

City Council Meeting
April 18, 2022

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday April 18, 2022, 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, Barbara Masorti, Steve Stevenson, Jeffrey Brinker, Richard Morris, and Mayor Joel Long.

Also, in attendance was City Manager Gregory Wilson, Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell, and Director of Public Works Anthony Stopper.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the April 4, 2022 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

Council considered a request from Downtown Lock Haven, Inc. to place oversized letters in Triangle Park for Small Business Appreciation Week, May 1-May 7, and to place a Farmer's Market sign on the fence at the E Main St Parking Lot. Downtown Lock Haven, Inc. also informed Council of the change of location for the Side Street Saturday events to the Station Gallery. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the requests were approved.**

Council considered the use of Zindel park for weddings on May 14 and October 1, 2022. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the requests were approved.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered Res. No. 2022-17 requesting the City Authority to reimburse the city for the costs of maintenance on the Cummings Village water storage tank. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the resolution passed.**

Council considered the approval of Capital Improvement Plan. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, the plan was approved.**

Council considered the implementation of a stormwater management fee. Council discussed the fee, and the City Manager explained that the fee can be adjusted by Resolution. Projects will be scheduled and will be kept under a budget, with a reserve set aside. Customers

will also be given the opportunity to receive discounts for rain barrels and other sustainable practices. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, Council approved the use of \$100.00 per year per Equivalent Residential Unit, or \$25.00 per quarter, as the amount to be placed into the draft Ordinance to be prepared by the City Engineer.**

The City Manager gave an update on the request by outgoing City Council Member Alex Di Costanzo for a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area in the city. After consulting the City Solicitor, it is something Council could do for any period of time or special event if Council so chose.

Council considered a proposed framework of a cost-sharing agreement for future water supply projects benefiting the City, Suburban, and the Water Filtration Authority. If also approved by the board of the filtration authority, this would be drafted by the solicitor of the Water Filtration Authority and reviewed by the solicitor for the City and Suburban Water Authorities. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered the appointment of two members of Council to a subcommittee to review the six proposals to receive a solar installation at the Lock Haven Airport. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, the Mayor Long and Mr. Morris were appointed to the subcommittee, with Mr. Stevenson serving as an alternate.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2022-18 in support of House Bill 2475 ending tax-exempt status for state and state affiliated colleges and universities. The City Manager explained that while there is not enough time for this bill to pass this session, it will begin a discussion on urging the State to support municipalities that have colleges and universities. Mr. Morris expressed concern that the burden on state universities is too great if this bill were to pass. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried by a vote of 5 to 2 with Mr. Morris and Mayor Long voting against, the resolution was passed.**

Council considered the expenditures of the paving of W Fourth St from Irwin west to the city line. This will be a joint project with Flemington Borough, in the amount of \$10,636.25. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the expenditures were approved to be paid from the General Capital Projects Fund (016).**

Council considered entering into service agreements with Redmond's Complete Comfort for maintenance and inspection of the HVAC at City Hall, DPW Garage, and LHV Airport. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the service agreements were approved.**

Council considered asking staff to investigate the creation of a Vacant Property Registry to offset the cost of regular inspection for compliance with Property Maintenance & City Code.

This would keep vacant homes from becoming blighted properties. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered the appointment of Allora Figured of 16 ½ N Jones St, and Wilson Riccardo of 50 W Main Street to the Central Clinton County Water Filtration Authority, with terms ending 1/2/2024, and Mr. Wilson Riccardo to the Civil Service Commission with a term ending 1/1/2025. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, and seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, the appointments were approved.**

The Director of Community Life announced the hours for the City Beach, beginning June 12 and ending August 20, 2022. The City Beach will have lifeguards posted from Monday to Saturday from 12:00-6:00 p.m. All swimming done while lifeguards are not on duty is done at the risk of the swimmers. There will be signage announcing when lifeguards are on duty. The Director of Community Life also announced that the City is currently hiring lifeguards, and open water certification is not required.

The City Manager notified Council of the results of the Voting Award Contest conducted by the City of Easton, going to the City of DuBois for 2021.

The Director of Public Works presented Council with the Paving Schedule provided by PennDOT for the summer of 2022.

The Director of Public Works provided an update on the traffic light project conducted by PennDOT.

Mr. Stevenson asked if the Summer Movie Series was going to be happening this summer, and the Director of Community Life explained that the committee will be deciding the movies soon and making the announcement of dates.

OTHER MATTERS

Mayor Long announced that the Summer Concert Series Schedule would be announced during the first week of May.

Mr. Stevenson encouraged residents to attend the Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner on April 20, and welcomed runners that were coming to the area for the Hyner Challenge.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, at 8:30 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

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