

City Council Meeting November 15, 2021

City Council met in person for a special session on Monday November 15, 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, with Mr. Byerly attending virtually over zoom conference call. Also, in attendance was City Manager Gregory Wilson, Director of Public Works Tony Stopper, Streets and Stormwater Foreman Kyle Dale, Instrumentation Tech Caleb Rogers, Chief Operator Dave Sorgen, and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell.

Guests in attendance were Tyler Barth, Principle of Robb Elementary, Kira Rosamilia, representing Downtown Lock Haven, Inc., Laura Jameson and Bethany Bartlett from the Express.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Byerly and carried unanimously, the minutes of the November 8, 2021, meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The City Manager presented Council with a letter from Ms. Joann Bowes, regarding Erie Alley. The Public Works Director is working on addressing the issues.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Barth and Ms. Rosamilia requested permission to use the E Main St parking lot on December 10 for their annual Holiday concert. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Citizens Hose Fire Company requested the use of Leather Alley for their Annual Christmas Tree sale from November 26 to December 28, 2021. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

The City Manager presented Council with a response from the Lock Haven City Authority regarding funding requests for capital projects, and also provided a memo to Council giving a history of the Lock Haven City Authority and the relationship between the City and the water and sewer reserves of the authority. The City Manager recommended that Council request the City Authority cover the cost of maintenance of the authority's tank at Cummings Village at the completion of the bid specification by Gwin Dobson & Forman from the authority's water reserve funds. The City Manager also recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the

authority informing the authority that because of the deficiency in the city's sewer fund, the city will not be in a position to make a lease payment this year beyond the final repayment of the BioWin study. The City Manager also recommended to Council to advise the authority that if the authority wishes to continue participation in the lawsuit, all invoices received on or after January 1, 2022 for legal services in 2022 must be paid by the authority from its Sewer Reserve Fund Balance in order to provide fiscal relief to the city and its partners. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, Council agreed to respond to the authority that the city will not be making a lease payment beyond the final repayment, and will continue discussions regarding the legal services payments.**

The City Manager notified Council of the opening of nominations for the 2022 Governor's Awards for Local Government Excellence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET

The Mayor provided the following statement: the purpose of the hearing is to afford the public an opportunity to comment and make observations on the recommended budget as reflected in Ordinances 2021-11 and 2020-12.

Members of Council were given the opportunity to ask questions to the Streets and Stormwater Foreman, the Director of Public Works, the Instrumentation Technician, and Chief Operator of the Sewage Treatment Plant regarding the 2022 General Fund Public Works Budget proposal, and the Enterprise Funds Public Works Budget proposal. The City Manager also answered questions from Council regarding the General Fund.

There were no comments from residents in attendance.

Council thanked the public works crew members for their hard work throughout the year.

OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters brought before Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, at 9:02 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.
