# City Council Meeting January 9, 2023

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday January 9, 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. Council Member Masorti was excused.

Also in attendance was City Manager Greg Wilson, and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell. Guest in attendance were Laura Jameson with the Express, and Diahann Claghorn from the Downtown Lock Haven Rotary.

## **COUNCIL MINUTES**

On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the December 5, 2022 meeting were approved.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

Council considered a request from the Downtown Lock Haven Rotary for the use of Triangle Park May 25-30, 2023 for their Angel Light Display, and on September 11, 2023 from 5:00-after dark for their Flags of Honor display. Ms. Claghorn also requested to install two more Little Libraries in the city, as needed. The Director of Community Life will work with the organization on finding a location for the libraries, and coordinate with Public Works on the installation. On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, the requests were approved.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The consideration of the award of Phase II of the Sunset Pines project was moved to the January 23, 2023 meeting.

The City Manager notified Council of the 2023 Municipal Tax form, as submitted to DCED, in the amount of 9.998 mils for the total blended rate for the city.

The City Manager notified Council of the awarding of the grant for Clinton County radio upgrades in the amount of \$772,000.00, as well as the Enhance the Haven Façade Grant Program in the amount of \$25,000.00, with the program launching Friday, January 13, 2023.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Council considered Resolution No. 2023-01 setting the 2023 regular meeting dates and locations. On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.

Council considered engaging Raftelis to perform a water rate study. The water rate study will take in to account the current and estimated future operating costs as well as accounting for the more than \$27 million in Capital Improvements required by DEP. The City Manager answered questions from Council regarding the study. On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the resolution passed.

The City Manager notified Council of the requirement to submit their 2022 Statement of Financial Interest forms.

The City Manager notified Council of the conclusion of the use of the MyCivic app, and encouraged members of the public to continue looking at the city website and Civil Space for information regarding the City.

## OTHER MATTERS

Council received the agenda for the Lock Haven City Authority December 12 meeting, as well as the minutes from the August 24 meeting, the minutes of the Tax Collection Committee, the Minutes of the LEPC, documents for the Hazard Mitigation meeting on January 31/February 1, and the Ohl Phase I progress notes.

Mr. Byerly asked for an update regarding the City Hall renovation project, and the City Manager explained that as of now, there are no updates except that the architect is looking at other options.

Mr. Conklin gave appreciation to the Public Works Department for their work over the holidays during weather events.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, at 7:20 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.