

City Council Meeting January 8, 2024

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday January 8, 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 Greg Wilson, and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell.

Guest in attendance were Alan Uhler, Rich Marcincevage, Justin Majewski, Joshua Hudson, Douglas Byerly, William McFell, Laura Jameson with the Express, Emily Wright with the Record, Bre Reynolds, Juno Olsen, and Anders Olsen.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alan Uhler addressed Council and thanked them for maintaining funds for fuel for the airport, and requested profits from the fuel be used to purchase more fuel. Mr. Uhler also requested the opportunity to present his findings from his own observations to Council.

ORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL

Heather Alexander and Tami Brannan were sworn into office by Mayor Long.

Council considered the election of Vice President of Council. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, Steve Stevenson was elected Vice President of Council.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2024-01 setting the 2024 regular meeting dates. Mayor Long asked Council to consider having four council meetings a month, to make meetings shorter. After discussion, Council agreed to keep council meetings twice a month, but meet more as needed. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, the resolution passed.**

Council considered the appointment of Doug Byerly to the position of City Controller. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, Mr. Byerly was appointed to the position of City Controller.**

On a motion by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, City Council appointed the following residents, and employees to the following authorities, boards, and commissions:

Resident	Authority, Board, or Commission	Term Ending
Rich Marcincevage	CCC Water Filtration Authority	1/2/2029
Wyatt Hall	CCC Water Filtration Authority	1/2/2025
June Houser	LH Area Flood Protection Authority	1/2/2029
Mike Rendos	Lock Haven City Authority	1/1/2029
Beth Riccardo	Lock Haven Redevelopment Authority	6/1/2029
Cathy Gedon	Recreation and Parks Board	1/1/2029
Wyatt Hall	Recreation and Parks Board	1/1/2026
Justin Majewski	Health Board	1/1/2029
Art Sanders	Zoning Hearing Board	1/1/2029
Beth Riccardo	Zoning Hearing Board	1/1/2029
Elsa Winch	Ross Library Board	1/1/2027
Drew Deems	Ross Library Board	1/1/2027
Wilson Riccardo	Ross Library Board	1/1/2025
Jim Russo	Code Enforcement Appeals Board	1/1/2029
Mike Rendos	Civil Service Commission	1/1/2027
Wenda Butler	Planning Commission	1/1/2027
Robert Neff	Planning Commission	1/1/2027
Mary Coploff	Planning Commission	1/1/2027
Heather McKeague	Planning Commission	1/1/2026
Josh Grimes	Commercial Loan Committee	12/31/2026
Matt Rickard	Comm. Center Advisory Board	12/31/2024
Elizabeth Gregory	Comm. Center Advisory Board (Alt)	12/31/2024
Tyler Wooding	Comm. Center Advisory Board	12/31/2024
Eric Brungard	Comm. Center Advisory Board	12/31/2024

On a motion by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, City Council appointed the following Council Members as liaisons to the following authorities, boards, and commissions:

Council Member	Authority, Board, or Commission	Term Ending
Steve Stevenson	City Planning Commission	
Tami Brannan	Ross Library	
Steve Stevenson	Zoning Hearing Board	
Jeff Brinker	CC Economic Partnership	
Steve Stevenson	Downtown Lock Haven, Inc.	
Mayor Long	Lock Haven City Authority	
Barbara Masorti	Lock Haven City Authority	
Mayor Long	Flood Protection Authority	
Steve Stevenson	Flood Protection Authority	
Mayor Long	CCC Water Filtration Authority	1/4/2026
Rick Conklin	CCC Water Filtration Authority	1/4/2026
Mayor Long	Redevelopment Authority	

Barbara Masorti	Redevelopment Authority	
Steve Stevenson	Redevelopment Authority	
Mayor Long	CC Sewer Authority	12/31/2027
Rick Conklin	CC Sewer Authority	12/31/2027
Jeff Brinker	CC Waste Authority	
Steve Stevenson	Code Enforcement Board of Appeals	
Tami Brannan	City Employees Retirement Board	12/31/2025
Heather Alexander	City Employees Retirement Board	12/31/2025
Barbara Masorti	City Employees Retirement Board	12/31/2025
Heather Alexander	Police Pension Board	12/31/2025
Jeff Brinker	CCC Council of Governments	
Rick Conklin	Collective Bargaining Comm.	
Barbara Masorti	Collective Bargaining Comm.	
Mayor Long	Police Collective Bargaining	
Heather Alexander	Union Collective Bargaining	
Jeff Brinker	Police Relations Committee	
Heather Alexander	Police Relations Committee	
Tami Brannan	Police Relations Committee	
Steve Stevenson	Airport Advisory Committee	
Barbara Masorti	Airport Advisory Committee	
Jeff Brinker	Airport Advisory Committee	
Steve Stevenson	Public Works/Shade Tree Commission	
Rick Conklin	Authority Consolidations	
Barbara Masorti	Authority Consolidations	
Tami Brannan	Authority Consolidations	

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the December 18 and December 27, 2023 meetings were approved, pending corrections.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered the approval of the agreement with ABS for valuation services. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the agreement was approved.**

Council considered an invitation from to the city to pursue a joint water authority with Suburban and CCCWFA. Ms. Masorti explained that the purpose of the meeting is to look to the future of the water system and work together with the authorities. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Mr. Conklin and carried unanimously, council agreed to pursue a joint authority.**

Council was notified of a request from the Chief Operator of the CCCWFA to meet to discuss no longer pursuing a temporary water source. Rich Marcincevage addressed Council and explained the purpose of the meeting is to figure out how to move forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered authorizing the Save the Hut campaign by Downtown Lock Haven, Inc., to rehab the city's Santa Hut. Mr. Stevenson addressed Council on the importance of rehabbing the hut, and the various steps that Downtown Lock Haven is willing to take. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the campaign was approved.**

Council considered the approval of the use of city facilities and street closure for the 2024 LH Jams festival. Council discussed the events policy, and requested that beginning at the next council meeting, all street closure requests require two meetings for approval, to properly notify residents of the intended street closure. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council was provided with the 2024 Municipal Tax Form as submitted and 2023 Statement of Financial Condition.

OTHER MATTERS

Council received updates on Ohl Phase I, a letter nominating Mr. Conklin to CCSA, an update on the Buchart Horn Police Station project report, and the minutes of the October 10, 2023 LHCA.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Ms. Brannan, at 8:18 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

City

City Council Meeting January 22, 2024

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday January 22, 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, with Ms. Masorti and Ms. Brannan attending via Zoom Conference Call.

Also in attendance was City Manager Greg Wilson, City Planner and Development Coordinator Abbey Roberts, and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell.

Guests in attendance were Alan Uhler, Nils Mantzoros, Bob Larsen, and Joseph Morrison.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the January 8, 2024 meeting were approved, pending corrections.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Nils Mantzoros addressed Council regarding concerns with the Through the Fence agreement that was sent to businesses owners who adjoin the airport. Mr. Mantzoros feels the agreement is restrictive in its current state. Bob Larsen also addressed Council regarding the lease for the airport. The Airport Committee will meet to discuss these concerns.

Council considered a request for the use of Triangle Park from the Downtown Lock Haven Rotary for their Memorial Day Flags of Honor event, and the Angel Lights 9/11 Display. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request for the use of Zindel Park on February 3, 2024 for the Frozen Snot Trail Race. This request was approved at the March 3, 2023 meeting, pending the route would not be affected due to construction. The route has remained unchanged, and all insurance certificates have been turned in. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the route was approved.**

Council considered a request for the use of the levee for the Warrior Adventure Race on April 14-16, 2024. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request for the use of the levee on June 22, 2024 for the Great Island Adventure Race Series. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Dr. Brinker and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2024-02, for the installation of a banner on Main Street from July 29 through August 12 for their annual LH Jams fest. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 2024-03, to apply for the discretionary CDBG funds for fiscal year 2023. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

NEW BUSINESS

Council was notified of the 2023 unpaid real estate taxes, in the amount of \$230,000, with a collection rate of 92%.

Council was notified of the disbursement of opioid settlement funds to KCSD in the amount of \$6,380.00.

OTHER MATTERS

Council received updates on Ohl Phase I.

The City Planner and Development Coordinator presented Council with the updated plans for benches downtown, which is exploring the possibility of a senior project, with Downtown Lock Haven, Inc. aiding in fundraising.

The City Manager announced the resignation of the Director of Public Works and a position will be advertised in the coming weeks.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Dr. Brinker, at 7:39 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

City Council Meeting February 26, 2024

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday February 26, 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, Jeffrey Brinker, Richard Conklin, Barbara Masorti, Steve Stevenson, and Mayor Joel Long, with Ms. Masorti and Mr. Conklin attending via Zoom Conference Call. Absent was Tami Brannan.

Also in attendance was City Manager Greg Wilson, City Planner and Development Coordinator Abigail Roberts, and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell. Guests in attendance were Bre Reynolds, Josh Hudson, Bill Stankowicz, Joseph Morrison, Juno Olsen, Amy Corbett, Jennifer Grubb, Karen Robbins, and Emily Wright of the Record.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the February 5, 2024 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Council considered a request from Sentimental Journey for the use of the William T. Piper Airport from June 18-23, the use of Hanger 1 for the May 5th Pancake Breakfast, and the use of Hanger 1 for the September 22 Pancake Breakfast. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request from Bill Stankowicz, Richard Wallace, and the Swissdale United Methodist Church for the installation of Easter crosses in Triangle Park, and to hang the Christian flag on the Triangle Park flagpole for the month of April in celebration of Faith month. Bre Reynolds addressed council and read from the Concerned Women of America's website regarding Faith month and the Christian Flag and stated that the group is recognized as a hate group against the LGBT community. Mr. Stankowicz stated that he provided Council with a proclamation, and the City Manager clarified that the proclamation is not adopted by federal government, the courts or U.S. Military. Ms. Masorti asked for clarification on the request, and asked if the two requests could be separated. Ms. Masorti expressed objection to the Faith Month request because it is not an all-faiths flag but specifically a Christian flag. Mr. Stevenson, who made the motion, stated that he did not feel the requests needed to be separated. A local member of Concerned Women for America stated to council that the group is Christian women working with lawmakers to have the flag flown at government buildings. Mr. Conklin stated that he would not support the motion without separating the two requests. Mr. Conklin stated that he felt flying the Christian flag would be offensive to Jews, as well as Muslims. Mr. Long asked if the Christmas decorations are offensive, to which Mr. Conklin stated that we should understand this is not an inclusive promotion, it is very specific. Mr. Stevenson stated that it is a group of

people that want to put up a display at Triangle Park, and Council does not discriminate against groups making requests. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried by a vote of 4 to 2, with Mr. Conklin and Ms. Masorti voting in opposition, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request for the use of Triangle Park for Child Abuse Awareness Month, for a display from April 13-20, and a banner displayed on the gazebo for the duration of the month. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request from the Clinton County Pride Alliance to paint the stop bars for the month of June for Pride Month. Dr. Brinker asked that if the flags are painted, they should be removed at the end of June, and not whenever they naturally fade. Mr. Stevenson asked that the city manager direct public works to remove the paint in July. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried by a vote of 5 to 1, with Dr. Brinker voting in opposition, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request from Luna & Ha Wellness Studios for the use of Memorial Park on June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, and October 6 for a community yoga class. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request from Lindsey Bierly for the use of Zindel Park on September 28 for a small wedding ceremony. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 2024-05 adopting the Clinton County Hazard Mitigation Plan. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

Council was provided with an update on the Drought Warning by the City Manager. The City Manager explained that Clinton County is still recognized as being in a Drought by DEP and water customers are asked to continue reducing water use by 10-15%, which would be approximately 6-8 gallons per day. The City Manager answered questions regarding the Dam construction and wells.

Council was notified by DEP of concurrence with proposed rehabilitation of Keller Dam. The City Manager answered questions and explained the status of the PUC application to Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 2024-06 authorizing STMP Grant application for updates to the city's Zoning and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. The City Planner answered questions from Council and clarified information regarding the grant application. **On a**

motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Dr. Brinker and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.

Council considered authorization to solicit bids for the Zindel Park bridge replacements, which will need to be completed in advance of the Keller Dam construction. The City Manager explained that the city engineers reviewed the cost of construction of the bridge replacements and the timber bridges would cost the same as the jersey barrier bridges, and local groups such as the Central Region Trail Friends agreed the timber bridges would fit aesthetically with the park. The City Manager answered questions and stated that the other funding authorities would be notified after approval from Council. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the authorization to solicit bids was granted.**

The City Manager provided Council with the City's 2022 FY Audit results, as well as the CLGS-30. The Audit will be made available on the City's website and at City Hall for city residents to view.

Council was notified of the Cable TV Franchise payment for quarter 4 of 2023 in the amount of \$24,050.06.

OTHER MATTERS

Council received an invitation to the CCEP Time Out on February 29, information regarding the WTL Tire collection event, correspondence to Wayne Township Supervisors, Annual Water and Sewer letters required under the agreement with LHCA, and the annual donation to LHAFPA.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Ms. Alexander, at 7:43 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

City Council Meeting March 4, 2024

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday March 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, Richard Conklin, Barbara Masorti, Steve Stevenson, and Mayor Joel Long, with Ms. Alexander attending via Zoom Conference Call.

Also in attendance was City Manager Greg Wilson, Chief of Police Matthew Rickard, and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell. Guests in attendance were Bre Reynolds, Josh Hudson, Bill Stankiewicz, Juno Olsen, Karin Sutherland, Elsa Winch, Rose Reeder, Dan Reeder, John O'Donnell, Diane Mills, Betty Brendel, Dave and Susan Rudel, Alan Black, Matthew Taylor, Bonnie Kephart, Kelly Toner, and Emily Wright of the Record.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the February 26, 2024 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Mayor Long opened public comment period by stating that in order to change a decision, one of the members of council that voted for the decision would need to make a motion to revisit the decision and it would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Bill Stankiewicz addressed Council and thanked them for allowing the cross display in Triangle Park and to fly the Christian Flag for the month of April.

Bre Reynolds addressed Council with her concerns regarding the Christian flag, and explained what the Pride Flag stands for, and that is intended to welcome everyone to the community. Ms. Reynolds cited concerns regarding the Christian flag, and the organization associated with Faith Month, the Concerned Women for America.

Elsa Winch addressed Council with her concerns regarding the flying of the Christian flag, and that it alienates other religions and beliefs in the city and marginalizes minority groups and is not a reflection of our community.

Betty Brendel addressed Council regarding the Christian flag, and stated her concerns with the message it sends the community by flying it.

Rose Reeder addressed Council, and gave the history of the Christian flag, but cited concerns regarding flying the flag in Triangle Park, and the Concerned Women of America, which infringes upon the rights of others.

Juno Olsen addressed Council with their concerns regarding the Christian flag, and the promotion of Faith Month in the city.

Ms. Brannan read a prepared statement to council and residents regarding their decision to approve the flying of the Christian Flag, and the disappointment in the decision made by council.

Mr. Conklin addressed Mr. Stankiewicz and clarified that Mr. Stankiewicz does not speak for the entire Christian community when thanking Council for their decision.

Dr. Brinker read a prepared statement to council, explaining a similar situation in Boston, where a flag was not approved by the city, which caused a lawsuit against the city of Boston. Dr. Brinker cited Resolution 2023-14 establishing the precedence of second flags to be flown on the flagpole at Triangle Park. Dr. Brinker clarified that the Swisssdale United Methodist Church did not make the request, they were listed on the request form because they will be providing insurance for the crosses.

Ms. Brannan stated that the resolution states that it must be a federally approved flag, which is the issue with the Christian flag.

Mayor Long addressed Council and residents and explained his reasoning for voting to hang the flag. Mayor Long stated that the flag was not originally created by a hate group, and being a Christian is about loving people, and apologized for hurting those that were offended by the decision.

On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, Council requested that in light of the information presented by Dr. Brinker, the City Manager will contact the City Solicitor, and re-evaluate the policy for flag flying in a city park.

Dave Harger of Harger Charities presented his request to relocate select memorials and the flagpole located in Veterans Park. Mr. Harger answered questions from Council regarding the project. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the request was approved, pending approval from the Lock Haven Area Flood Authority.**

Bonnie Kephart and Kelly Toner addressed Council and made a statement regarding a recent dog attack that severely injured Ms. Kephart and her dog. Ms. Kephart asked that Council evaluate the city's dog laws, and have stricter policies to keep residents and their pets safe. The City Manager explained that the city follows the state laws for animal control, and the dog warden is from Centre County. The City's law states that animals must be leashed. The City Manager agreed to check with the City Solicitor to see what laws we have the ability to change.

Council considered a request from Kasey Campbell for the use of Zindel Park on September 21, 2024 for a small wedding. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The City Manager notified Council of the distribution of state Liquid Fuels tax.

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 2024-07 applying to Clinton County for its share of the interchange lighting agreement costs. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the resolution passed.**

The City Manager presented the Water section of the Capitol Improvement Plan review, and answered questions from Council regarding the plan, and explained that it will be on the city's website for review by residents.

OTHER MATTERS

Council was notified of the Station Gallery exhibit opening March 8.

Ms. Reynolds asked Council if any of the Council Members who voted to hang the flag would consider reopening the vote, with those council members unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Ms. Brannan, at 8:11 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

City Council Meeting March 18, 2024

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday March 18, 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 Greg Wilson, City Planner and Development Coordinator Abbey Roberts, and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell.

Guests in attendance were Bre Reynolds, Josh Hudson, Bill Stankowicz, Juno Olsen, Karin Sutherland, Elsa Winch, Rose Reeder, Dan Reeder, John O'Donnell, Diane Mills, Betty Brendel, Dave and Susan Rudel, Matthew Taylor, Ernest Greene, Daryl Bucknor, Joyce Bucknor, Robert George, Dave Winkelman, Jackie Garbrick, Emily Wright of the Record., Steve Coran, Dilonna Coran, Bill Barton, Jacqui Conklin, Gio Montarsi, Rita O'Brien, Jason Smith, Jason Borowicz, William McGill, Rex Caseman, Sharon Caseman, Kurt Smith, Micah Clausen, and Donald Houser.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the March 4, 2024 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Mayor Long requested that anyone making a public comment regarding something on the agenda wait until the agenda item is being considered for their public comment.

Bill Stankiewicz addressed Council and made a statement regarding the letter to the editor from Swissdale Church and asked for clarification to his request, and stated that Swissdale was only part of the request as the insurer for the crosses in Triangle Park.

Rita O'Brien addressed Council regarding a water main break impacting her property in Castanea. Ms. O'Brien stated that she had been working with Hunter Stover and Tony Stopper regarding the issue, but there continues to be damage to her property. The City Manager agreed to investigate the issue and will keep her informed.

Gio Montarsi addressed Council regarding an issue with his property, and water that is flooding his yard due to storm drainage issues. Mr. Montarsi requested the city stop the flooding and fix the issues causing damage to his property. The City Manager agreed to investigate the issue and keep Mr. Montarsi informed.

Council considered to amend or rescind the adopted motion of Feb 26, 2024 for the installation of Easter crosses in Triangle Park and to hang the Christian flag on the Triangle Park flagpole for the month of April. The City Manager explained that if new information is brought before Council, they may vote to amend or rescind an adopted motion, which would apply to the motion made on February 26. The City Solicitor Justin Houser addressed Council and offered to answer any questions they may have regarding the resolution and legal issues surrounding hanging flags in Triangle Park, in an executive session.

Mr. Stevenson stated that he believes council would be liable if the city makes any changes to the vote.

Council recessed at 7:18 p.m. in Executive Session.

Council reconvened at 7:41p.m.

Mr. Stevenson stated that amending the motion does not fix the problem that we have and would not support splitting the vote. Mayor Long clarified that the vote that passed was to hang the Christian Flag and for the installation of crosses, and not recognition of Faith Month.

Dr. Brinker stated that he does not feel it would be conducive with the Sutliff v. Boston case that was discussed at the March 4, 2024 meeting. Ms. Masorti stated that what is being voted on is to have two separate votes for the request, not saying one will carry and one will not.

A motion was made by Mr. Conklin and seconded by Ms. Masorti to amend the motion made on February 26, in light of the additional information, and to separate the two items, the installation of the crosses, and the hanging of the Christian flag. On a vote of 3 to 6, with Ms. Alexander, Dr. Brinker, Mr. Stevenson, and Mayor Long voting in opposition, the motion failed.

Council considered a request from Harger Charities for the removal of a tree in Veterans Park. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the request was approved, pending approval by the Levee Advisory Committee.**

Council considered a request for the use of Hoberman Park for a CCHA sponsored Easter Egg Hunt. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2024-07, approving the installation of a Homecoming banner across Main Street from September 18 to September 30, 2024. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the resolution passed.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 2024-08 governing the flying of flags on the flagpole in Triangle Park. The City Manager explained that at the March 4, 2024 meeting, City Council directed him to engage with the City Solicitor to review Resolution 2023-14 establishing the precedence of second flags to be flown on the flagpole in Triangle Park. The City Manager provided Council on March 4, the opinion of the City Solicitor points out that the government can

choose to express its own speech and choose what to say and not say, but when the government invites the public to participate in a program, it becomes unclear whether this is government speech or private speech, and provided Council with two ways to avoid conflict regarding the issue. The City Manager and the City Solicitor answered questions from Council regarding the resolution presented. Council answered questions from residents regarding the resolutions, and listened to residents citing concerns and providing support in favor of the current resolution. Dave Winkelman, Ernest Greene, and Emily Wright addressed council with their concerns with the current resolution and violations of free speech, and Betty Brendle read a statement from Karen Elias providing advice on changing the policy while remaining tolerant and accepting of residents' various culture and beliefs. Mr. Stevenson asked if the motion could be changed to have the resolution state that only the POW and American Flag be flown in Triangle Park, to which Ms. Masorti opposed, as it would stifle government speech to welcome all groups. Dr. Brinker stated his opposition to the resolution. The City Manager stated that if Resolution 2024-08 is not adopted, Council may ask for another resolution be drafted with new specifications. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and failed by a vote of 3 to 4, with Ms. Alexander, Dr. Brinker, Mr. Stevenson, and Mayor Long voting in opposition, the resolution was not passed.**

On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried by a vote of 4 to 3, with Ms. Brannan, Ms. Masorti, and Mr. Conklin voting in opposition, Council asked the City Manager to draft a resolution to accept no more requests, and fly only the POW/MIA flag and the American flag on flag poles in the city.

Council considered the award of the bid for Taggart Park improvements to Bowman Excavation in the amount of \$402,965.57. The City Planner explained that this is higher than the grant funds originally dedicated to the project, so the planning department is able to revise CDBG funds to cover the bid amount and force account work related to the regrading of the fields. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the bid was awarded.**

Council considered the revision of the 2020 CDBG Budget (No. 1) to appropriate funds for Taggart Park, with Resolution 2024-08. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, the resolution passed.**

Council was notified of the allocation to the city from the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act 2024 for the funding of the Lock Haven Police Building in the amount of \$1 million. Another \$1 million from the Local Share Account program is pending award this fall. The Planning Department is also aiming to apply to the PA Broadband Authority for \$2 million toward the project. Further details about that application will be presented to City Council at an April meeting.

Council was notified of the award of PA Arts Cultivation Grant Program in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the creation of the Active Arts Corridor.

Council considered entering into an agreement with PPL for the installation of permanent Three Phase power to the supplemental water wells. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, Council agreed to enter into the agreement.**

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered the submission of letter of commitment for the WalkWorks grant program as part of the Active Arts Corridor. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Alexander and carried unanimously, council approved the letter of commitment.**

Council considered setting April 1 to hear the request of the Sons of Italy for exemption to the noise ordinance on New Year's Eve. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, Council will consider the request from the Sons of Italy on April 1, 2024.**

Council considered the appointment of WWTP Operator Ian Bailey in place of Supt. Dave Sorgen, and SSL Justin Ripka in place of Foreman Jared Gist to the city's State-Certified Safety Committee. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the above appointments were approved.**

Council was notified that under Section 380-42 of the City Code, on-street meters will be reinstalled on both sides of First Street from W Church to Bellefonte Avenue.

OTHER MATTERS

Council was provided with the 2024 LHV inspection letter, an update on the Tangent solar development project, and a Save the Date for the Hoberman Park Kaboom activities.

Dr. Brinker addressed Council regarding the painting of pride flags on city streets, and that he feels the city will have the same issues as they have with flags being flown in Triangle Park, and it opens the City up to problems regarding using city streets for freedom of speech, and that the city pays for the paint, stencil, and manpower. Ms. Masorti stated that by getting rid of street painting is a step backward, as Destination Lock Haven was created by the Community and for the Community. The City Manager explained that the city doesn't have a policy in place to charge for manpower, as we don't charge other organizations like Downtown Lock Haven and others when public works contributes in programs. Dr. Brinker asked that a discussion on the policy of street painting be on the April 1 agenda.

John O'Donnell addressed Council in support of the rainbows on the street, and it shows we welcome all people regardless of religion, and sexual preference, and the rainbow represents everyone.

Emily Wright spoke in favor of Dr. Brinker's discussion, and mentioned that the paint is still visible. Kurt Smith also stated that the city would be opening themselves up for further lawsuits.

Don Houser addressed Council with concerns about the lack of planes flying and that the Piper Airport no longer seems busy.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Ms. Alexander, at 8:46 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

City Council Meeting April 1, 2024

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday April 1, 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 Greg Wilson, Director of Codes and Licensing Cyndi Walker, Sewer Superintendent David Sorgen, and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell.

Guests in attendance were Jennifer Walker, Bre Reynolds, Joshua Hudson, Dave Winkleman, Kevin Ziegmann, Kurt Smith, Amanda Perryman, Jenn Grubb, Karen Elias, Elsa Winch, Rose Reeder, Dan Reeder, Jason Smith, Micah Clausen, Joyce Bucknor, Bill Stankiewicz, Don Harger, Jacqueline Conklin, John Snyder, Justin Houser, Stephen Miller, and Angela Harding.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the March 18, 2024 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

A resident in attendance asked for clarification on the date of the Hoberman Park KaBOOM build, which will take place August 3, 2024.

Council considered a request for the use of the Lock Haven Airport for the 22nd Annual Wings Over Piper Aug 1-3, 2024. Kevin Zeigmann presented to Council and answered any questions regarding the event. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request for the use of the Lock Haven Airport for Camp Cadet “Lacy Day Camp” on Sep 25, 2024. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered the waiver of the Lock Haven City Code Section 287-3 for 12/31/24 at 9PM to 1AM on Jan 1, 2025 for the Sons of Italy New Year’s Eve Party. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Brannan and carried unanimously, the waiver was granted.**

Council considered a request for the use of the levee and Memorial Park for 2024 Relay for Life. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request for the use of Zindel Park & Keller dam area for 2025 Fire on the Rocks on March 25, dependent on dam construction. The route will be approved at a later date. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request from Downtown Lock Haven Inc. for Final Fridays and Best of Clinton County street closures for summer events. Mr. Stevenson spoke for Downtown Lock Haven and answered any questions council had regarding the street closures. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 2024-09 governing the flying of flags on the flagpole in Triangle Park. The City Manager explained that after receiving further direction from City Council regarding the resolution governing flags, the city solicitor crafted the resolution presented. Ms. Alexander addressed Council and residents explaining the reasoning behind her vote. Jennifer Walker addressed Council, citing her support for the installation of a pride flag, and the importance of being a welcoming community. Jacqueline Conklin addressed Council with concerns regarding flying a flag that is distributed by the Concerned Women of America. Bre Reynolds presented Council with a collection of Facebook messages gathered that state what the pride flag means to them. Dave Winkleman addressed Council on behalf of Bill Stankiewicz and reiterated that Bill made the request for the Christian Flag, not the CWA, and his concerns with the resolution as it stands now. Rose Reeder addressed Council and provided a solution to the requests given to Council. Joyce Bucknor addressed Council and stated her concerns that the resolution as it is now will open up a can of worms that will allow the nazi flag to be hung, and the standards are not strict enough as it is written. Elsa Winch addressed Council and cited concerns with hanging the Christian Flag as it is not representing everyone in the community. Kurt Smith and Don Harger addressed council in support of the new resolution to only allow the POW and American Flag to fly on the flag poles. Bill Stankiewicz reiterated to Council that his request was only from himself and not the CWA or Swissdale Church. Micah Clausen addressed Council stating that the American Flag represents all Americans and suggested that when a group makes a request they need a petition for 50 signatures. Mayor Long addressed Council and residents explaining the reasoning behind his vote. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried by a vote of 4 to 3, with Ms. Brannan, Mr. Conklin, and Ms. Masorti voting in opposition, the resolution passed.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2024-10 governing the placement of decorations, decals, logos, images, and phrases on the public streets in the city. The City Manager explained that after receiving direction from a majority of Council members to re-evaluate the governing of decorations, decals, logos on city streets, the resolution was crafted by the city solicitor. Ms. Brannan expressed her concern that this resolution will lead the city down a path to eliminate all banners and decorations throughout the city. Dave Winkelman asked for clarification on what the resolution states, and the City Manager read the resolution, stating the city will not take requests for the placement of decorations, decals, logos, images, words, and phrases on the city streets. Rose Reeder asked for clarification on the definition of the street. The City Manager explained the

sidewalks would not be included as they are defined separately. Bre Reynolds expressed that the resolution was created because of the pride rainbows and not freedom of speech. Emily Wright expressed support of the new resolution. Mr. Conklin addressed Council and stated that he feels this ties City's hands more and explained his vote. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, the motion failed to carry by a vote of 3 to 4, with Ms. Alexander, Ms. Brannan, Mr. Conklin, and Ms. Masorti dissenting.**

Council was notified of the award of the Strategic Management Planning Program (STMP) grant Zoning and SALDO fund in the amount of \$65,000 from DCED.

Council continued their discussion on the use of the city's Opioid Settlement funds, and were directed to look through options and let the City Manager know by April 10 through email on what their recommendation is for the use of funds.

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 2024-10 requesting reimbursement from the Lock Haven City Authority for \$33,750 for more sensitive water leak detection equipment. The City Manager answered questions from Council regarding the equipment, and the current water emergency status. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and passed unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

Consideration of the recommendation of Water Authority Subcommittee of Council that if terms can be reached that are agreeable to the city in the formation of Joint Municipal Authority, the city turn over its assets to the same for \$1.00. The members of the Subcommittee addressed questions raised by Council regarding the agreement. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, Council agreed to turn over its assets.**

Consideration of the recommendation of the Water Authority Subcommittee of Council that considering the recent letter from Suburban Water Authority regarding shared projects, that administration, planning, and funding of all shared projects be turned over to the Central Clinton County Water Filtration Authority which is the cost-sharing entity between Suburban Water Authority and the city. The Subcommittee and the City Manager answered questions regarding this discussion. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, council agreed to have all administration, planning and funding of all shared projects be turned over to the Central Clinton County Water Authority.**

Council considered Ordinance No. 2024-01 assigning excavation permits from the Director of Public Works back to the Code Enforcement Office. Mayor Long inquired about the status of the hiring of the Director of Public Works, to which the City Manager explained that the decision will be made after the Assistant City Manager is hired. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, the ordinance was adopted.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2024-12 setting the fees for hauled wastewater. The Sewer Superintendent explained the process and answered questions from Council regarding the

hauled wastewater. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

The City Manager notified Council of the 2024 ISO (Insurance Services Office) Fire Score: 3 of 10, which is one of the best scores a municipality can receive, and the fire companies are continuing to work to improve the score.

The City Manager gave an update on the status of our water system, and reminded residents and Council of the need for voluntary water conservation for system customers.

Council continued discussion regarding the appeal from SYENSQO Energy Solutions LLC (formerly Solvay) to its permitted maximum daily wastewater flow.

Council considered permission to solicit for lease of agricultural land in Greene Township. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, permission was granted to solicit for lease.**

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Conklin addressed Council and residents and praised the City Planner and Development Coordinator for her accomplishment in obtaining funding for the police building.

Council received the agenda of the 1/17/2024 LHAFPA, Buchart Horn no. 6 project report for new police station, Clinton County Association of Township Officials meeting notice and the 3/14/2024 PA DEP sewage plant inspection report.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Dr. Brinker, at 8:38 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

City Council Meeting April 15, 2024

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday April 15, 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, with Dr. Brinker attending via Zoom Conference Call.

Also in attendance was City Manager Gregory Wilson, City Planner and Development Coordinator Abigail Roberts, and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell.

Guests in attendance were Bre Reynolds, Joshua Hudson, Kurt Smith, Bill Stankiewicz, Alex DiCostanzo, Aly DiCostanzo, Bonnie Gradel, Brady Carnahan, Ben Adam, Ben Phillippi, Xavier Ortiz, Landon Hetrick, Adam Ferry, Kurt Smith, and Chase Piper.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the April 1, 2024 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Brady Carnahan and Tim Fulger of Castanea, addressed Council regarding potential water leaks in Castanea, and the City Manager answered questions regarding the potential leaks.

Council considered the amendment to Downtown Lock Haven's April 1 request for the closure of Main Street for the Downtown Pedestrian Mall. Downtown Lock Haven is requesting the closure be extended to Mill Street, following the closure route for parades, to give an opportunity for more businesses to be involved in the Final Friday closure. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request from Keystone Central School District & CU-Lock Haven for the closure of E Main Street for the joint Homecoming Parade on September 26, 2024. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered the use of Triangle Park on April 27, 2024 for World Tai Chi Day event. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered the use of Triangle Park for installation of a May Day pole for the month of May. Aly DiCostanzo was present to answer questions regarding the installation. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request from the Lock Haven Regatta Foundation for the use of the amphitheater for a spring regatta on May 10 and 11, 2024. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2024-13, for a banner installation for CU-Lock Haven Band. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the resolution passed.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered Ordinance No. 2024-01 assigning excavation permits from the Director of Public Works back to the Code Enforcement Office. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the ordinance was adopted.**

The City Manager shared the results of Council Member feedback on use of opioid settlement funds with Council support for investment in programs with local educational partners.

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered the following 2024 Community Development Block Grant compliance resolutions: Resolution 2024-14 regarding Fair Housing, Resolution 2024-15 regarding Citizen Participation Plan, and Resolution 2024-16, regarding Section 504 protecting the rights of individuals with disabilities. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Marsorti, and carried unanimously, all resolutions were adopted.**

Council considered the authorization to apply for \$2 million from the Multi-Purpose Community Facility Program for the second half of funding for the new police station. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried by a vote of 6 to 1, with Mayor Long voting in opposition, authorization was approved for the application.**

Council considered of Resolution No. 2024-17 proclaiming May 19-25 EMS Week. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

The City Manager provided an update on 2024 patching project and sewer main replacement.

Council considered the acceptance of the resignation of Police Officer H. Brooks. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the resignation was accepted, with thanks to Officer Brooks for his service to the city.**

OTHER MATTERS

Council was given information regarding the Ohl progress meeting, a copy of the letter to Joint Municipal Authority subcommittee regarding city water assets, a copy of the letter to Suburban suggesting CCCWFA oversee future shared water projects, information regarding Wayne Twp Landfill annual household hazardous waste collection event on 7/20/24, and the agenda of the City Authority meeting on 4/12/24.

Ms. Alexander also brought to Council's attention another resident of Castanea who was in contact regarding potential water leaks in Castanea.

Mr. Conklin notified Council that the City Authority approved cooperation in looking into a joint authority.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Dr. Brinker, at 7:25 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

City Council Meeting May 6, 2024

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday May 6, 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, Richard Conklin, Barbara Masorti, Steve Stevenson, and Mayor Joel Long, with Ms. Brannan attending via Zoom Conference Call. Absent was Jeffrey Brinker.

Also in attendance was City Manager Greg Wilson, and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell. Guests in attendance were Joshua Hudson, Cheyenne Karichner, Bill Stankiewicz, Bonnie Gradel, Brady Carnahan, Emily Wright of the Record, Micah Clausen, Dave Winkelman, and Matthew Taylor.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the April 15, 2024 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Brady Carnahan addressed Council and requested an update to the water leak in Castanea. The City Manager provided Council and Mr. Carnahan with an update that for the properties mentioned in Castanea, the city does not have an adjacent water main; however, the city's crew did listen on two adjoining streets and did not find any leaks. The city's crew did note a large discharge into the street from a property owner's sump pump which may be the culprit of the water on the other properties.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered the 2024 allocations to non-profits, that were presented during the November budget meetings. The City Manager answered questions regarding the request amounts and budget. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the allocations were approved in the budgeted amount, with the removal of the amount designated for a dog officer for the SPCA making its total donation \$5,000.**

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 2024-18 providing for the temporary closure of Sarahs Alley by Stella A's. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

The City Manager provided Council with an update on new overtime rules, and how it will affect the 2025 budget.

The City Manager notified Council of findings of asbestos on pipes in the Second Avenue garage, while fixing a leak, and the removal of the asbestos. The City Manager also updated Council on electrical issues at the Water Treatment Plant, that were handled by employees.

OTHER MATTERS

Council was given information regarding the Ohl progress reports, draft minutes of the CCCWFA meeting of 4/24/24, and the response to Castanea Twp letter of Apr 4, 2024.

Council Member Masorti thanked Joann Bowes for attending the first Walk with A Council Member, and thanked Ms. Brannan and Dr. Brinker for attending, and encouraged residents to attend the next walk on May 18. Ms. Masorti thanked residents who took part in the spring clean-up day along Main Street.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Dr. Brinker, at 7:19 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

City Council Meeting May 20, 2024

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday May 20, 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 Greg Wilson, City Planner and Development Coordinator Abbey Roberts, and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell. Guests in attendance were Joshua Hudson, Bill Stankiewicz, Amanda Maull, Nils Mantzoros, Craig Kehrer, Carl Williamson, George McKinney, Amber Reese, Emily Wright of the Record, Micah Clausen, Dave Winkelman, and Matthew Taylor.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the May 6, 2024 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Nils Mantzoros presented a letter to Council addressing recent issues with the Through the Fence agreement and the temporary fence that was installed around the airport. Craig Kehrer, Carl Williamson and George McKinney also expressed concerns with the Through the Fence agreement and airport fees. The City Manager addressed issues, and stated that several of their concerns were edited into the agreement, the most recent update of which was provided to all Through the Fence parties last Thursday. The City Manager cited a meeting with the FAA on October 19, at which the city was directed by the FAA that it is required to collect Through the Fence fees and that the city was told that having those agreements was a condition of funding to receive FAA and PennDOT Bureau of Aviation grants.

Council considered a request from Matthew Taylor to have “Happy Birthday America” painted on crosswalks for the month of July. The City Manager and Director of Community Life answered questions from council regarding the stencil and paint. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Mr. Conklin and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Ms. Alexander requested the City Manager place the street painting policy on the agenda for the June 3, 2024 meeting so that it can be revisited by Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 2024-19, revising the 2021 Fiscal Year CDBG to move \$6, 546.16 to the Lock Haven Skatepark project. The City Planner answered questions regarding

the project, and future paving projects, explaining that patching projects are not eligible for CDBG funds, but there is still another \$74,000 available for paving projects. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered the approval of a commercial loan to Mama Martina's, LLC. The City Planner explained the loan was approved by the Commercial Loan Committee for the authentic Mexican food truck. Amber Reese addressed Council and thanked them for their consideration. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the loan was approved.**

The City Manager announced the KCSD Summer Parks program beginning June 17th through August 9th, from 9:30 to noon Monday through Friday, at Hammermill Park, Tiger Den, and Piper Harmon Playground.

The City Manager notified Council of the comcast franchise fee receipt in the amount of \$23,173.72 for the first quarter of 2024.

OTHER MATTERS

Mayor Long asked if there could be more frequent trash pick ups at the skatepark, due to an increase in litter.

Ms. Masorti congratulated the memorial run for a tremendous event over the weekend and thanked all the restaurants that donated food.

Mayor Long announced that the Summer Concert Series would be announced Tuesday evening, May 21.

The Director of Community Life made a call for Lifeguards, and explained there is a lifeguarding course at the YMCA May 31-June 2, and if interested in lifeguarding at the City Beach to contact her office.

Council was given information regarding the Ohl progress reports, and the 2024 Partnership Events.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Ms. Alexander, at 8:04 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

City Council Meeting June 3, 2024

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday June 3, 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 Greg Wilson, City Planner and Development Coordinator Abbey Roberts, and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell. Guests in attendance were Joshua Hudson, Bill Stankiewicz, Emily Wright of the Record, Micah Clausen, Dave Winkelman, Matthew Taylor, Diana Andrus, Bill Mantle, Terry Mantle, Carl Williamson, Scott Vairo, Bonnie Gradel, Brady Carnahan, Jason Walker, Kurt Smith, Bre Reynolds, and Elsa Winch.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the May 20, 2024 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Council heard comments from water customers in Castanea regarding water leaks and issues with water lines. Water customers that addressed Council were Brady Carnahan, Bonnie Gradel, Bill and Terry Mantle, Diana Andrus, and Jason Walker. Council asked questions regarding procedure, and the City Manager agreed to speak with the foremen to answer questions and get more information regarding the leaks and detection.

Council considered a request for the use of Zindel Park on June 7, 2024 for a small wedding. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, Council tabled a request for street painting submitted by Scott Vairo.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 2024-19, governing the placement of decorations, decals, logos, images, and phrases on the public streets in the city. **On a motion made by Ms. Alexander, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried by a vote of 5-2, with Ms. Masorti and Mr. Conklin voting in opposition.**

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Ordinance No. 2024-02 providing for the widening of a portion of James Alley, as recommended by the Planning Commission. This will alleviate some of the traffic concerns with the new Weis Gas & Go. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the loan was approved.** The ordinance will be advertised for three sequential weeks with second reading and potential adoption scheduled for July 1, 2024.

Council considered the approval of a Professional Service Agreement with SEDA-COG for CDBG training for Planner I. The City Manager and City Planner answered questions regarding the training. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the agreement was approved.**

Council was notified of the receipt of the PA State Police fines in the amount of \$1,605.15.

Council was notified of the response from the Lock Haven City Authority alerting Council that it was likely the request to reimburse the city for the purchase of improved water leak detection equipment would not be approved. Council Member Stevenson asserted that the liaison that attends the meetings of the authority should stress to their board the importance of the city obtaining better detection equipment.

Council was notified of the Lock Haven City Authority request for a copy of the draft update to the wastewater treatment agreement. The City Manager notified Council that the copy had been provided as requested.

OTHER MATTERS

Council received the Ohl progress reports, Filtration Authority minutes, a copy of the letter sent to Wayne Township regarding road repairs, and the City Authority minutes.

The City Manager provided an update on the Airport Advisory Committee and explained that the subcommittee made the recommendation to lower the rate, and the agreements were updated and redistributed on May 31, 2024 as requested by the committee.

Mayor Long reminded Council that the Fly-In is coming up and would like to send a letter on behalf of Council supporting their efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Ms. Alexander, at 7:59 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

City Council Meeting June 17, 2024

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday June 17, 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, with Ms. Brannan attending via zoom.

Also in attendance was City Manager Greg Wilson, City Planner and Development Coordinator Abbey Roberts, and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell. Guests in attendance were Joshua Hudson, Emily Wright of the Record, Elsa Winch, and Castanea residents Tim and Stephanie Fulger.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the June 3, 2024 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

There were no public comments at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered an agreement for a sewer rate study with Raftelis. The City Manager provided details of the agreement and answered questions from Council. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the agreement was approved.**

Council was provided with the May 22 correspondence from Castanea Township regarding the water system and response. The City Manager explained that Fluid Pinpoint Services detected an anomaly at 14 Keller Street and found that it is not a piece of city infrastructure, but a storm water pipe belonging to Castanea Township.

Council was provided an update by the City Manager on the Lock Haven Airport Through the Fence Agreements which are currently being reviewed by the FAA and PennDOT Bureau of Aviation for compliance to their regulatory standards.

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Ordinance No. 2024-03, amending the bylaws of the Ross Library. Ross Library Board President Joshua Hudson explained the changes to Council and answered any

questions regarding the amendments. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the ordinance was adopted on first reading.** Second reading of the ordinance will take place during the July 1 regular meeting of Council.

Council considered the agreement for Clinton County planning services for the environmental review for the police building project, not to exceed \$1,800.00. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried by a vote of 5 to 1, with Mayor Long voting in opposition, the agreement was approved.**

Mr. Conklin addressed Council and the public and gave recognition to the planning department, under the direction of City Planner Abbey Roberts, and showed appreciation and acknowledgement for the hard work of employees, particularly in the funding and development of the police building project. Mr. Conklin also clarified for local media that the police building will not be taking up most of the parking lot, as previously reported.

OTHER MATTERS

Council received the Ohl progress reports, the Lock Haven City Authority audit results, and the Lock Haven Area Flood Protection Authority audit results.

Mayor Long discussed the dedication at the piper museum at the upcoming Fly-In.

Mr. Conklin praised the efforts of Downtown Lock Haven, Inc. for the Best of Clinton County.

Ms. Masorti invited the public to attend the next Walk with Council Member coming up in July.

The public were notified of the Hoberman Park playground build coming up on August 3.

Dr. Brinker requested that the sign in front of City Hall be repaired.

Castanea residents and city water customers Tim and Stephanie Fulger addressed Council and inquired about their property at 14 Keller Street, believing a city water main leak is causing water to enter their property. The City Manager explained that the anomaly below the ground causing water on the surface of their property was from a Castanea Township stormwater line and not from the city's water main which has been repeatedly tested and found to have no leaks. The City Manager requested that Council not make any further comments as the Fulgers have filed a complaint with the PUC which could be before an administrative just making this now a legal case with the PUC. The Fulgers expressed frustration that their topsoil was removed as part of the excavation of the stormwater line.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Ms. Alexander, at 7:23 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.