

## **City Council Meeting August 7, 2023**

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday August 7, 2023, and streamed live over YouTube, in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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, City Planner and Development Coordinator Abigail Roberts, Caleb Rogers, Dave Sorgen, and Director of Public Works Tony Stopper.

Guest in attendance were Richard Marcinkevage, Karen Gugino, Michael S. Rendos, and June Houser of the City Authority, Tami Brannan, Theresa Jacobs, Leah Borow from Roads to Peace, Atty. Marc Drier, Nils Mantzoros, David Kale, Eric Jacobs, Theresa Jacobs, Robert Everett, Donald Houser and Sydney Roach.

### **COUNCIL MINUTES**

**On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the July 24, 2023 meeting were approved.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE**

There was discussion between Council and the City Authority regarding Ordinance 2023-07, addressing the dissolving of the City Authority. Mr. Marcinkevage addressed council on behalf of the Authority urging Council to explore all its options before making any decision.

Council recessed at 6:55 p.m., reconvening at 7:04 p.m.

Eric Jacobs addressed Council, and inquired about his property, which he believes would be affected by the proposed closure of Railroad Street and requested that the vacancy be contingent on the ability to use the street as it has been.

Nilz Mantzoros addressed Council opposing the possibility of Council looking into the appraisal of the Airport and looking into the sale of the airport. The City Manager explained that the tenants were sent notice that the city may be looking into the option, but that no discussion has been had regarding the sale.

Theresa Jacobs asked Council for a watch for deer sign to be installed on Cree Drive. The Public Works Director informed her that the sign has been ordered and will be installed upon receipt.

Leah Borow presented to Council a request from Roads to Peace for funding. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, Roads to Peace was allocated \$10,000.00.**

Council considered a request from the Farm City Family Festival to install a sign in Hanna Park. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered Ordinance No. 2023-06, vacating a portion of Railroad Street. After further discussion, council asked that property lines be made clear, and re-establish encroachments, and requested more information regarding Price Addition. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the ordinance was tabled until the August 21 regular meeting.**

Council considered Ordinance No. 2023-07, to authorize the termination of the Lock Haven City Authority. Council continued discussion with members of the Authority. Robert Everett asked questions to Council regarding the authority and the water treatment plant. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried by a vote of 6-1 with Mr. Conklin voting in opposition, the ordinance was tabled until the August 21 regular meeting.**

Council considered entering into an agreement with PFM for the appraisal of the water and wastewater treatment utility systems. The appraisal will cost \$7,500 for each system. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried by a vote of 4-3, with Dr. Brinker, Mr. Morris, and Mayor Long voting in opposition, the agreement was passed.**

Council considered the award of the Skatepark Construction bid to Skatepark Supercross, LLC, in the amount of \$726,181.75. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the bid was awarded.**

The City Planner notified Council and the public of the paving project that will begin on E Bald Eagle Street and continue for the month of August.

The City Planner presented Council with the 2023 Community Development Block Grant funding uses and welcomed David Kale to discuss his organization's project, the Family Service Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania and answered questions from Council.

## NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Ordinance No. 2023-08 amending Chapter 328 Sewers and Sewage Disposal of the City Code. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the ordinance was adopted on first reading.**

Council considered Ordinance No. 2023-09 amending Chapter 380 Vehicles and Traffic. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, the ordinance was adopted on first reading.**

Council considered the appointment of voting delegates for the PML Annual Summit. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, Mr. Stevenson was appointed the delegate, and Mr. Conklin was appointed the alternate delegate.**

The City Manager notified Council of the annual donation from Commonwealth University-Lock Haven, in the amount of \$2,716.00.

The City Manager notified Council of the retirement of Rhoades Law from pension legal services.

#### OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Morris requested that the City Manager look at properties currently available on the market as an alternative to building a new police department facility and offered to email the properties to the City Manager, who will send to the architect for a cost.

Council received Ohl Phase I updates, as well as audit reports of the LHCA, LHAFPA, and CCTCC, a report from the Watershed Trail Committee, and the 2023 First Half Budget to Actual Report.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Upon motion by Mr. Morris, at 8:41 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.**