

City Council Meeting July 7, 2025

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

Also in attendance was City Manager Gregory Wilson, City Planner and Development Coordinator Abbey Roberts, Property Maintenance Officer Brian Taylor, and Director of Community Life Kasey Dumm. Guests in attendance were Micah Clausen, Nils Mantazoros, Bre Brannan, Chris Miller from the Record, Chyann Avenbaum, Tristan Avenbaum, Greg Kehrer, Brian Brungard, Girard Banfill, and Angie Hunselman.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the June 16, 2025 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND REQUESTS

Nils Mantzoros addressed Council with his concerns regarding the Airport and the Through the Fence agreement. The City Manager provided an update to Council regarding the Through the Fence Agreement, stating that all pilots effected received the agreement, and agreements must be signed by July 14, otherwise they will lose access to the airport.

Council considered the second reading of the annual request from the Lock Haven Regatta Foundation for the annual Regatta for the closure of Water Street from Jay to N. Henderson, including the use of Canal Park and the amphitheater for street vendors, and boat races. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The City Manager addressed Council about the termination of future CDBG, HOME and CSBG funding under H.R.1 as amended for federal fiscal year starting October 1, 2025, and how the loss of this funding will affect the city, the community, and the overall operating budget for the city. The City Manager also discussed how the loss in funding will affect projects that are ongoing in the city, and the need to find new funding sources, and how residents will be affected by this bill.

Angie Hunselman presented the projects for the 2025 Community Development Block Grant, and Council discussed which projects they would like to have funded. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, Council decided to fund the paving and repair of Race Street, and use the remainder of the funds for the Hanna Park project, and find money elsewhere in the budget and other grants to fund the Citizens' Hose Flooring project, the Lock Haven EMS project, and other paving projects.**

Council received the response from DCED regarding the HOME program monitoring results. The City Planner provided a letter to Council that was sent to DCED, asking for an extension to give a more meaningful response.

The City Manager provided Council with a 2025 6-month budget update and explained that 82% of taxes were paid in full during the discount period.

Council considered Resolution No. 2025-21 to apply for financial assistance in the amount of \$8,800,000.00 from PennVEST for the Youngdale Well Field Development and Raw Water Transmission Main Project. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the resolution passed.**

Council considered the appointment of Berkheimer as the city's collector of Local Services Tax and Business Privilege Tax-directing the City manager to have any change required by ordinance be drafted for Council's consideration. The City Manager answered questions from Council regarding the appointment. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, Berkheimer was appointed.**

Council was notified of the Opioid Trust approval of city expenditures.

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered CSMcKee's Proposal for pension portfolio adjustments as endorsed by the joint Pension Boards and directed the City Manager to have any change required by ordinance to be drafted for Council's approval. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the proposal was approved.**

Council considered the appointment of a legislative liaison for the Pennsylvania Municipal League. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, Mr. Stevenson was appointed as liaison.**

FYI AND REPORTS

Council received a construction update regarding Hoberman Park, and an update on the Sunset Pines Phase 3A, notification of CU-Lock Haven upcoming events, June 2025 Town Gown meeting minutes, minutes of the Safety Committee, and FAA no objection notice to Tangent Solar.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Ms. Alexander, at 8:29 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.