

City Council Meeting July 15, 2024

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday July 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.

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, Bre Reynolds, Elsa Winch, Alex DiCostanzo, Aly DiCostanzo, Micah Clausen, Nils Mantzoros, and Emily Wright of the Record.

COUNCIL MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Nils Mantzoros addressed council and requested more communication with the Through the Fence agreement with the pilots. The City Manager explained that the city solicitor had contacted each pilot and their attorneys regarding the Through the Fence agreement and that no update has been made as the city still awaits the response from the FAA to the agreement's review.

Joshua Hudson addressed Council regarding recent vandalism of city property with white supremacist propaganda. The City Manager explained that the police are investigating, and employees, council members, and residents have been removing stickers throughout town since it was first reported to the city.

Council considered a request from Servant Keeper PC for the use of Hanna Park Pickleball courts on July 16, 2024 for an employee Pickleball tournament. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request from Living Hope Church, for the use of the Tiger Den on August 3, 2024 for a community outreach and back to school celebration. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The City Manager provided an update on the Airport Advisory Committee, regarding discussions between the city, county, and airport representatives. County and City representatives are working towards an agreement to sustain long-term supportive operations at the airport, which will be publicly discussed and adopted by each entity. The plan would need approval from PennDOT Bureau of Aviation and the Federal Aviation Administration for compliance with their rules and regulations, which will include an opportunity for public input. Ms. Masorti, a member of the Airport Advisory Subcommittee, explained that everyone has the same goal of finding the best use for the airport.

The City Manager provided a response from the CCCWFA to City Council regarding Council, turning down Council's offer to have the filtration authority take over the planning, administration, and funding of future shared water capital projects.

The City Manager provided Council with a copy of the correspondence to Castanea Township regarding city's discovery of an abandoned Castanea stormwater intake and line. The City Manager explained that after hiring separate entities investigate the water leak, the abandoned stormwater line was discovered and may be the cause of the water issues in that area.

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered the conditional approval of Commercial Loans from the City of Lock Haven, pending the approval from the Commercial Loan Committee at their regular meeting on Thursday July 18, 2024. The first loan considered for approval was for Luxe and Lace in the amount of \$30,000.00. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the loan was approved on the condition that it is approved by the Commercial Loan Committee.** The second loan considered for approval was for Two Maidens, LLC in the amount of \$28,000.00. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the loan was approved on the condition that it is approved by the Commercial Loan Committee.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2024-22 providing for the closure of Sarah's Alley through October 31, 2024. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the resolution passed.**

The City Manager provided photos of a recent volunteer project done by John Powell, of Powell Metal Polishing, restoring the plaque located at Veteran's Bridge.

The City Manager informed Council and the public of the recognition of Chief Rickard for the Patriot Award, which will be presented by Army Sgt. Brad Coder, who nominated Chief Rickard for the award.

OTHER MATTERS

Council received the Ohl progress reports, and a letter from Roads to Peace, as well as correspondence from Swelbar Zhong. The City Manager answered questions regarding the Ohl Dam project.

The Director of Community Life invited Council and the Public to attend the Summer Concert on Sunday, July 21, at 6:30 p.m., where WNEP's Joe Snedecker will be kicking off his Go Joe 27 Bike Ride across PA.

Mayor Long invited everyone to attend Summer Concerts every Friday and Sunday evening.

Ms. Masorti invited the public to attend the next Walk with Council, at 9:00 a.m. on August 10, meeting at the Lock Haven Catholic School parking lot.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Council Member Alexander, at 7:31 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.