

City Council Meeting August 19, 2024

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday August 19, 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 Director of Codes and Licensing Cyndi Walker, 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, Micah Clausen, Carl Williamson, and Emily Wright of the Record.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the July 15 and August 1, 2024 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Alex DiCostanzo addressed Council regarding his concerns as a business owner with the street closures, specifically siting issues with the LH Jams Fest closure, stating that only one block was occupied, and there was no foot traffic for the rest of the businesses effected by the closure. Mr. DiCostanzo requested that businesses be communicated with and asked that they be more involved in the planning of street closures.

Carl Williamson addressed Council regarding a meeting between the City, the County and a group of pilots, and asked to clarify statements made in the meeting.

Council considered a request from Downtown Lock Haven, Inc., for the use of the light poles downtown for a scarecrow decoration contest, monitored and organized by the Downtown Manager, Melissa Dally. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request from Living Hope Church for the use of Triangle and Memorial Parks for church services while their church is being renovated. The City Planner clarified one park will be used, not both, depending on conflicts with scheduling, as well as rain. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered the approval of Farm-City Family Festival sign placement in Hanna Park. Mr. Stevenson expressed concern that the sign be placed back far enough to not infringe

upon driver's line of sight on Susquehanna Avenue. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Mr. Conklin, 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. The Director of Codes and Licensing answered questions regarding the ordinance. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the ordinance was passed on second reading.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2024-23 amending the Schedule of Fees. The Director of Codes and Licensing answered questions regarding the resolution. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the resolution was approved with amendments to the wording made by Mr. Stevenson.**

Consideration of Resolution No. 2024-24 Rules & Regulations for Parks. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the resolution was approved, as amended to read only the removal of dead trees on the ground.**

Council considered the award of the Keystone Grant funded Ross Library HVAC replacement to Redmond's for \$61,592. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, the bid was awarded to Redmond's.**

The City Planner notified Council and the public of the creation of the Active Transportation Plan steering committee and encouraged anyone interested in joining the committee to contact the planning department.

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered their annual donation to the Lock Haven Fire Department Halloween Parade. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, council committed to donating \$100.00 to the Halloween parade.**

Council was notified of the Comcast second quarter franchise fee in the amount of \$22,855.43.

OTHER MATTERS

Mayor Long provided an update from the City Authority meeting.

Ms. Masorti notified the public that bicycles are not to be ridden on the sidewalks, they should be ridden on the street following traffic laws.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Ms. Alexander, at 7:40 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.