

City Council Meeting January 8, 2024

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday January 8, 2024, 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 Heather Alexander, Tami Brannan, Jeffrey Brinker, Richard Conklin, Barbara Masorti, Steve Stevenson, and Mayor Joel Long.

Also in attendance was City Manager Greg Wilson, and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell.

Guest in attendance were Alan Uhler, Rich Marcincevage, Justin Majewski, Joshua Hudson, Douglas Byerly, William McFell, Laura Jameson with the Express, Emily Wright with the Record, Bre Reynolds, Juno Olsen, and Anders Olsen.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alan Uhler addressed Council and thanked them for maintaining funds for fuel for the airport, and requested profits from the fuel be used to purchase more fuel. Mr. Uhler also requested the opportunity to present his findings from his own observations to Council.

ORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL

Heather Alexander and Tami Brannan were sworn into office by Mayor Long.

Council considered the election of Vice President of Council. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, Steve Stevenson was elected Vice President of Council.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2024-01 setting the 2024 regular meeting dates. Mayor Long asked Council to consider having four council meetings a month, to make meetings shorter. After discussion, Council agreed to keep council meetings twice a month, but meet more as needed. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, the resolution passed.**

Council considered the appointment of Doug Byerly to the position of City Controller. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, Mr. Byerly was appointed to the position of City Controller.**

On a motion by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, City Council appointed the following residents, and employees to the following authorities, boards, and commissions:

Resident	Authority, Board, or Commission	Term Ending
Rich Marcincevage	CCC Water Filtration Authority	1/2/2029
Wyatt Hall	CCC Water Filtration Authority	1/2/2025
June Houser	LH Area Flood Protection Authority	1/2/2029
Mike Rendos	Lock Haven City Authority	1/1/2029
Beth Riccardo	Lock Haven Redevelopment Authority	6/1/2029
Cathy Gedon	Recreation and Parks Board	1/1/2029
Wyatt Hall	Recreation and Parks Board	1/1/2026
Justin Majewski	Health Board	1/1/2029
Art Sanders	Zoning Hearing Board	1/1/2029
Beth Riccardo	Zoning Hearing Board	1/1/2029
Elsa Winch	Ross Library Board	1/1/2027
Drew Deems	Ross Library Board	1/1/2027
Wilson Riccardo	Ross Library Board	1/1/2025
Jim Russo	Code Enforcement Appeals Board	1/1/2029
Mike Rendos	Civil Service Commission	1/1/2027
Wenda Butler	Planning Commission	1/1/2027
Robert Neff	Planning Commission	1/1/2027
Mary Coploff	Planning Commission	1/1/2027
Heather McKeague	Planning Commission	1/1/2026
Josh Grimes	Commercial Loan Committee	12/31/2026
Matt Rickard	Comm. Center Advisory Board	12/31/2024
Elizabeth Gregory	Comm. Center Advisory Board (Alt)	12/31/2024
Tyler Wooding	Comm. Center Advisory Board	12/31/2024
Eric Brungard	Comm. Center Advisory Board	12/31/2024

On a motion by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, City Council appointed the following Council Members as liaisons to the following authorities, boards, and commissions:

Council Member	Authority, Board, or Commission	Term Ending
Steve Stevenson	City Planning Commission	
Tami Brannan	Ross Library	
Steve Stevenson	Zoning Hearing Board	
Jeff Brinker	CC Economic Partnership	
Steve Stevenson	Downtown Lock Haven, Inc.	
Mayor Long	Lock Haven City Authority	
Barbara Masorti	Lock Haven City Authority	
Mayor Long	Flood Protection Authority	
Steve Stevenson	Flood Protection Authority	
Mayor Long	CCC Water Filtration Authority	1/4/2026
Rick Conklin	CCC Water Filtration Authority	1/4/2026
Mayor Long	Redevelopment Authority	

Barbara Masorti	Redevelopment Authority	
Steve Stevenson	Redevelopment Authority	
Mayor Long	CC Sewer Authority	12/31/2027
Rick Conklin	CC Sewer Authority	12/31/2027
Jeff Brinker	CC Waste Authority	
Steve Stevenson	Code Enforcement Board of Appeals	
Tami Brannan	City Employees Retirement Board	12/31/2025
Heather Alexander	City Employees Retirement Board	12/31/2025
Barbara Masorti	City Employees Retirement Board	12/31/2025
Heather Alexander	Police Pension Board	12/31/2025
Jeff Brinker	CCC Council of Governments	
Rick Conklin	Collective Bargaining Comm.	
Barbara Masorti	Collective Bargaining Comm.	
Mayor Long	Police Collective Bargaining	
Heather Alexander	Union Collective Bargaining	
Jeff Brinker	Police Relations Committee	
Heather Alexander	Police Relations Committee	
Tami Brannan	Police Relations Committee	
Steve Stevenson	Airport Advisory Committee	
Barbara Masorti	Airport Advisory Committee	
Jeff Brinker	Airport Advisory Committee	
Steve Stevenson	Public Works/Shade Tree Commission	
Rick Conklin	Authority Consolidations	
Barbara Masorti	Authority Consolidations	
Tami Brannan	Authority Consolidations	

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the December 18 and December 27, 2023 meetings were approved, pending corrections.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered the approval of the agreement with ABS for valuation services. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the agreement was approved.**

Council considered an invitation from to the city to pursue a joint water authority with Suburban and CCCWFA. Ms. Masorti explained that the purpose of the meeting is to look to the future of the water system and work together with the authorities. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Mr. Conklin and carried unanimously, council agreed to pursue a joint authority.**

Council was notified of a request from the Chief Operator of the CCCWFA to meet to discuss no longer pursuing a temporary water source. Rich Marcincevage addressed Council and explained the purpose of the meeting is to figure out how to move forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered authorizing the Save the Hut campaign by Downtown Lock Haven, Inc., to rehab the city's Santa Hut. Mr. Stevenson addressed Council on the importance of rehabbing the hut, and the various steps that Downtown Lock Haven is willing to take. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the campaign was approved.**

Council considered the approval of the use of city facilities and street closure for the 2024 LH Jams festival. Council discussed the events policy, and requested that beginning at the next council meeting, all street closure requests require two meetings for approval, to properly notify residents of the intended street closure. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council was provided with the 2024 Municipal Tax Form as submitted and 2023 Statement of Financial Condition.

OTHER MATTERS

Council received updates on Ohl Phase I, a letter nominating Mr. Conklin to CCSA, an update on the Buchart Horn Police Station project report, and the minutes of the October 10, 2023 LHCA.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Ms. Brannan, at 8:18 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

City