

City Council Meeting January 6, 2025

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday January 6, 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, Steve Stevenson, and Mayor Joel Long. Absent was Council Member Masorti.

Also in attendance was City Manager Gregory Wilson, Fire Chief Tyler Wooding, and Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell. Guests in attendance were Josh Hudson, Elsa Wench, Bre Brannan, Lenny Long, William Spedding, Michelle Spedding, Mark Schlesinger, Micah Clausen, and Emily Wright.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the December 16, 2024 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Lenny Long, Tom Bossert, and Bob Dwyer made a presentation to Council regarding the Community Pool in Mill Hall Park renovations, and provided Council with a proposal, requesting donations to help with matching funds to the DCNR grant they received. Council asked questions regarding the grant and the renovation plans and agreed to put the proposal on a future agenda for consideration.

Bill Spedding addressed Council regarding the development at the former Dickey School, and requested more notification to residents regarding the meetings of the Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Boards, requesting that the meetings be listed on the website and Facebook.

Council considered a request from Mark Schlesinger and the Lock Haven Fire Department for the use of Peddie Park, the City Beach, and a closure of N. Vesper Street and Perry's Alley for a fundraising event on August 17, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Chief Wooding and Mr. Schlesinger answered questions from council regarding the event and the safety precautions. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the first reading of the request was approved.**

Council considered a request from Mark Karichner and Uncle Alberts to close N. Grove Street from Main Street to Jordan's Alley, on June 28, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for their Pride in the Haven event. **On a motion made by Ms. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the first reading of the request was approved.**

Council considered a request from ReVibe Outdoors for the use of Zindel Park on September 6, 2025 for a youth trail run. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered entering into an agreement for the purchase of Plow Holdings LP, and S. and A. Matz for wellhead protection areas. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, council agreed to enter into the agreement.**

Council was notified of the 2024 disbursement of Opioid Trust funds in the amount of \$37,353.96.

NEW BUSINESS

Council was notified that Keystone Central School District tax office will no longer be the subcontractor for the collection of Earned Income Tax, “as soon as it is feasible”.

Council received the 2025 Municipal Tax Form, showing the blended rate of 11.5796 mills.

Council considered the authorization to solicit for bids for Sunset Pines Phase II. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, council authorized the solicitation for bids.**

Council was presented with the December 6, 2024 Sewage Compliance Inspection Report, where the city was found to be in compliance.

Council was given information regarding the elected official compensation, and was given the option to enter into a discussion to make changes to the compensation. Council chose not to make any changes at this time.

FYI & REPORTS

Council received reports of the Liaisons to the city’s authorities, boards, and commissions, the agenda of the December 20 meeting of the Lock Haven Area Flood Protection Authority, Baker Tilly’s report on the firm’s system of quality control, correspondence from Blue Wave Solar, correspondence from CDR Macguire engineering, response to the LHCA and CCCWFA letters, and a letter to PennDOT BOA and USDOT FAA.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Ms. Alexander, at 7:39 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.