

**City Council Meeting  
July 10, 2023**

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday July 10, 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, Jeffrey Brinker, Barbara Masorti, Richard Morris, and Mayor Joel Long with Jeffrey Brinker attending via zoom conference call.

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

Guest in attendance were Scott Johnson with The Record Online, Laura Jameson with the Express, Bre Reynolds with the Clinton County Pride Alliance, Tami Brannan, Natalie Korcee, Heather Alexander, Tom McMasters, and Marc Drier, esq.

**COUNCIL MINUTES**

**On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the June 19, 2023 meeting were approved, pending one correction.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE**

Bre Reynolds of the Clinton County Pride Alliance addressed Council and thanked them for displaying the pride flag in Triangle Park, as well as painting it in the intersections, citing census information that 2,100 residents of Clinton County identify as LGBT, and they appreciated the City representing them during the month of June.

Scott Johnson addressed Council to remind the public that the Regatta will be coming up in September.

Council considered a use request for Zindel Park on August 19, for a 5k/10k Race. The Director of Community Life will work with the City Authority to make sure all the proper paperwork is completed. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered Ordinance No. 2023-06 vacating a portion of Railroad Street between Bellefonte Avenue and N. Second Street. Marc Drier, esq. answered questions regarding the request to vacate. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried by a vote of 6 to 1, with Dr. Brinker voting no, the ordinance was adopted on first reading.**

A public hearing and second reading of the ordinance will be at the regular meeting of August 7, 2023.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered the execution of the agreement for Rt. 220 Exit 111 interchange lighting with PennDOT. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the agreement was approved.**

Council considered the plan to build a new City Police Department at 45 E Church Street, in the Church Street parking lot across from the current City Hall. Council was presented with the plans, which would cost \$2.1 million, with up to \$1 million of the cost being funded through a grant. The City Manager answered questions from Council regarding the plans. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried by a vote of 5 to 2, with Mr. Morris and Mayor Long voting in opposition, the plan was approved.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2023-20 allowing for the temporary closure of a portion of Sarah's Alley. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

Fire Chief Robert Neff addressed Council and thanked Council for allowing the fire company to participate in the grant program that allowed them to purchase 47 air packs and 47 spare cylinders, and 1 rip pack, benefitting a total of 8 fire companies in the county.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Council considered the appointment of Jacob Neff as the full time Fire Driver in-training for Hand-in-Hand Hose Company, effective July 25, 2023, to become the Hand-in-Hand fulltime driver effective September 3, 2023. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, Jacob Neff was appointed.**

Council considered the appointment of Fire Chiefs for the City of Lock Haven, effective September 4, 2023 to complete the partial term to be made vacant with the retirement of Chief Neff on September 3, 2023. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, Jacob Neff was appointed Assistant Fire Chief, Tyler Wooding was appointed Fire Chief, and Eric Brungard was appointed Deputy Chief.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2023-21 providing for the application and allocation of funds for the Outdoor Fitness Court in Hanna Park. The City Planner presented the plans for the Outdoor Fitness Court to Council, and explained that \$30,000 of the cost will be covered by a grant from the National Fitness Courts, and more funding options such as grants and sponsorships will be explored. **On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried by a vote of 6 to 1 with Dr. Brinker voting against, the resolution was adopted.**

Council considered a request for additional funding from the Lock Haven Area Flood Protection Authority, in the amount of \$1,500.00. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

The City Manager notified Council of the hiring of Carter Simcox to the position of Planner I (Assistant City Planner).

#### OTHER MATTERS

Council received Ohl Phase I updates, as well as notice of receipts from the Lock Haven City Authority, and results of the Wayne Township Landfill Tire Collection event.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Upon motion by Mr. Morris, at 7:39 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.**