City Council Meeting November 4, 2024

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday November 4, 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, 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, Seth Kle, Terry Crust Jr., Melissa Dally, Ben Green, Vince Kishbaugh, Julie Daniels, Daniel McPherson, Bonnie Hannis, Brandie Teats, Bre Brannan, Ginny Counsil, Gail Nestlerode, Shaun Dale, Lara Dale, Lesa King, Catrina Armstrong, Micah Clausen, Nicholas Hawrylchak, Howard Karichner, and Mark Karichner.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Ms. Brannon, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the October 21, 2024 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Seth Kleinle addressed Council with comments and concerns regarding street closures, and offered suggestions for Council to consider, including a request for a decibel level to be added to the noise ordinance.

Council considered the following requests for the 2025 Budget:

Josh Hudson represented Ross Library, requesting \$38,000 Melissa Dally represented Downtown Lock Haven, Inc. requesting Bonnie Hannis represented the Clinton County Historical Society, requesting \$3,000 Katrina Armstrong represented Hope's Dream Rescue, requesting Roads to Peace, requesting \$1,000 Clinton County SPCA, requesting \$10,000

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered an update to the street closure procedure, and received suggestion from the Director of Community Life, along with samples from other municipalities and their policies. Council discussed various changes to the policy, and heard from local business owners: Vincent Kishbaugh, Nic Hawrylchak, Gail Nestlerode, and Shaun Dale. On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, Council agreed to direct staff to create a more formal policy, based partially on the Millvale policy, to be considered at the November 18, 2024 meeting, to include one closure on a street every thirty days, and in the interim, letters of interest can be sent to the Director of Community Life, from local businesses interested in having a street closure, and Council will email the City Manager with any additional policies they would like to see added to the existing policy.

The City Planner and Development Coordinator provided an update on new Police Department funding awards for various projects. The City Planner answered questions from Council regarding the funds and projects.

Council was notified of the award of \$14,000 to the city from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency for recruitment incentives for law enforcement.

Council received Correspondence from Lock Haven City Authority reiterating final design funding of Keller Dam.

Council received the Youngdale wellfield archeological study summary.

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Ordinance No. 2024-05, setting the 2025 wages for nonunion employees. The City Manager presented the ordinance, and answered questions from council regarding the ordinance. On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the ordinance passed.

Council considered Resolution No. 2024-30 to apply to the Main Street Matters grant, which will allow for funding for local businesses to apply to the façade grant program. On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Ms. Brannon, and carried unanimously, the resolution passed.

Council received an update on the 2025 Sunset Pines continued stormwater improvements.

OTHER MATTERS

Council was provided the November Fall Leaf Pick-Up Schedule, request from Castanea Township for Hydrant replacement, and the Youngdale wellfield archeological study summary.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Ms. Alexander, at 8:21 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.