

**City Council Meeting**  
**August 21, 2023**

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday August 21, 2023, at 99 Second Avenue, 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, Jeffrey Brinker, Barbara Masorti, Richard Morris, and Mayor Joel Long.

Also in attendance was City Manager Greg Wilson, Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell, Chief of Police Bob Neff, Chief Jake Neff, Chief Tyler Wooding, and Director of Public Works Tony Stopper. Guests in attendance were Marc Drier, esq, Tom McMasters, Joseph Somer Sr, Heather Alexander, Bre Reynolds, Tami Brannon, and Eric Jacobs.

COUNCIL MINUTES

**On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the August 7, 2023 meeting were approved.**

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

Council considered the use of Zindel Park on October 21, 2024 for a small wedding. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered Resolution 2023-23, honoring Chief Robert Neff. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

Chief Neff spoke to council and residents in attendance, and the Fire Department honored him for his years of service.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried by a vote of 5 to 2, with Mr. Conklin and Ms. Masorti voting in opposition, Ordinance No. 2023-06 was taken from the table for consideration.**

Council considered Ordinance No. 2023-06, vacating a portion of Railroad Street. Council continued the discussion and heard from adjoining property owner Eric Jacobs, as well as Tom McMasters and Marc Drier. **On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, and seconded by Mr. Stevenson, the ordinance failed by a vote of 1 to 6, with Mr. Byerly voting in favor of the ordinance.**

**Ordinance No. 2023-07 regarding the dissolving of the Lock Haven City Authority remains tabled due to lack of a motion.**

The Second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-08 (renumbered 2023-07) amending Chapter 328 Sewers and Sewage Disposal of the City Code has been rescheduled for the September 11 meeting of Council.

Council considered Ordinance No. 2023-06 (renumbered from 2023-09) amending Chapter 380 Vehicles and Traffic. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the ordinance was adopted.**

Council considered the agreement with Buchart Horn to perform a Feasibility Study for 509 E Main Street for police and administrative services. There was further discussion regarding the properties, and it was clarified that renovating an existing structure would eliminate the \$1m grant for the new construction of a police building. **A motion was made by Mr. Morris, and died for a lack of a second.**

Council was notified that the Lock Haven City Authority will move forward with its participation in a watershed trail study.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Council considered the appointment of Chief Jake Neff to the employee vacancy on the Workplace Safety Committee. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, Chief Neff was appointed.**

Council considered the appointment of Wendi Spicher as the city delegate to the Clinton County Tax Collection Committee. On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, Wendi Spicher was appointed, with Erin Rhea as the alternate.

The City Manager notified Council of the receipt of the second quarter Comcast Franchise fee in the amount of \$26,009.52.

#### OTHER MATTERS

Council received updates on Ohl Phase I updates, CCCWFA Minutes, notice of annual meeting of Penn Prime Liability and Workers Comp trusts, notice of reimbursement from the LHCA, Notice of CC C-PACE program, and the CCEP Time out at Light My Fire Hearth.

The Director of Community Life announced that construction will begin on the skatepark, with anticipated completion by the end of the year.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Upon motion by Mr. Morris, at 7:36 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.**