

City Council Meeting September 25, 2023

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday September 25, 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. Morris attending via Zoom.

Also in attendance was City Manager Greg Wilson, Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell, City Planner and Economic Development Coordinator Abigail Roberts, and Director of Public Works Anthony Stopper.

Guest in attendance were Emily Wright for the Record, Heather Alexander, Nicholas Hawrylchak, Bre Reynolds, Tami Brannan, and Greg Lightner.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the September 11, 2023 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

Council heard from Nicholas Hawrylchak, owner of the Broken Axe. Mr. Hawrylchak read a letter to council with his concerns and disapproval of Council's decision to allow for the closure of a portion of Grove Street for the Old Corner's summer entertainment in 2024. Mr. Hawrylchak expressed concern that council and city staff favor one business over others, and there was discussion with council regarding concerns. Mr. Byerly asked staff regarding the use requests, and explained that there were concerns raised that city staff is telling residents and businesses owners they will not bring a request before council. The City Manager and Director of Community Life agreed to look into the concerns and provide Council with all requests received this year. Mr. Lightner from Dominoes addressed council with his concerns about the closure of Grove Street and how it effects the businesses in the area.

Council was presented with a letter from Frederick Lingle, with suggestions on how to improve the Hometown Hero Ceremony. The City Manager explained that this letter would be forwarded to Downtown Lock Haven, Inc. which organizes and hosts the event.

Council was presented with a letter from Ann Lipez, requesting that the River Overlook Deck at Hanna Park be trimmed and mowed, due to an overgrowth of weeds surrounding it. The Director of Public Works explained that this has been addressed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council was notified of the 2023 Fire Relief allocation in the amount of \$34,937.77.

Council was notified of the 2023 Pension state aid allocation in the amount of \$301,502.47.

Council was notified of the 2024 estimated Liquid Fuels allocation in the amount of \$224,955.42.

Council was presented with the results of the 2021-2022 State Liquid Fuels Audit.

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 2023-25 to apply for a DCED Strategic Management Planning Program to assist in funding the creation of an employee handbook. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

Council was notified of a letter from Suburban Water Authority committing to financing water projects.

Council was presented with the results of the water survey.

OTHER MATTERS

Council received updates on Ohl Phase I, and the KCSD Homeland Security support letter.

Ms. Masorti notified Council that there will be a meeting of Council's subcommittee with the City Authority on October 9.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, at 7:24 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.