Alley from E Water Street to Perry's Alley for the installation of a security fence around the Fallon Hotel in the interest of public safety (a condition of the Code Enforcement Board of Appeals & Review). The City Manager offered clarification of the exact closure and explained that the insurance agency will still have access to the parking lot connected to the alley by entering through Vesper Street. On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Di Costanzo, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.

Council considered the placement of a directional sign for Big Woods Bible Church within the public right-of-way on the corner of S Washington and E Walnut Streets. **On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Mr. Di Costanzo, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered whether to repair consider the removal of the 4-way red flashing light at the intersection of First Street and W Main Street. The Director of Public Works stated that from his research, the light was changed to a four-way blinking light when the intersection was converted to a four-way stop intersection. The City Manager explained that the Chief of Police agreed that the light is not necessary for public safety provided that "stop ahead" signs be placed at the appropriate locations prior to the intersection. On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, Council requested that a Ordinance be prepared to amend the City Code Chapter 380 Vehicles & Traffic so that the topic can formally be considered by Council with public input.

The City Manager notified Council of the 2022 salary increase of 2.9% for members of the Lock Haven Police Officers Association under the agreement of Resolution No. 2021-03.

The City Manager requested an Executive Session under 708(a)(1) of the Sunshine Act immediately following the meeting.