

City Council Meeting
September 23, 2024

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday September 23, 2024 in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Joel 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 Permits and Licensing, Cyndi Walker and Planner I Carter Simcox. Guests in attendance were Micah Clausen and Emily Wright of the Record.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the September 9, 2024 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Council considered the approval of the use of Zindel Park on February 1, 2025 for the annual Frozen Snot trail run. The proposed route is the same as the approved route from last year and the Director of Community life will work with the organizers to ensure rules and regulations of the park are enforced. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered the approval of engineering costs presented by Gwin Dobson and Foreman for the Castanea Dam removal project. The engineering costs of the project are the only aspect that will not be covered by the DEP High Hazard Potential Dam Grant. As a requirement of eligibility for the grant, the city must have the engineering of the removal completed in advance. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the engineering cost from Gwin Dobson and Foreman was approved.**

Council considered Resolution 2024-28, affirming the city's continued participation in the Sustainable Pennsylvania Certification program. **On a motion by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the resolution passed.**

Council was provided an update grant funding received through the PA Council on the Arts and the additional funding received from the Clinton County Visitors Bureau and Tourism Agency. Dripped on the Road (DOTR) is a travelling artist residency consisting of 3 artists and 2 directors will be in Lock Haven from October 1 – 15 to paint 4 murals. The murals will be located Haven Wash Station, M&J Supply, the Roxy Theater and the Ross Library. The group also plans to host the following other activities while in the city:

October 8 – DOTR Documentary showing at the Roxy
October 11 – DOTR Gallery and Artist Showing at the Station Gallery
October 14 – DOTR Mural Tour at mural sites, starting at the Ross Library

Council was provided with the tax assessment appeal for SV Propco, LLC (formerly Susque View) at 22 Cree Drive. By court order from the Clinton County Court of Common Pleas, the assessment of the property shall be listed as follows:

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
2023	\$5,208,840
2024	\$4,799,340
2025	\$4,488,120

NEW BUSINESS

Council was provided with information for the three property owners in the city that will be appearing before the Clinton County Board of Assessment and Revision on October 21, 2024 beginning at 1:30, to appeal their taxes. Those property owners include the Masonic Temple, Reichley Realty and Duane Conklin.

Council heard that the city was given notice from the Pennsylvania Auditor General that they will be receiving two direct deposits in the month of September. The first will be a deposit of \$35,986.83 from the 2024 Commonwealth State Aid allocation supporting the volunteer fire relief association. The second will be from the General Municipal Pension System State Aid in the amount of \$381,593.86 which must be transferred to the city's pension plan.

City Council heard a request for additional funding in 2025 for the Lock Haven Area Flood Protection Authority. The request was via a letter from the LHAFPA Director, Richard Marcinkevage which stated that due to rising costs and staff time, they were asking for \$5,000 to be allocated to their cause in the 2025 budget. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council was provided with a letter from the Clinton County Water Filtration Authority offering to provide up to \$400,000 towards the final design of Keller Dam. The letter indicates that this amount, combined with the \$350,000 offered by Lock Haven City Authority would allow for design to begin immediately without the use of bank or bond financing by the city.

Council was also provided with a letter from the Central Clinton Water Filtration Authority requesting an in-person meeting with CCCWFA, Suburban Water Authority, the City Authority, city council and Gwin Dobson and Foreman to answer several questions posed by the CCCWFA regarding proposed projects involving the water system. After a brief discussion among council members, the board agreed to the meeting as requested.

OTHER MATTERS

Council was provided with a flyer from the Clinton County Historical Society advertising for their spaghetti dinner to be held October 2, 2024 at the Sons of Italy.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Mr. Brinker, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.