

City Council Meeting August 18, 2025

City Council met in person for regular session on Monday August 18, 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, 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, Tristan Avenbaum, Angie Hunselman with SEDA-COG, Josh Hudson, and Elsa Winch.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms.Brannan, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the August 4, 2025 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND REQUESTS

Council considered Resolution No. 2025-27, for the installation of a banner across Main Street for the Ross Library Book Sale. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Ms. Brannan, the resolution was adopted.**

Council considered a request from Real People Helping People, for a trail race on September 7, 2025. Council asked questions regarding the race, and requested a map be provided of the route. **On a motion made by Ms. Alexander, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the request was approved pending the review of a map of the race, listing restrooms and aid stations.**

Council considered a request from the Lock Haven Fire Department for the use of Triangle Park and the closure of E Main Street for the 2025 Halloween Parade on October 25. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the request was approved.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 2025-28 to apply for the 2025 Community Development Block Grant. Angie Hunselman with SEDA-COG answered questions from council regarding the projects. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2025-29 CDBG financial management plan, as presented by Ms. Hunselman. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2025-30, citing the Section 504 Plan, as presented by Ms. Hunselman. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2025-31, covering the Fair Housing policies and requirements, as presented by Ms. Hunselman. Dr. Brinker asked for clarification regarding the resolutions, and Ms. Hunselman explained that it is SEDA-COG policy to have the resolutions adopted. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the resolution was adopted.**

The City Planner provided Council with an update to the Active Transportation Plan, Linking Lock Haven. The City Planner presented the draft document, and asked that council submit comments by August 29, before the plan is finalized in September.

Council considered the second reading of Ordinance No. 2025-06, regarding Street Trees policies and regulations. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Conklin, and carried unanimously, the ordinance was adopted.**

Council considered the second reading of Ordinance No. 2025-07, regarding wastewater local limits amendment. **On a motion made by Ms. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Masorti, and carried unanimously, the ordinance was adopted.**

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 2025-32 to the Public Utility Commission for a Petition of City of Lock Haven Water Department for a Lead Service Line Replacement Program in the jurisdictional areas including Wayne, Castanea, Allison townships. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Brannan, and carried unanimously, the resolution passed.**

Council considered the first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-08 amending the Ross Library Bylaws. Mr. Hudson and Ms. Wench from the Library board were present to answer questions from Council regarding the amendments. Mr. Stevenson expressed concerns with the wording of one of the amendments, and requested it be reviewed before the second reading. **On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and carried unanimously, the ordinance passed first reading.**

Council received the DEP Sewage Inspection Report for August 2025, and the City Manager answered questions from Council regarding the report.

FYI AND REPORTS

Council received the minutes of the 4/23/25 meetings of the CCCWFA, notice of traffic signal at Second/Barton/Bellefonte start date, and the wastewater Chapter 94 annual submission approval.

Council received a Hoberman Park project update, a Sunset Pines project update, the minutes of the Planning Commission, a letter from the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, minutes of the city's Safety Committee, and notice of the PennPRIME annual membership meeting Sep 18, 2025.

The City Manager clarified to council regarding the letter from the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, in light of the adoption of the Shade Tree Ordinance, that the city keeps a list of trees that they own, and while the city may trim trees they do not own, they are under no obligation to do so, but the City does own the trees next to the church, and they will need to be removed.

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Hudson announced that the Ross Library Book Sale will be in September, and to drop off books by the end of the week.

Ms. Masorti praised the Property Maintenance Officer for a job well done. Ms. Masorti also asked that residents be conscientious to pedestrians and children walking.

Dr. Brinker asked that residents use the garbage cans in town, and not the benches along Main Street. Ms. Masorti agreed and added that she and the City Manager did a trash pick up day and were pleasantly surprised to find that there was not as much trash as expected, and to please continue using trash cans for garbage.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Ms. Alexander, at 7:40 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.