City Council Meeting April 15, 2024

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday April 15, 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, with Dr. Brinker attending via Zoom Conference Call.

Also in attendance was City Manager Gregory Wilson, City Planner and Development Coordinator Abigail Roberts, and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell.

Guests in attendance were Bre Reynolds, Joshua Hudson, Kurt Smith, Bill Stankiewicz, Alex DiCostanzo, Aly DiCostanzo, Bonnie Gradel, Brady Carnahan, Ben Adam, Ben Phillippi, Xavier Ortiz, Landon Hetrick, Adam Ferry, Kurt Smith, and Chase Piper.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the April 1, 2024 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Brady Carnahan and Tim Fulger of Castanea, addressed Council regarding potential water leaks in Castanea, and the City Manager answered questions regarding the potential leaks.

Council considered the amendment to Downtown Lock Haven's April 1 request for the closure of Main Street for the Downtown Pedestrian Mall. Downtown Lock Haven is requesting the closure be extended to Mill Street, following the closure route for parades, to give an opportunity for more businesses to be involved in the Final Friday closure. On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.

Council considered a request from Keystone Central School District & CU-Lock Haven for the closure of E Main Street for the joint Homecoming Parade on September 26, 2024. On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.

Council considered the use of Triangle Park on April 27, 2024 for World Tai Chi Day event. On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.

Council considered the use of Triangle Park for installation of a May Day pole for the month of May. Aly DiCostanzo was present to answer questions regarding the installation. On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.

Council considered a request from the Lock Haven Regatta Foundation for the use of the amphitheater for a spring regatta on May 10 and 11, 2024. On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.

Council considered Resolution No. 2024-13, for a banner installation for CU-Lock Haven Band. On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the resolution passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered Ordinance No. 2024-01 assigning excavation permits from the Director of Public Works back to the Code Enforcement Office. On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the ordinance was adopted.

The City Manager shared the results of Council Member feedback on use of opioid settlement funds with Council support for investment in programs with local educational partners.

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered the following 2024 Community Development Block Grant compliance resolutions: Resolution 2024-14 regarding Fair Housing, Resolution 2024-15 regarding Citizen Participation Plan, and Resolution 2024-16, regarding Section 504 protecting the rights of individuals with disabilities. On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Marsorti, and carried unanimously, all resolutions were adopted.

Council considered the authorization to apply for \$2 million from the Multi-Purpose Community Facility Program for the second half of funding for the new police station. On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried by a vote of 6 to 1, with Mayor Long voting in opposition, authorization was approved for the application.

Council considered of Resolution No. 2024-17 proclaiming May 19-25 EMS Week. On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.

The City Manager provided an update on 2024 patching project and sewer main replacement.

Council considered the acceptance of the resignation of Police Officer H. Brooks. On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the resignation was accepted, with thanks to Officer Brooks for his service to the city.

OTHER MATTERS

Council was given information regarding the Ohl progress meeting, a copy of the letter to Joint Municipal Authority subcommittee regarding city water assets, a copy of the letter to Suburban suggesting CCCWFA oversee future shared water projects, information regarding Wayne Twp Landfill annual household hazardous waste collection event on 7/20/24, and the agenda of the City Authority meeting on 4/12/24.

Ms. Alexander also brought to Council's attention another resident of Castanea who was in contact regarding potential water leaks in Castanea.

Mr. Conklin notified Council that the City Authority approved cooperation in looking into a joint authority.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Dr. Brinker, at 7:25 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.