

City Council Meeting
January 20, 2025

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday January 20, 2025, and streamed live over YouTube, 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 Dumm. Guests in attendance were Josh Hudson, Bre Brannan, Micah Clausen, Dave Harger, Steve Getz, and Emily Wright from the Record.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the January 6, 2025 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND REQUESTS

Council considered the second reading of the request for the closure of N Vesper from E Main to Jordan's Alley on June 28, 2025 by Uncle Albert's. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered the second reading of the request from the Lock Haven Fire Department and Schlesinger Communications, for the use of Peddie Park, and the partial closure of N. Vesper St, and Perry's Alley for a fundraising event on August 17, 2025. Dr. Brinker expressed concern regarding the soft ground at Peddie Park, and recommended the area be strengthened with stone prior to the event. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered the first reading of the request from the Arts Council and the Lock Hven VFW for the closure of E Water St from Jay to Grove St on May 25, 2025, for Veterans Park Memorial Day event. Mr. Stevenson asked that the organizers work with the city to find the best location for fireworks to be set off. **On a motion made by Ms. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the first reading of the request was approved.**

Council considered a request from Downtown Rotary exclusive use of Triangle Park from May 23-June 17 for Flags of Honor and use of Triangle Park Sept 11 for Angel Lights display. There was conversation by Council regarding the length of the displays for Flags of Honor, and concern with the ability to mow and have other events at Triangle during that length of time. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Masorti, the requests were approved, with the dates of approval for the Flags of Honor being May 23 to June 1.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2025-01 Ross Library Book Sale Banner. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the resolution passed.**

Council considered a request for an extension to the 2025 Frozen Snot, with an additional six miles added to the 25k. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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
Rick Conklin	Lock Haven City Authority	1/1/2030
Bovier, William	Flood Protection Authority	1/2/2030
Barbara Masorti	CCC Water Filtration Authority	1/2/2030
Evelyn Fisher	Planning Commission	1/1/2029
David Dietrich	Planning Commission	1/1/2029
Von Wise	Board of Health	1/1/2030
Alex DiCostanzo	Civil Service Commission	1/1/2029
Rona Houser	Ross Library Board	1/1/2028
Josh Hudson	Ross Library Board	1/1/2028
Charles Grieb	Code Enf. Board of Appeals	1/1/2030
Angelic Hardy	Commercial Loan Program(education)	12/31/2027
Jeff Stover	Commercial Loan Program (resident)	12/31/2027
Steve Stevenson	Commercial Loan Program (council)	12/31/2027
Ben Green	Commercial Loan Program (CCEP)	12/31/2027
Lee Ann Plessinger	Commercial Loan Program (Accountant)	12/31/2027
Don Powers	Commercial Loan Program (planning comm.)	12/31/2027
Melissa Dally	Commercial Loan Program (DLH, Inc.)	12/31/2025
JoAnn Bowers	Historic Advisory	12/31/2027
Charles Grieb	Historic Advisory	12/31/2027
Brian McElroay	Levee Advisory	12/31/2027
JoAnn Bowes	Levee Advisory	12/31/2027

Council considered the request from the Mill Hall Aquatic Facility and discussed whether or not Council would contribute from the budget. Dr. Brinker spoke in favor of finding funding to contribute, as well as Ms. Alexander. Council discussed inviting them back in November during Budget discussions. The City Manager will ask the Aquatic Facility Committee when they need an answer by for purposes of grant funding and return the matter on the next agenda.

Council considered the authorization for the City Authority to pay open invoices. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried by a vote of 6 to 1, with Mr. Conklin voting against, the authorization to pay invoices was granted.**

Council was notified of the extension of the CDBG engineering services agreement until 12/31/25.

Council was provided an update on the Active Transportation Committee, and the City Planner also provided the survey that is open until February 28 and encouraged the public to participate in the survey.

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered the approval of commercial loans to JB Wrenchin' in the amount of \$45,000 for 5 years with 3% interest, and Genie's 3 Wishes Bakery in the amount of \$17,500 for 5 years with 3% interest. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Ms. Masorti, the loans were approved.**

The City Manager presented Council with the settlement with Public Utility Commission regarding water rates and its impact on average customer bills, and answered questions from Council regarding the changes in rates.

Council was notified of the rebate from Wayne Township Landfill for increasing year-over-year recycling tonnage in the amount of \$7,800.00.

Council was provided an update on the LHV Through The Fence access agreements.

OTHER MATTERS

The next walk with Council will be on January 24, 2025, meeting at City Hall at 9:00 a.m.

Dr. Brinker asked when was the last time the flood gates had been tested and checked, and what the procedure is when there is a flood event. The City Manager explained that there is a schedule of inspections, a regular testing schedule for all closure structures, and a levee maintenance plan to ensure in the event of a flood event, everything is in working order.

Ms. Masorti thanked the City Planner and City Staff for their work on the press conference with Governor Shapiro.

FYI AND REPORTS

Council received reports of Liaisons to the city's ABCs, Town & Gown meeting minutes, a letter from Blank Rome commending Coploff, Ryan, and Houser, the agenda from the Planning Commission Jan 7 meeting, the minutes of the January safety committee meeting, and the minutes of the board of the Ross Library.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Stevenson, at 7:53 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.