

**City Council Meeting
July 24, 2023**

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday July 24, 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.

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

Guests in attendance were Heather Alexander, Chris Long, Emily Wright of the Record, Laura Jameson of the Express, June Houser from the Lock Haven City Authority, and Scott Loecher from Bucharthorn.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the July 10, 2023 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

Council received a letter from Robert Everett III regarding the lease of Peddie Park for their information.

Council considered the following use requests from Downtown Lock Haven, Inc: change of location for the Hometown Heroes ceremony from the amphitheater to Triangle Park on September 16; the closure of Main Street on November 25, the use of Triangle Park for the annual tree lighting ceremony on November 18, and the use of Sarah's Alley on November 25 for the Reindeer pictures. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2023-22, for the installation of a banner on Main Street from August 14 through August 21 for Rally for Recovery's annual 5k. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

Council considered the use of Hanna Park for a birthday party on August 5, 2023. A suggestion was made by Mr. Conklin to number the pavilions so we can designate the pavilions in use. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Scott Loecher from Buchart Horn answered questions from Council regarding the architectural services for the new police department facility. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried by a vote of 6-1 with Mayor Long voting in opposition, 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 plans were approved.**

The Director of Public Works provided Council with an update on the Solar Development Project, informing them that Tangent Energy is waiting on approval from PPL.

Council was presented with a Good Samaritan Door Hanger, and considered the use of Opioid Settlement Funds, in partnership with the Housing Authority and Commonwealth University Lock Haven, to distribute the door hangers in the city. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the use of funds was approved.**

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Ordinance No. 2023-07, authorizing the termination of the Lock Haven City Authority. City Authority Chair June Houser addressed Council, and read from a letter provided by Council to the Authority outlining the intention of the City to take back ownership of the water and sewer systems, and encouraged residents to read the ordinance. Chair Houser requested a joint meeting of Council and the Authority. Council addressed questions from Ms. Houser regarding the termination of the Authority. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the ordinance was adopted on first reading.**

Council was notified of the intent to create a joint municipal authority, and the invitation to Wayne and Castanea Townships to discuss the formation of a joint authority.

Council considered the authorization to solicit for proposals for utility valuation services to attain fair market value of the water and sewer assets. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the authorization was granted.**

Council was notified of the intent to reopen the wastewater treatment operating agreements between the city and the contributing partners and the county. The City Manager explained that Coploff, Ryan & Houser is the city's solicitor and also the solicitor for the Clinton County Sewer Authority, Clinton County, Castanea, Flemington, and Mill Hall so the city will be using outside counsel to avoid CRH's conflict of interest.

Council considered the appointment of Robert Neff as auxiliary fire driver effective Sep 4, 2023. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, Mr. Neff was appointed.**

Council considered giving Roads to Peace potential funding from remaining funds in 001-400-50150. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, Roads to Peace will be invited to make a presentation to Council for their consideration of the use of remaining funds.**

OTHER MATTERS

Council received Ohl Phase I updates, as well as notice of receipts from the Lock Haven City Authority, an invitation from River Valley Health and Dental to attend their grand opening, and notification of the Clinton County Economic Partnership Time Out at the Clinton County Fair.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, at 7:41 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.