

City Council Meeting March 17, 2025

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday March 17, 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 Gregory Wilson, City Planner & Development Coordinator Abbey Roberts, Project Manager Carter Simcox, and Director of Licensing and Codes Cyndi Walker. Guests in attendance were Kevin Ziegmann, Dana Ziegmann, Brenda Fetzer, Elsa Winch, Micah Clausen, Steve Getz, Kim Wheeler, Tyler Dombroski, and Tristan Avenbaum.

COUNCIL MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT AND REQUESTS

Council considered Downtown Lock Haven requests for street closures (2nd reading) and the use of light poles and Triangle Park for 2025-2027 Hometown Heroes banners. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered the second reading of LH JAMS requests for street closures. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the request was approved, with the addition of a stop sign added to the alley for pedestrians, and the removal of chalk artists for later consideration.**

Discussion then took place about the inclusion of chalk artists providing their art in the streets which is part of the closure request. The City Manager explained that the request poses a conflict with Council's Resolution No.2024-19 regarding the placement of decorations, decals, logos, images, and phrases on the public street in the city. Council requested that the City Manager consult the necessary parties to determine how to address the request and report back at the next regular meeting.

Council considered the use of Peddie Park April through October by the Special Olympics. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered the use of Triangle Park April 1-7 for Child Abuse Awareness month. Brandi Bodle is requesting to place pinwheels in the park from April 1-7, and install a banner on the gazebo for the month of April. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered the use of LHV airport July 31-Aug 2 for Wings over Piper. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered the use of E Main Street for KCSD Homecoming Parade Sept 25 and Resolution 2025-08 Banner Request for CU-LH Homecoming. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council considered the use of Main St & Triangle Park Oct 25 for LHFD Halloween Parade. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered the second reading of Ord. No. 2025-02 amending the Zoning Ordinance to add multifamily dwellings as part of an age-qualified housing project or a veteran housing project as a permitted use by right in the Low-Density Residential (R-L), Medium Density Residential (R-M), and High-Density Residential (R-H) Zoning Districts. The Zoning Officer clarified parts of the amendment, and reported on the survey to similar retirement facilities, as well as the zoning director for the borough of State College. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the ordinance was adopted on second reading.**

Council considered the second reading of Ordinance 2025-03 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 was adopted on second reading.**

Council considered the award of Zoning & SALDO ordinance update consulting to Michael Baker for \$129,710. The City Planner and Zoning Officer answered questions from council regarding the use of consulting. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the agreement was awarded to Michael Baker.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2025-09 applying for DCNR funding for Hanna Park improvements. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

Council considered the award of Hoberman Phase 1 rebid for \$955,867.45. The award is broken down as follows: Bowman Excavation for General Contracting in the amount of \$838,566.65, Lock Haven Plumbing and Heating for Plumbing Construction in the amount of \$46,174.00, JB Gibbons Construction for HVAC Construction in the amount of \$2,301.80., and Strouse Electric, Inc. for Electrical Construction in the amount of \$68,825.00. The Project

Manager and City Planner answered questions regarding the project. **On a motion made Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the bids were awarded.**

Council considered the award of Hoberman Phase 2 rebid for \$526,477.95 to Bowman Excavation. The Project Manager and City Planner answered questions regarding the project. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the bid was awarded to Bowman Excavation.**

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Administration agreements with SEDA-COG for 2021-2024 CDBGB. The City Planner and representatives from SEDA-COG answered questions to council regarding the agreements. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the agreements were approved.**

Council considered Ordinance 2025-04, authorizing Citizens & Eastside fire companies to seek reimbursement to vehicle accidents. The City Manager answered questions regarding the ordinance. Mr. Stevenson suggested the costs be split evenly, rather than a full reimbursement. It was suggested that the chiefs attend the next meeting to answer questions. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, the ordinance was tabled for the April 7, 2025 meeting.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2025-10 providing for the temporary closure of a portion of Sarahs Alley. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

Council considered Resolution 2025-11 requesting county aid for interchange lighting expenses for \$4,000. **On a motion made by Dr. Brinker, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the resolution adopted.**

Council considered City Authority's request to use water reserve funds to pay invoices. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Dr. Brinker, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

Council received a copy of the letter to city from Suburban Water Authority regarding joint municipal authority.

Council received a copy of the letter from Filtration Authority regarding water wells and future water projects

FYI AND REPORTS

Council received a letter from DHS to LHPD for participating in Commonwealth – LHU exercises, Safety committee minutes, Planning Commission approval for LHPD building, and the LHCA request for payment of advertising bills by city.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Ms. Alexander, at 8:47 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.