

City Council Meeting March 6, 2023

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday March 6, 2023, and streamed live over YouTube, 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, Barbara Masorti, Jeffrey Brinker, Richard Morris, and Mayor Joel Long, with Mr. Conklin attending via Zoom Conference call.

Also in attendance was City Manager Greg Wilson, Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell, City Planner and Development Coordinator Abigail Roberts, and Director of Public Works Anthony Stopper.

Guests in attendance were Carol Cillo and Steve Getz from the Clinton County Arts Council, Shaun Dale from the Old Corner Grill, Lara Hannegan, Kira Rosamilia from Downtown Lock Haven, Inc., Tami Brannan, Bre Reynolds from Clinton County LGBTQ, Tina Snook from Clinton County Probation, Jeff Carlson and Mike McGuire from Weaver Consultants Group, and Heather Alexander.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the February 6, 2023 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

Council considered a request from Downtown Lock Haven, Inc. for the use of Triangle Park for the Month of April for a community awareness event, as well as the use of Triangle Park on April 15, 2023 for Pinwheels in the Park, and the closure of E Main Street for the Best of Clinton County celebration and parade on June 17, 2023. Mr. Byerly asked Council to consider not allowing month long use-requests. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the requests were approved.**

Council considered a request from Clinton County Probation for the development and implementation of a community garden on city property, located near the airport. The garden would be maintained by at-risk juvenile delinquent offenders, as an opportunity to teach gardening, as well as cooking classes. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered the following requests from Clinton County Arts Council for the 2023 LH Jams Festival: the closure of Main Street from Jay to Vesper Streets from Friday August 11 at 5:00 p.m. to Saturday August 12, 2023 at 11:00 p.m., Open Container approval for the festival, free parking. Council considered Resolution No. 2023-05 for the installation of a

banner for Jams from July 31- August 14, 2023. **On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, the requests and resolution passed.**

Council considered a request from Clinton County LGBT to paint the stop bars on Grove and Vesper Streets with a pride flag for the Month of June, as well as the installation of a Pride flag in Triangle Park for the month of June. Dr. Brinker asked for clarification of the comprehensive plan goal to Enhance Outdoor Parks, Public Spaces, and Outdoor Venues by re-imagining public spaces and outdoor venues to reflect the interests, culture, and identity of the community. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried by a vote of 6 to 1 with Dr. Brinker voting in opposition, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request from Shaun Dale, owner of the Old Corner Grill, to close Grove Street from Willards Alley to Church Street beginning Fridays at 3:00 p.m. and ending Saturdays at Midnight, from Memorial Day to Labor Day, to provide on street dining and entertainment. Mr. Morris expressed concerns with the city giving special exceptions to private businesses and closing city owned property. The Director of Community Life will coordinate with the Director of Licensing and Permits to ensure all permits required are received. **On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried by a vote of 6 to 1 with Mr. Morris voting against, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request from Chris Darwin, owner of the Main Street Grill, to use half of Fallon Alley for outdoor dining. Mr. Morris again expressed concerns with giving exceptions for the use of city property to private businesses. The Director of Community Life will coordinate with the Director of Licensing and Permits to ensure all permits required are received. **On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried by a vote of 6 to 1 with Mr. Morris voting against, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request from Special Olympics for the use of Peddie Park for softball practices beginning in March, a request from Eric Brungard for the use of Peddie Park for Wildland Fire Training on March 18 and 25, , and the use of Zindel Park on February 3, 2024 for the Frozen Snot. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, the requests were approved.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 1294 excusing governmental entities from being charged street excavation permit fees. **On a motion by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried by a vote of 6 to 1 with Mr. Morris voting in opposition, the motion carried to repeal the resolution.**

The City Planner and Development Coordinator announced the Ross Library's receipt of the Keystone grant in the amount of \$82,800.00 for improvements.

The City Manager notified Council of the 2023 state Liquid Fuels tax to the city in the amount of \$228,741.00 as well as the annual \$5,400, placed in the city's Liquid Fuels Highway bank account and is designated by Council for use at Sunset Pines.

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered a request to solicit for proposals for aviation engineering services. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered the awarding of Skate Park engineering services to Keller Engineers in the amount of \$74,750.00. On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, the bid was awarded.

The City Manager notified Council of the selection of the city for DEP Land Recycling Program Community Brownfields Assessment.

Council considered the award of the Levee Relief Wall testing to Juniata Geosciences in the amount of \$30,420.00. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, the bid was awarded.**

The City Manager notified Council and the public of the public hearing by PLCB for noise ordinance on March 24, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at Council Chambers.

Council considered the appointment of three members of Council to a subcommittee to meet with a subcommittee from Suburban Water Authority. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Doug Byerly, and carried unanimously, Ms. Masorti, Mr. Morris, and Mayor Long were appointed to the subcommittee.**

Council considered the appointment of Wendi Spicher to the Safety Committee. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, the appointment was approved.**

Council considered engaging Baker Tilly to perform the 2022 Fiscal Year audit in the amount not to exceed \$49,800.00. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, Baker Tilly was approved.**

Council considered the first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-02 amending the 2023 General Fund budget to eliminate Fund 014 Stormwater Fund. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the ordinance was adopted on first reading. Second reading of the ordinance will take place on March 20, 2023.**

The City Manager presented the 2023 Capital Improvement Plan, including the water capital projects, and sewer capital projects. The Capital Improvement Plan will be reviewed by Council and approved at a later date.

OTHER MATTERS

Council received minutes from boards, commissions, and authorities, and updates from the Ohl Dam Phase 1 construction.

The City Manager notified Council and the public of the Wayne Township Landfill Tire Collection day on May 12 and 13, and the Household Hazardous Waste on July 8, 2023.

Council received a thank you from Clinton County Housing Authority.

The City Manager announced that the YMCA will be opening the pool in the coming weeks.

The City Manager notified Council of the Clinton County Economic Partnership's legislative breakfast on March 24, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, at 8:27 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.