

City Council Meeting August 5, 2024

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday, August 5, 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 Tami Brannan, Jeffrey Brinker, Richard Conklin, Barbara Masorti, Steve Stevenson, and Mayor Joel Long. Absent was Council Member Heather Alexander.

Also in attendance was City Manager Greg Wilson, City Planner and Development Coordinator Abbey Roberts, Director of Licensing and Codes, Cyndi Walker, Planner I Carter Simcox, Property Maintenance Officer Caleb Rogers, and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell. Guests in attendance were Joshua Hudson, Elsa Winch, Micah Clausen, and Emily Wright of the Record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Council considered a request from Downtown Lock Haven, Inc. for the use of Triangle Park, E Main Street Parking Lot, Fallon and Sarah's Alley for an event on October 5, 2024 in collaboration with The Apothecary. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request from the Venture Crew 007 Susquehanna Council of Boy Scouts of America, on May 15-18, 2024. Approval would require a resolution placed on the August 19, 2024 agenda to waive some provisions of the Lock Haven City Code Chapter 298 Park Rules and Regulations. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered Ordinance No. 2024-04, amending Chapter 376 "Registration of Vacant Buildings" to the Lock Haven City Code. Council was given the opportunity to ask questions to Kevin Sidella, regarding the registration of vacant buildings and using HERA Property Registry to build a database of all the parcels in the city. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the Ordinance was adopted.** Second reading of the Ordinance and potential final adoption will take place as part of the August 19, 2024 regular meeting.

Council considered the authorization of participation in the Police Department Co-Responder program. The City Manager explained the grant-funded program and is free for the City, through the Center for Community Resources, and is a Clinton County based, Co-responder program, an initiative of Police Mental Health Collaborative. Ms. Masorti requested feedback from the program as it is participated in. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms.**

Brannan, and carried unanimously, the authorization was granted to participate in the program.

Planner I Carter Simcox presented Council with the schedule of the 2024 CDBG program.

NEW BUSINESS

Council was notified of the Boni, Zack, & Snyder filing on the city's behalf against Express Scripts, Optum RX, Indivior, Myland, and KVK Tech as a litigating subdivision. These funds would be used for opioid remediation in the City of Lock Haven.

Council was updated on the Tax Collection Committee's weighted vote tally.

Council considered the authorization to solicit bids for the 2024 garbage and sludge removal agreements effective 1/1/2025. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the authorization was granted.**

Council considered the nomination of PA Municipal League voting delegates. On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, Mr. Stevenson was appointed as the voting delegate, with Mr. Conklin appointed as the alternate delegate.

OTHER MATTERS

Council was given the Lock Haven Patriot Award press sheet, Tax Collection Committee annual audit results, and an Update on the E Church St sewer main replacement project.

Council congratulated staff and the community on the KaBoom playground build, and the City Planner and Development Coordinator provided an update and recap of the playground build.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Dr. Brinker, at 7:31 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.