

City Council Meeting May 1, 2023

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday May 1, 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, Richard Conklin, Steve Stevenson, Barbara Masorti, Jeffrey Brinker, Richard Morris, and Mayor Joel Long. Absent was Council Member Douglas Byerly.

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

Guest in attendance were Tami Brannan, Bre Reynolds, Starlene Stamm, William Mincer, Alan Black, Amanda Pease, Lacey Miller, Alex Di Costanzo, Heather Alexander, Allen Neville, and Greg Mayes of the Suburban Water Authority.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, with Mr. Byerly abstaining, the minutes from the April 17, 2023 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

Amanda Pease inquired about the arbitration for the City Police contract, and asked for an update regarding a decision to more police to 20 hour coverage. Mayor Long explained to Ms. Pease that the arbitration is not making a decision regarding the police hours at this time.

Council considered a request from the Haven Summer Youth Program for the use of Hoberman Park on May 20, June 3, June 10, and June 17. The Director of Community Life explained that this will not conflict with the Keystone Central School District's summer program, and construction at Hoberman will not effect the use of Basketball courts. **On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request from the Endless Mountain Adventure Race for the use of City Streets from June 26 to July 1, 2023 for their multi-day race. Racers will follow traffic laws, so there is no need to close streets. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Starlene Stamm addressed Council and inquired about having lights installed at the alley next to Kistler Park/Tiger Den Playground. Ms. Stamm stated that she spoke with the Director of Community Life regarding a fundraiser to pay for the installation of lights, and asked why the lights were not installed yet. The Director of Community Life explained that when discussing with

Ms. Stamm she described Hoberman Park, not Kistler Park, and that there was grant money to install lights. The Director of Public Works agreed to get lights installed in the correct alley. Ms. Stamm inquired about charges being filed on the person who assaulted her grandson, and it was explained that this is a police matter and should be taken up with the Chief of Police.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The City Manager presented Council with a letter to Suburban Water Authority that was written by the City Solicitor directing Suburban Water Authority to relocate the water line effecting 33 and 35 Sylvan Drive, at the cost of the Authority, prior to June 30, 2023. The letter also addresses the law stating Suburban's compliance with when occupying a city right of way. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, council authorized the sending of the letter to Suburban Water Authority.**

Council reconsidered the bid for Phase II of Sunset Pines, originally before Council in February, the contractor, HRI, agreed to extend the bid price in the amount of \$240, 310.00. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the bid was awarded to HRI.**

Greg Mayes, Manager of the Suburban Water Authority, presented letters to Council from the Authority's solicitor stating that the Authority cannot be compelled to relocate the line, due to the line being installed prior to the street's dedication to the city. The City Manager explained to Mr. Mayes that the City cannot engage in discussion regarding the relocation of the line, and the attorneys will need to further the discussion. Council discussed the statement in the letter regarding the waiving of permit requirements, when it was the fee related to the permits that were waived, not the requirements of obtaining permits.

Council considered the membership requirements for the Levee Advisory Committee. The membership requirements would be changed from citizen of the city to residents and property owners. The City Manager was advised to make the changes in the form of a resolution, to be voted on at the May 15 meeting of Council.

The City Manager notified Council of the Noise Ordinance Waiver from the PLCB, through July 31, 2028.

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered a request from a resident to amend Chapter 380, "Vehicles and Traffic" of the City Code, to provide an on-street disability parking space in front of 359 Third Avenue. Mr. Stevenson stated that the resident should speak with the Housing Authority before coming to Council, and expressed concern that it would set a precedence to residents. The request died for lack of a motion.

Council considered Resolution No. 2023-15 proclaiming May 21-27 EMS Week in the City of Lock Haven. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the resolution passed.**

Council considered the support of the West Chester Borough Stormwater Fee Amicus Brief. The City Manager explained that this would be presented to Council once it is written, and if in agreement, the brief would be signed. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, Council agreed to include the city in the PML brief.**

OTHER MATTERS

Council was presented with updates regarding the Ohl Phase I construction project.

Council was notified of Castanea's approval of the use of Nittany Road for the Dirty Dabbers.

The Director of Community Life invited Council and the public to attend the May 18 Economic Partnership Time Out, co-hosted with Downtown Lock Haven, Inc., and stated that the 2023 Summer Concert Series schedule will be announced at this event.

Ms. Pease addressed Council and asked about back up plans should the police be moved to 20 hours, and asked for ideas for neighboring municipalities when there are emergencies. Council explained that the negotiations are in the hands of arbitration, and that the City is not at liberty to discuss the arbitration.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, at 7:45 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.