

**City Council Meeting
November 22, 2021**

City Council met in person for a regular session on Monday November 22, 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, Director of Licenses and Permits, Cyndi Walker, Chief of Police Kristin Smith, Fire Administrator & Chief Robert Neff, City Planner and Development Coordinator Abbey Roberts, and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Mr. Di Costanzo and carried unanimously, the minutes of the November 15, 2021, meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered the approval of a Commercial Loan to Leo's Italian and Specialty Foods in the amount of \$18,000.00 for utility repair and equipment. **On a motion made by Mr. Di Costanzo, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the loan was approved.**

Council considered the forwarding of a request from 509 E Main Street, LLC. for the consideration of a change of zoning to extend the Central Business District. The City Manager explained that the action would make nine currently conforming properties non-conforming, to benefit the property making the request. To initiate the process Council will need to forward the

request to the planning commissions for their review. The alternative is for the property owner to request a use variance from the Zoning Hearing Board. The Director of Licensing and Permits answered questions from Council and clarified that the property is conforming as a church, and all nine properties as they are now are conforming. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, Council moved to forward the request to the commissions for their review and recommendation.**

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET

Mayor Long commented that 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 Director of Permits and Licensing regarding the 2022 Codes and Zoning Budget proposal.

Members of Council were given the opportunity to ask questions to the Chief of Police regarding the 2022 Parking and Police Budget proposal.

Members of Council were given the opportunity to ask questions to the Fire Administrator regarding the 2022 Fire Department Budget proposal.

The City Manager presented Council with information regarding the option to increase taxes through raising the real estate millage and explained the impact of tax-exempt properties on properties that do pay real estate tax throughout the community. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, Council agreed to send communication to the County requesting that the commissioners set aside funding in their budget to provide for a reassessment of county real estate.**

There were no comments from residents in attendance.

OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters brought before Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, at 8:41 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

City Clerk