

City Council Meeting November 20, 2023

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday November 20, 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 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, Richard Morris, and Mayor Joel Long, with Mr. Conklin and Mr. Morris attending via Zoom. Absent was Barbara Masorti.

Also in attendance was City Planner and Development Coordinator Abbey Roberts, Director of Permits and Licensing Cyndi Walker, Chief of Police Matthew Rickard, and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell. Guest in attendance were Tami Brannan, Bre Reynolds, Heather Alexander, S.C. Sanders, Jr., and William Bailey Jr., Norman G. Wolf, Carl Houtz, Jr., Laura Jameson from the Express, Rich Marcinkevage, George Skibba, Robert Fenton, Tyler Barth, John Masyer, and Jeff Lombardi.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

Council was presented with a letter from Citizens Hose No. 5 regarding the merger of Hope Hose and Hand in Hand Hose Company, and their concerns with Ordinance No. 2023-12. Mr. Stevenson and Dr. Brinker requested the Fire Advisory Committee meet prior to the December 4 meeting to discuss the issues addressed in the letter.

Council considered a request from Citizens Hose No. 5, to close Leather Alley from November 24 to December 28, 2023 for their Annual Christmas Tree Sale. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request from Robb Elementary School for the closure and use of the East Main Street Parking lot on December 8 for their annual holiday concert, pending the weather. **On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request from Holly Ludwig for the use of Zindel Park on October 12, 2024 for a small wedding ceremony. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered the second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-11 setting the wages for non-union employees. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the ordinance was adopted on second reading.**

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 2023-32 authorizing application for the Local Share Account-Statewide grant through the Commonwealth Financing Authority in the amount of \$1 million for the construction of a new police building. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried by a vote of 5 to 1, with Mayor Long voting against, the resolution passed.**

Council considered authorization to split alleys names into East and West at Mill Street, and North and South at Bellefonte Avenue, for select alleys when the county receives a request for the assignment of an address in that alley. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried unanimously, the authorization was granted.**

The City Planner presented Council with a statement from the City Manager, providing an explanation and update on the 2024 Proposed Budget, and explained that the budget will be made available to Council and the public on November 21, 2023 on the website.

The City Planner presented Council with the 2023 accomplishments of each department in accordance with the Destination Lock Haven Comprehensive Plan and explained that the goals of all departments for 2024 are based on action items and goals from the Comprehensive Plan.

The City Planner presented Council with the Department of Economic Development's accomplishments of 2023 and goals for 2024.

The Director of Community Life presented Council with the Department of Community Development's accomplishments of 2023 and goals for 2024.

OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters brought before Council.

ADJOURNMENT

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