

City Council Meeting March 3, 2025

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday March 3, 2025, and streamed live over YouTube, in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 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, Project Manager Carter Simcox, Director of Licensing and Codes Cyndi Walker, and Director of Community Life Kasey Dumm. Guests in attendance were Bre Brannan, Josh Hudson, Elsa Wench, Micah Clausen, Robert Neff, Steve Getz, and Melissa Dally.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the February 3, 2025, meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND REQUESTS

Rich Marcinkevage addressed Council to clarify comments made at the February 3 meeting of Council, regarding the City Authority. Council agreed to have the Water Subcommittee meet with the Authority to address concerns.

Council considered a request from Downtown Lock Haven including Final Friday street closures, Moonlight Market on Main Street use of the Main Street Parking lot, Best of Clinton County parade, decorating the light poles for fall and Christmas, moving the Santa Hut to Fallon Alley, and Haven Holidays street closure. Council had the opportunity to ask questions to the Downtown Manager, and it was clarified that Downtown Lock Haven is not requesting to decorate Triangle Park. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the requests were approved, with the street closure requests receiving consideration for final approval at the March 17, 2025, meeting of Council.**

Council considered a request from the Clinton County Arts Council for the closure of E Main for LH Jams, August 7-9, 2025. Council discussed the closure of Willards Alley on Grove Street, with input from Bob Neff, and discussed the safety of pedestrians. Mr. Getz stated that cars drive fast through the alley, presenting a danger to anyone crossing that section. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the requests were approved, with the exception of the closure of Willard's Alley, which will be investigated further.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2025-06, for the installation of a banner across Main Street for LH Jams. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

Council considered a request from Roads to Peace for the use of Triangle Park April 25 and October 24 for displays for Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the requests were approved.**

Council considered a request from Bill Stankiewicz for the Use of Triangle Park from April 5 to 24 for display of three crosses. Mr. Stankiewicz originally requested the use from the 5 to 26 but adjusted his request to accommodate Roads to Peace's request. Council discussed the request and there was concern regarding the mowing schedule for the display to be up for a long period of time. There was also concern that there would not be any secular decorations in Triangle Park, and Downtown Lock Haven stated that they would not be requesting to put any donations up. On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Dr. Brinker, the request was denied by a vote of 4 to 3, with Ms. Alexander, Ms. Brannan, Mr. Stevenson, and Mayor Long voting in opposition, the motion failed. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried by a vote of 4 to 3, with Ms. Alexander, Ms. Brannan, and Mayor Long voting in opposition, the request was approved for the dates of installation as April 12 to 23, 2025.**

Council considered the use of Zindel Park by Benjamin Cleary for a small wedding. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered the second reading of Ordinance 2025-01 amending Chapter 340 "Recycling". **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the ordinance was adopted on second reading.**

Council considered the award of Sunset Pines 3A Phase bid to Big Rock Paving for \$362,936 plus \$50,000 alternate, for the relocation of Suburban Water Line if Suburban Water fails to relocate the same. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, the bid was awarded.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2025-07, regarding a 2021 CDBG budget revision. The City Planner answered questions from Council regarding the resolution. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

Council was provided the DEP notice of completion for Ohl Dam improvements Phase 1.

The City Manager provided Council with an update regarding the Zindel Park feasibility study. City employees met with Lumber Heritage Region representatives to discuss a grant application for a feasibility study as the city looks to make improvements to Zindel park.

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Ordinance 2025-02 adopting the Rules & Regulations of the Civil Service Commission. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the ordinance passed first reading.** Second reading of the ordinance will take place during the regular meeting of March 17.

Council considered the approval of an RFP for legal counsel for city pension funds. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the RFP was approved.**

Council considered the appointment of David Dietrich as city representative on the Ross Library Board. Mr. Hudson, president of the Ross Library Board, addressed Council regarding the boards decision. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, Mr. Dietrich was appointed to the Ross Library Board.**

Council considered the acceptance of resignation of Lt. Gregory from the city's certified safety committee and appointment of Chief Rickard. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the resignation was accepted, and Chief Rickard was appointed.**

The City Manager notified Council of the cost of PUC application as of 12/28/2025, in the amount of \$298,705.00.

Council was notified of the Comcast franchise fee receipt for final quarter of 2024 in the amount of \$21,102.35.

Council was notified of the Liquid fuels actual 2025 receipt of \$227,543.48 plus \$5,400.00.

The City Manager provided Council with an update to the UPMC pilot program.

FYI AND REPORTS

Council received Safety committee minutes, Library board minutes, information regarding WTL tire recycling, CCC Filtration Authority water quality report, Mill Hall FD analysis, and the listing of elected offices.

ADJOURNMENT

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