

**City Council Meeting**  
**April 1, 2024**

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday April 1, 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, Director of Codes and Licensing Cyndi Walker, Sewer Superintendent David Sorgen, and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell.

Guests in attendance were Jennifer Walker, Bre Reynolds, Joshua Hudson, Dave Winkleman, Kevin Ziegmann, Kurt Smith, Amanda Perryman, Jenn Grubb, Karen Elias, Elsa Winch, Rose Reeder, Dan Reeder, Jason Smith, Micah Clausen, Joyce Bucknor, Bill Stankiewicz, Don Harger, Jacqueline Conklin, John Snyder, Justin Houser, Stephen Miller, and Angela Harding.

**COUNCIL MINUTES**

**On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the March 18, 2024 meeting were approved.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS**

A resident in attendance asked for clarification on the date of the Hoberman Park KaBOOM build, which will take place August 3, 2024.

Council considered a request for the use of the Lock Haven Airport for the 22nd Annual Wings Over Piper Aug 1-3, 2024. Kevin Zeigmann presented to Council and answered any questions regarding the event. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request for the use of the Lock Haven Airport for Camp Cadet “Lacy Day Camp” on Sep 25, 2024. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered the waiver of the Lock Haven City Code Section 287-3 for 12/31/24 at 9PM to 1AM on Jan 1, 2025 for the Sons of Italy New Year’s Eve Party. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Brannan and carried unanimously, the waiver was granted.**

Council considered a request for the use of the levee and Memorial Park for 2024 Relay for Life. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request for the use of Zindel Park & Keller dam area for 2025 Fire on the Rocks on March 25, dependent on dam construction. The route will be approved at a later date. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request from Downtown Lock Haven Inc. for Final Fridays and Best of Clinton County street closures for summer events. Mr. Stevenson spoke for Downtown Lock Haven and answered any questions council had regarding the street closures. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 2024-09 governing the flying of flags on the flagpole in Triangle Park. The City Manager explained that after receiving further direction from City Council regarding the resolution governing flags, the city solicitor crafted the resolution presented. Ms. Alexander addressed Council and residents explaining the reasoning behind her vote. Jennifer Walker addressed Council, citing her support for the installation of a pride flag, and the importance of being a welcoming community. Jacqueline Conklin addressed Council with concerns regarding flying a flag that is distributed by the Concerned Women of America. Bre Reynolds presented Council with a collection of Facebook messages gathered that state what the pride flag means to them. Dave Winkleman addressed Council on behalf of Bill Stankiewicz and reiterated that Bill made the request for the Christian Flag, not the CWA, and his concerns with the resolution as it stands now. Rose Reeder addressed Council and provided a solution to the requests given to Council. Joyce Bucknor addressed Council and stated her concerns that the resolution as it is now will open up a can of worms that will allow the nazi flag to be hung, and the standards are not strict enough as it is written. Elsa Winch addressed Council and cited concerns with hanging the Christian Flag as it is not representing everyone in the community. Kurt Smith and Don Harger addressed council in support of the new resolution to only allow the POW and American Flag to fly on the flag poles. Bill Stankiewicz reiterated to Council that his request was only from himself and not the CWA or Swissdale Church. Micah Clausen addressed Council stating that the American Flag represents all Americans and suggested that when a group makes a request they need a petition for 50 signatures. Mayor Long addressed Council and residents explaining the reasoning behind his vote. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried by a vote of 4 to 3, with Ms. Brannan, Mr. Conklin, and Ms. Masorti voting in opposition, the resolution passed.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2024-10 governing the placement of decorations, decals, logos, images, and phrases on the public streets in the city. The City Manager explained that after receiving direction from a majority of Council members to re-evaluate the governing of decorations, decals, logos on city streets, the resolution was crafted by the city solicitor. Ms. Brannan expressed her concern that this resolution will lead the city down a path to eliminate all banners and decorations throughout the city. Dave Winkelman asked for clarification on what the resolution states, and the City Manager read the resolution, stating the city will not take requests for the placement of decorations, decals, logos, images, words, and phrases on the city streets. Rose Reeder asked for clarification on the definition of the street. The City Manager explained the

sidewalks would not be included as they are defined separately. Bre Reynolds expressed that the resolution was created because of the pride rainbows and not freedom of speech. Emily Wright expressed support of the new resolution. Mr. Conklin addressed Council and stated that he feels this ties City's hands more and explained his vote. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, the motion failed to carry by a vote of 3 to 4, with Ms. Alexander, Ms. Brannan, Mr. Conklin, and Ms. Masorti dissenting.**

Council was notified of the award of the Strategic Management Planning Program (STMP) grant Zoning and SALDO fund in the amount of \$65,000 from DCED.

Council continued their discussion on the use of the city's Opioid Settlement funds, and were directed to look through options and let the City Manager know by April 10 through email on what their recommendation is for the use of funds.

## NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 2024-10 requesting reimbursement from the Lock Haven City Authority for \$33,750 for more sensitive water leak detection equipment. The City Manager answered questions from Council regarding the equipment, and the current water emergency status. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and passed unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

Consideration of the recommendation of Water Authority Subcommittee of Council that if terms can be reached that are agreeable to the city in the formation of Joint Municipal Authority, the city turn over its assets to the same for \$1.00. The members of the Subcommittee addressed questions raised by Council regarding the agreement. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, Council agreed to turn over its assets.**

Consideration of the recommendation of the Water Authority Subcommittee of Council that considering the recent letter from Suburban Water Authority regarding shared projects, that administration, planning, and funding of all shared projects be turned over to the Central Clinton County Water Filtration Authority which is the cost-sharing entity between Suburban Water Authority and the city. The Subcommittee and the City Manager answered questions regarding this discussion. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, council agreed to have all administration, planning and funding of all shared projects be turned over to the Central Clinton County Water Authority.**

Council considered Ordinance No. 2024-01 assigning excavation permits from the Director of Public Works back to the Code Enforcement Office. Mayor Long inquired about the status of the hiring of the Director of Public Works, to which the City Manager explained that the decision will be made after the Assistant City Manager is hired. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, the ordinance was adopted.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2024-12 setting the fees for hauled wastewater. The Sewer Superintendent explained the process and answered questions from Council regarding the

hauled wastewater. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

The City Manager notified Council of the 2024 ISO (Insurance Services Office) Fire Score: 3 of 10, which is one of the best scores a municipality can receive, and the fire companies are continuing to work to improve the score.

The City Manager gave an update on the status of our water system, and reminded residents and Council of the need for voluntary water conservation for system customers.

Council continued discussion regarding the appeal from SYENSQO Energy Solutions LLC (formerly Solvay) to its permitted maximum daily wastewater flow.

Council considered permission to solicit for lease of agricultural land in Greene Township. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, permission was granted to solicit for lease.**

#### OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Conklin addressed Council and residents and praised the City Planner and Development Coordinator for her accomplishment in obtaining funding for the police building.

Council received the agenda of the 1/17/2024 LHAFPA, Buchart Horn no. 6 project report for new police station, Clinton County Association of Township Officials meeting notice and the 3/14/2024 PA DEP sewage plant inspection report.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Upon motion by Dr. Brinker, at 8:38 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.**