

**City Council Meeting  
October 21, 2024**

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday October 21, 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, Gail Nestlerode, Ed Nestlerode, Mary Jo Johnson, Edward Englert, Richard Herman, Caren Brooks, Greg Lightner, Elsa Wench, Cathy Ballat, Buddy Borzona, Kristen Barzona, Lara Dale, Shaun Dale, Michelle McCain, Emily Wright, Micah Clausen, Nicholas Hawrylchak, Howard Karichner, Bryce Haines, and Nate Bechdel.

COUNCIL MINUTES

**On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the October 7, 2024 meeting were approved.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Council considered a request from Downtown Lock Haven for Haven Holidays events, including the decoration of light poles, Triangle and Canal Parks, the use of Triangle Park for the Tree Lighting Ceremony on November 24, the use of Sarah's Alley for Live Reindeer on November 30, and the closure of E Main Street on November 30 for the annual Holiday Parade. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, Council approved the request.**

Council considered a request from Shaun Dale, owner of the Old Corner, for the closure of Grove Street, from Willards Alley to E Church Street, every weekend from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The closures are for outdoor dining and live music, and will take place from 3:00 p.m. Friday to 1:00 a.m. Sunday. Council heard from residents, including Mary Jo Johnson, John Fisher, Ed Englert, Michelle McCain, and Richard Herman, who were opposed to the closures taking place twice a week for 15 weeks, and asked Council for a compromise, due to the noise and overall inconvenience of the closure as residents on the street. Council also heard from business owners including Nic Hawlrychak, Vincent Kishbaugh, Howard Karichner, Greg Lightner, and Ed and Gail Nestlerode, who felt their businesses were impacted negatively due to the street closures. Council agreed to work on a compromise, and encouraged other businesses to also make a request after the request guidelines have been revised. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Conklin, the request was denied, by a vote of 5-1, with Mayor Long abstaining.** Council will revisit a new request after guidelines for requests are revised at the November 4, 2024 meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 2024-29, to apply for the 2024 CDBG Allocation. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the resolution passed.**

Council considered the acceptance of the recommendation for the Hoberman Phase I and II bids. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the bids were rejected,** with a plan to rebid the projects in January 2025.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Council was notified of the 2025 recycling service rate, in the amount of \$35,459.16. The City Manager explained that the city is reimbursed based on participation from residents, and encouraged more residents to participate in curbside recycling, and answered questions from residents and council members regarding recycling.

#### OTHER MATTERS

Council was provided the liaison report for the LHCA meeting, the liaison report for the CCCWFA meeting, and the PA Municipal League Peacemaker's Toolkit presentation.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Upon motion by Ms. Alexander, at 8:15 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.**