

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

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday September 11, 2023, at Hand in Hand Fire Company, 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, with Mr. Stevenson and Dr. Brinker attending via Zoom.

Also in attendance was City Manager Greg Wilson, Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell, Fire Auxiliary Driver Bob Neff, and City Planner and Economic Development Coordinator Abigail Roberts. Guests in attendance were Todd Bennett, Heather Alexander, Shaun Dale, Mary Jane Eisenberg, Marcus Kohl, Lara Hannegan, Rob Ellis, and Tracy Ellis.

### **COUNCIL MINUTES**

**On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the August 21, 2023 meeting were approved.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE**

Council considered a request from Shaun Dale of the Old Corner to close Grove Street from Willards Alley to E Church Street for entertainment and outdoor dining in 2024 on Fridays and Saturdays from Memorial Day to Labor Day. There was discussion regarding the closure, with requests for more coordination with the Concert Series. Mr. Morris and Mr. Conklin expressed concerns brought to them from residents. Todd Bennett of Mill Hall addressed Council in support of the closure and encouraged other businesses to make similar requests. **On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Ms. Masorti and carried by a vote 4 to 2, with Mr. Conklin and Mr. Morris voting in opposition, and Mayor Long abstaining, the request was approved.**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Council considered Ordinance No. 2023-07, amending Chapter 328 Sewers and Sewage Disposal of the City Code. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, the ordinance was adopted on second reading.**

Council considered the award of Green Light Go grant engineering services to TransAssociates. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the grant engineering was awarded.**

Council considered a request from the Lock Haven Fire Department for a route change for the Halloween Parade, changing the ending location from Hope Hose Fire Department to Triangle

**Park. On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered entering into an agreement with Eckert Seamans for legal services in filing for a water rate increase to the PUC for an amount not to exceed \$248,850 without Council approval. Council also considered entering into an agreement with Raftelis for financial services in filing for a water rate increase to the PUC for an amount not to exceed \$38,190 without council approval. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Masorti and carried unanimously, the agreements were approved with the above provisions, and the addition that rates will remain the same throughout the project.**

Council was notified that the city received approval to remove the flashing light at S Jones and E Bald Eagle Streets.

The City Manager notified Council of the notice sent to Clinton County Sewer Authority of the city's willingness to renegotiate the provisions of the agreement(s) for wastewater treatment.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 2023-24 disposing of the old skate park. Dr. Brinker inquired about auctioning the equipment, and the City Planner and City Manager explained that due to liability and it being a DCNR funded project, the equipment cannot be auctioned. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

Council considered a donation request for the Clinton County Arts Council in the amount of \$500.00 for the CU at Lock Haven Family Day events cost. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the donation request was approved in the amount of \$500.00.**

Council was notified of the 2023 Upset Sale properties in the city.

#### OTHER MATTERS

Council received updates on Ohl Phase I, CCCWFA Minutes, notice of annual meeting of the CCEP, notice of the CCEP Annual Dinner, a letter from Roads to Peace thanking the city for their donation, and recommendations from the Department of Health regarding legionella bacteria in City Hall.

Council Member Brinker inquired about the rainbow flags painted on the intersections and asked if they would be removed.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Upon motion by Mr. Morris, at 7:40 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.**