

**City Council Meeting
September 9, 2024**

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday September 9, 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 Gregory Wilson, City Planner and Development Coordinator Abbey Roberts, Planner I Carter Simcox, and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell. Guests in attendance were Joshua Hudson, Jim Russo, Robert Neff, Micah Clausen, Greg Mayes, Jo Ann Bowes, and Emily Wright of the Record.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the August 19, 2024 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Jo Ann Bowes addressed Council, presenting pictures and a letter, regarding Erie Alley between 220 W Water St and 228 W Water Street between W Water and Jordan's Alley. Ms. Bowes expressed concerns with the potholes that cause damage to cars and make it difficult to navigate the alley. Council agreed to look at future paving projects and funding to make repairs to Erie Alley.

Council considered the approval of the use of Zindel Park on August 28, 2024 for a Mycology Mushroom hike. The Director of Community Life with work with the organizers to ensure rules and regulations of the park are adhered to. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered the approval of the closure of E Water Street, in front of Veteran's Park, for a ribbon cutting and rededication ceremony for Veterans Park, sponsored by Hargers Utility Charities and Vetforce. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 2024-25, exercising the city's legal right under the Municipal Authorities Act to control actions of the Lock Haven City Authority in areas including, but not limited, the authority's ability to buy or sell water real estate or other assets, and the expenditure of water funds. Greg Mayes asked a question regarding the memorandum of understanding, and the City Manager explained that the MoU will be provided to solicitors for review. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the resolution passed.**

Council considered the award of garbage removal services to JJ Peter's Inc. for \$11, 556.00 for city garbage services. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the award was granted to J.J. Peters.**

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 2024-26, authorizing the transfer of 120 E Church St fire station to Eastside Fire Rescue. Robert Neff addressed Council and answered questions regarding the intent of the use of the station, and the City Manager explained that should the Fire Station choose to move, the building will be transferred back to the City. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the resolution passed.**

The Planner I led Council in the 2024 CDBG work session, notifying Council that no non-profits applied for funding, and the planning department recommends the funding go towards paving projects, and the outline of the projects was presented to Council. The final hearing will take place on October 7, 2024.

Council considered Resolution No. 2024-27, stating that we support the County in being “Broadband Ready”. The City Planner was present to answer questions regarding the resolution. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, the resolution passed.**

Council considered the appointment of GIS Technician Jon Hart as an employee representative on the city’s state-certified safety committee. On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, Jon Hart was appointed to the safety committee.

Council was provided an update on the Keller Dam spillway joint repairs, which will be a temporary fix until the full repairs can be completed. The City Manager answered questions from Council and Greg Mayes regarding the project.

Council was notified of the 2024 tax sale.

OTHER MATTERS

Council was provided reports of the CCCWFA meeting, the CCCWFA 2023 audit results, a request of LHCA for leak detection proof of purchase, response to LHCA for leak detection purchase, minutes of the June 26, 2024 Town and Gown meeting, the Wings over Piper donation, and notified of the New Year’s Eve event at the Son’s of Italy.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Ms. Alexander, at 7:28 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.