

**City Council Meeting
November 27, 2023**

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday November 27, 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 Manager Gregory Wilson, Chief of Police Matthew Rickard, Director of Public Works Tony Stopper, Water Foreman Hunter Stover, Airport Manager Doug Wenker, Airport Financial Clerk Julia Welshans, and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell. Guests in attendance were Tami Brannan, Bre Reynolds, Heather Alexander, Alan Uhler, Ronald Dremel, Rich Marcinkevage, Wilson Riccardo, Frank Swinehart, and Nils Mantzoros.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Byerly, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the November 20, 2023 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

There was no public comment at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET

Mayor Long stated that the purpose of the hearing is to afford the public an opportunity to comment and make observations on the recommended budget reflected in Ordinances 2023-12 and 2023-13.

The City Manager introduced the Budget Book to Council, pointing out the demographic information provided in the beginning of the Budget Book, and the importance of referring to the Comprehensive Plan when creating goals for the coming year.

Chief of Police Matthew Rickard presented to Council the police department's accomplishments of 2023 and discussed the goals for the department in 2024, noting the memorandum of understanding, in which a 12-hour shift for the officers will go into effect on January 7, in order to continue 24 hour police coverage. Council and the public were given the opportunity to ask questions to the Chief and the City Manager regarding the police budget.

The Director of Public Works and the Water Foreman presented the accomplishments of 2023 of the water department and discussed the goals for 2024. Council and the public were given the opportunity to ask questions to the Chief and the City Manager regarding the water fund budget.

The Airport Manager discussed the Airport Fund, and the City Manager and Airport Manager were able to discuss the goals for 2023, and answer questions from Council regarding the budget. Rich Marcinkevage presented a letter to Council, addressing comments from the budget book regarding the airport budget. Airport t-hangar tenant Alan Uhler and Ron Dremel from the Piper Aviation Museum also addressed council with questions and concerns regarding the Airport budget.

Council considered Ordinance No. 2023-13 adopting the 2024 Budget (first reading). **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the ordinance was adopted.**

Council considered Ordinance No. 2023-14, setting the 2024 real estate millage (first reading). **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Byerly, and carried by a vote of 5 to 1, with Dr. Brinker voting in opposition, the ordinance was adopted.**

OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters brought before Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, at 8:02 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.