

City Council Meeting June 17, 2024

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday June 17, 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 Ms. Brannan attending via zoom.

Also in attendance was City Manager Greg Wilson, City Planner and Development Coordinator Abbey Roberts, and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell. Guests in attendance were Joshua Hudson, Emily Wright of the Record, Elsa Winch, and Castanea residents Tim and Stephanie Fulger.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the June 3, 2024 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

There were no public comments at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered an agreement for a sewer rate study with Raftelis. The City Manager provided details of the agreement and answered questions from Council. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the agreement was approved.**

Council was provided with the May 22 correspondence from Castanea Township regarding the water system and response. The City Manager explained that Fluid Pinpoint Services detected an anomaly at 14 Keller Street and found that it is not a piece of city infrastructure, but a storm water pipe belonging to Castanea Township.

Council was provided an update by the City Manager on the Lock Haven Airport Through the Fence Agreements which are currently being reviewed by the FAA and PennDOT Bureau of Aviation for compliance to their regulatory standards.

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Ordinance No. 2024-03, amending the bylaws of the Ross Library. Ross Library Board President Joshua Hudson explained the changes to Council and answered any

questions regarding the amendments. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the ordinance was adopted on first reading.** Second reading of the ordinance will take place during the July 1 regular meeting of Council.

Council considered the agreement for Clinton County planning services for the environmental review for the police building project, not to exceed \$1,800.00. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried by a vote of 5 to 1, with Mayor Long voting in opposition, the agreement was approved.**

Mr. Conklin addressed Council and the public and gave recognition to the planning department, under the direction of City Planner Abbey Roberts, and showed appreciation and acknowledgement for the hard work of employees, particularly in the funding and development of the police building project. Mr. Conklin also clarified for local media that the police building will not be taking up most of the parking lot, as previously reported.

OTHER MATTERS

Council received the Ohl progress reports, the Lock Haven City Authority audit results, and the Lock Haven Area Flood Protection Authority audit results.

Mayor Long discussed the dedication at the piper museum at the upcoming Fly-In.

Mr. Conklin praised the efforts of Downtown Lock Haven, Inc. for the Best of Clinton County.

Ms. Masorti invited the public to attend the next Walk with Council Member coming up in July.

The public were notified of the Hoberman Park playground build coming up on August 3.

Dr. Brinker requested that the sign in front of City Hall be repaired.

Castanea residents and city water customers Tim and Stephanie Fulger addressed Council and inquired about their property at 14 Keller Street, believing a city water main leak is causing water to enter their property. The City Manager explained that the anomaly below the ground causing water on the surface of their property was from a Castanea Township stormwater line and not from the city's water main which has been repeatedly tested and found to have no leaks. The City Manager requested that Council not make any further comments as the Fulgers have filed a complaint with the PUC which could be before an administrative just making this now a legal case with the PUC. The Fulgers expressed frustration that their topsoil was removed as part of the excavation of the stormwater line.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Ms. Alexander, at 7:23 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.