

City Council Meeting January 23, 2023

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday January 23, 2023, and streamed live over YouTube and Facebook, in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor 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, Steve Stevenson, Richard Morris, and Mayor Joel Long, with Mayor Long attending via Zoom Conference Call.

Also in attendance was City Manager Greg Wilson, Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell, Director of Licensing and Permits Cyndi Walker, Director of Public Works Anthony Stopper, and Chief of Police Matthew Rickard.

Guest in attendance were Kristin Smith, Kira Rosamilia with Downtown Lock Haven, Inc., Adam Coleman, Laura Jameson with the Express, John Lipez with the Record, and guests of Matthew Rickard.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the January 9, 2023 meeting were approved.

SWEARING IN OF CHIEF MATTHEW RICKARD

Chief Matthew Rickard was sworn into office by Mayor Long.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

Council considered a request from Downtown Lock Haven, Inc. to work with Public Works and Coleman's Landscaping to plant a Christmas Tree in Triangle Park. Downtown Lock Haven will have to work with the City on finding a location that will work with the plans to redevelop the park, and obtain a soil study to find a place for the tree to thrive. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the requests were approved.**

Council considered the following requests from Downtown Lock Haven, Inc.:

- The use of Canal Park on March 31, 2023 for an Egg Hunt

- The use of Triangle Park from April 30-May 6 for Small Business Appreciation Week

- The use of Triangle Park from October 1, 2023 through January 7, 2023 for holiday light displays for Halloween and Christmas.

- The closure of East Main Street for the Downtown Pedestrian Mall on June 30, July 28, and August 25, 2023, from 3:00 to 10:00 p.m.

- The use of J. Doyle Corman Amphitheater on September 16, 2023 for the Hometown Hero Ceremony.

- The use of the Station Gallery for Second Side Street Saturdays for music, drinks, and food, hosted by Downtown Lock Haven, Inc. and Broken Axe Brewhouse.

The closure of E Main St and E Church St from North Henderson to Bellefonte Avenue, to the E Church St parking lot.

On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the requests were approved, with street closures pending PennDOT approval.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The City Manager and the Director of Public Works led a discussion regarding the Sunset Pines Phase II project, explaining that the delay in the project is due to a Suburban Water Authority Line, that must be relocated, and the city is waiting for approval from Suburban Water Authority.

The City Manager notified Council of the grant awards given to the City, including a DCNR grant in the amount of \$414,600.00 for Hoberman Park improvements, and this award completes the three phase project with a total of \$1,896,000.00 in improvements. The improvements will include a new playground, walking path, tee ball field, restrooms, parking lot, skatepark, basketball court, multi-purpose court, pavilion, and other amenities.

On a motion by Mr. Morris, second by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, City Council appointed the following residents, employees and Members of Council to authorities, boards, and commissions:

Resident	Authority, Board, or Commission	Term Ending
Jack Neal	Lock Haven City Authority	1/1/2028
Kim Stiles	City Redevelopment Authority	6/1/2028
Micah Clausen	LH Area Flood Protection Authority	1/2/2026
Gregory Wilson	Central CC Water Filtration Authority	1/1/2028
Eric Brungard	Recreation & Parks Board	1/1/2028
Ric Sullivan	Board of Health	1/1/2028
Frederick Wadsworth	Board of Health	1/1/2027
George Roller	Zoning Hearing Board	1/1/2026
Art Sanders	Ross Library Board	1/1/2026
Christopher Stanonis	Ross Library Board	1/1/2026
Chief Rickard	Com Center Advisory Board	12/31/2023
Lt. E Gregory	Com Center Advisory Board	12/31/2023
Chief Neff	Com Center Advisory Board	12/31/2023
Chief Woodling	Com Center Advisory Board	12/31/2023
George Pedlow	Levee Advisory Committee	12/31/2025
Brian McElroy	Levee Advisory Committee	12/31/2024
Allan Lugg Jr.	Levee Advisory Committee	12/31/2025
Kira Rosamilia	Commercial Loan Committee	12/31/2025
Linda Koch	Commercial Loan Committee	12/31/2025
Kim Stiles	Commercial Loan Committee	12/31/2025
Patty Davis	Historic District Advisory Cmt.	12/31/2025
Bill Crowell	Historic District Advisory Cmt.	12/31/2026

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Ordinance No. 2023-01 approving collection procedures and adopting attorney fees to be added to the amount collected. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, the ordinance was adopted.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2023-02 adopting the agility agreement with PennDOT. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the resolution passed.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2023-03 making an application to Clinton County for their share of Route 220 Interchange lighting costs. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, the resolution passed.**

Council considered a request to solicit bids for the 2023 levee relief well testing. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, the approval was granted.**

Council was notified of new application for PLCB license at 4 N Henderson Street.

Mr. Byerly led a discussion with Council regarding the single point of entry guard at City Hall, citing questions from a taxpayer, regarding the cost of the guard, and if a guard is still needed post-pandemic. The City Manager explained to Council the cost of the guard, and what line of the budget it is paid from. The City Manager also explained that the guard is contracted, and provides a service to employees that have had threats of physical violence in 2019 when the guard was put in place. Mr. Morris pointed out that since the beginning of 2023, there have been 33 acts of armed violence in public buildings. Dr. Brinker and Mr. Byerly suggested the use of a secretary to buzz guests in, like the school district has in place. Mr. Stevenson suggested the different options be reviewed in the future.

OTHER MATTERS

Ms. Masorti inquired about the donation for Lock Haven EMS, and if there was money in the budget for a donation. The City Manager explained that Lock Haven EMS has been asked to provide the same paperwork that the other organizations provided, and once that paperwork is received, the donation can be reviewed.

The City Manager notified Council of the Pennsylvania Municipal League District meeting on April 18, 2023 in State College.

Council was given the agenda and minutes from the Clinton County Sewer Authority. Council received the OHL Phase I Weekly update for Jan 9 and progress meeting notes.

Mr. Morris discussed the changes with UPMC, and announced that he will not be running for re-election when his term ends.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, at 8:04 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

City