

City Council Meeting April 7, 2025

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday April 7, 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 Tristan Avelis, Chyanne Rosenbaum, Steve Getz, Micah Clausen, D. Vincent Shay, and Richard Marcinkevage.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the March 3 special meeting and the March 17, 2025 meetings were approved, pending the editing of the date on the March 17 minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND REQUESTS

Mr. Marcinkevage addressed Council and read a letter clarifying statements made at the March 17 meeting regarding the transferring of assets from the City Authority to the City.

Mr. Shay addressed Council and clarified information that was shared regarding his letter regarding the Joint Water Authority.

Council considered a request from LH JAMS for street art during festival street closure. It was determined that the request was part of the overall street closure and would be removed at the end of the event. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered a request from the Lock Haven YMCA for the closure of N Grove from E Water to the levee on April 15 for their annual Healthy Kids Day event. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the request was approved, and the requirement of a second reading was waived.**

Council considered a request for the installation of safety barricades and rope at the Corman Amphitheater on May 3-4 by Lock Haven Regatta Foundation for their spring boat races. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered the use of Memorial Park on May 23-24 by Bad Adventure Co. for overnight camping for a kayaking excursion. Mr. Stevenson requested that the path leading to the boat launch be cleared prior to the event. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the request was approved, with a resolution to be passed on April 21, 2025 waiving provisions listed in Lock Haven City Code Chapter 298, park rules and regulations.**

Council considered a request from the PA Trail Dogs for the use of city's Wayne Township Woodlands on Dec 27 by PA Trail Dogs for a winter race. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered the the award of LHV self-serve fuel system contract to HRI Inc for \$459,000 (FAA/BOA grants cover costs). **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the bid was awarded to HRI Inc.**

Council considered the award of pension legal services to Campbell Durrant based on the review of proposals performed under Act 205 and Act 44. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, Campbell Durrant was appointed as legal counsel for the city's pension plans.**

Council was notified of the termination of existing SEDA-COG Professional Services & Administrative Agreement in favor of new agreements entered into March 17, 2025.

Council considered Ordinance No. 2025-04 amending Chapter 394 "Water" to reflect new PUC rates and alterations, this would repeal existing and entirely replace the rates. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the ordinance was adopted on first reading.** Second reading of the Ordinance will take place during the regular meeting of April 21, 2025.

Council considered Resolution No. 2025-12 accepting the executed transfer agreement of water assets from the City Authority to the city. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the resolution passed.**

Council continued its discussion regarding removing from the table prior Ord. No. 2025-04 authorizing fire companies to seek reimbursement for response to vehicle accidents. A subcommittee of Council to meet with the Fire Advisory Board was created, with Mr. Stevenson, Dr. Brinker, and Mayor Long serving on the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered the Forest Management Agreement with Appalachian Forest Consultants for the city's workings woodlands. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the city entered into the agreement with the Appalachian Forest Consultants.**

Council considered the amendment to the agreement with Anew for the development, verification, registration, and marketing of greenhouse gas emission reduction benefits regarding the city's working woodlands. The City Manager clarified parts of the agreement that were agreed upon by the City Authority, and answered questions from Council. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Ms. Brannan encouraged residents to attend the Ross Library Murder Mystery event. Mr. Stevenson told the Director of Community Life that Downtown Lock Haven would be making a request for the Lock Haven Boxing event. Ms. Masorti thanked Dogwood Circle for their work on the Triangle Park flowers, and the monument. Mr. Stevenson discussed Downtown Lock Haven's Hometown Hero program, and Mayor Long invited residents to attend Commonwealth University's music program on April 24. The Director of Community Life gave the dates for the April Spring pick up on April 14-15, 21-22. Dr. Brinker asked that the lanes be repainted by Dunkin Donuts. Ms. Masorti asked that residents be notified of the bike ordinance again, as there have been e-bikes on sidewalks.

Mr. Stevenson presented Council with several items from the Pennsylvania Municipal league, including a plaque and a flag.

FYI AND REPORTS

Council received the agenda of the April 1 LHCA meeting, a letter to CCCWFA regarding PennVEST surcharge reimbursement, notification of the Wayne Township Landfill annual household hazardous waste collection, notice of 2025 DMAP (Deer Management Assistance Program) harvest permits on woodland property.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Ms. Alexander, at 7:50 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.