

## City Council Meeting October 23, 2023

City Council met in person for an emergency session on Monday October 23, 2023, in Council Chambers, 20 E Church St, and streamed live over YouTube and Facebook, in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 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 Public Works Anthony Stopper and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell. Guest in attendance were City Engineers Jim Balliet and Mark Glenn of Gwin Dobson & Forman, Bre Hanley with the Lock Haven Express, Robert Fenton, Leonard Young, Jr., and Wilson Riccardo of the Central Clinton County Water Filtration Authority (CCCWFA), Karen Gugino of the City Authority, Greg Mayes and Vincent Shay with Suburban Water Authority, Jack Peters of Suburban and Filtration Authority, Sydney Roach with WPSU, John Lipez with the Record, Administrator of the Lock Haven City Authority and Secretary of the CCCWFA Richard Marcinkevage, and Robert Nevins.

### PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

Residents and members of the authorities in attendance were given the opportunity to present any concerns they had about the emergency water source project, as well as ask questions to the engineers and Council.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mark Glen and Jim Balliet from Gwin Dobson & Forman presented Council and the authorities impacted by the water emergency their proposal to supplement the city's decreasing water supply by connecting two water wells along McKinney Road in Wayne Township. The two wells were drilled by the city's contractor and were recently tested with the intent of using them as a supplement water supply during the DEP-required reconstruction of the Keller dam spillway. The wells will provide about 1.4 million gallons a day of the average 3 million a day consumed by the combined water systems of the city and Suburban. It would be the city's intention to cover the estimated \$1 million cost of adding the wells on a temporary, emergency basis to the system by using borrowed proceeds that will need to be repaid. The repayment would be through an additional borrowing through the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority: PennVEST. The mayor requested that both Suburban and the Filtration Authority provide confirmation that they were committing to the proposal for the use of the wells as emergency supplemental supply and to cover the eventual repayments through the cost-sharing of the CCCWFA. All voting members present of each authority confirmed the same.

Council considered the authorization to implement emergency water supply. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, Council**

**authorized the submission the project with the consent and commitment of Suburban and CCCWFA and to authorize the city engineer to engage PennVEST regarding reimbursement of the funds necessary to complete the emergency project.**

There was discussion among Council and the neighboring authorities on the prospect of creating a joint authority. The city, Suburban, and the CCCWFA will circulate dates among their members and appoint subcommittee to engage in discussions about the formation of a single joint municipal authority to own and operate the combined water system.

It was decided that a date will be set in a month's time to receive updates about the progress of the emergency water supply project and the water emergency.

ADJOURNMENT

**Upon motion by Mr. Morris, at 4:17 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.**