



**NANTICOKE CITY
WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL**

7:00PM Wednesday, June 7, 2017

NOTE: A special public CDBG meeting was held prior to this meeting to inform City residents on revising the 2012 CDBG Grant allocation and to modify the 2014 CDBG Grant activity to street improvements for West Church Street from Hanover Street, to Main Street. Minutes were taken and are on file in the Office of Community Development.

Call to Order: President, William Brown
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation: City Clerk, Mary Cheshinski

The following were present: Councilors William Brown, Kevin Coughlin, John Pietrzyk, Lesley Butczynski, Nicole Mackiewicz, City Clerk, Mary Cheshinski, Interim City Manager Donna Wall, Finance Director, Jennifer Polito, and Solicitor William Finnegan

WORK SESSION-

No Administration Updates

Motion to adjourn the work session made by Mrs. Mackiewicz, second by Mr. Pietrzyk, motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public agenda items only.

OLD BUSINESS (none)

NEW BUSINESS

A motion to approve the May 17, 2017 meeting minutes was made by Mr. Pietrzyk, second by Mrs. Mackiewicz. Ms. Butczynski abstained. Motion carried.

Mr. Coughlin made a motion to pay bills, second by, Mr. Pietrzyk, in the amount of \$236,897.71 (Payables \$135,361.71) (Payroll \$101,536.00) Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

John Telencho When will the Mayor brief us on the downtown? Mayor Wiaterowski gave his word that he will at the next meeting. (June 21st)

Mr. Hank Marks expressed his concerns on high City taxes. Many home for sale in the City, Police and Fire are 99% of budget and we cannot afford this. Several times he has asked and it was discussed about making changes to the Home Rule Charter by having it on the voting ballot. If there are no changes being made the Tax Payer Group will circulate a petition to throw out the Home Rule Mr. Marks exclaimed.

Solicitor Finnegan replied the City enjoys protection of these departments and is too late for the next ballot. It is six years into the Home Rule Charter and by City history that is not a long time. Charter is fairly new and there are items noted for change.

Teresa Sowa complaint of Mascaro workers leaving garbage behind, workers placing recyclables with regular garbage. Linda Prushinski stated recyclables were not picked up in all of Honey Pot. Bill Brown addressed, Mark Caesar who stated this was a disturbing to hear and they will stay on top of this complaint until it is satisfactory. Mr. Marks called the main Mascaro office in Allentown and had immediate action to pick up co-mingles that were left for several days past pick up date.

Mr. Hudak stated in all fairness, he phoned the local office of Mascaro, no need to call Allentown, in a few hours items were removed from his street.

Lou Gianuzzi reported an incident where bulk items were picked up from a residence and there were no City \$25.00 tags. The out of town landlord paid Mascaro directly.

Correspondence – President Brown read a request from, Jared Marshall, Boy Scout Troop 418 requesting to paint the curbs the required distance to make residents aware the distance to park for easier access during an emergency, as part of his Eagle Scout Project. A motion was made by Mrs. Mackiewicz, second by Ms. Butczynski. Motion carried and the attending audience applauded this effort Jared will undertake.

Announcements- none

Meeting Adjournment

Mr. Coughlin made the motion to adjourn, second by Ms. Butczynski. Meeting adjourned at 7:43PM.

Mayor Wiaterowski at this time addressed the GNA Varsity Basketball Athletes and their Championship Basketball season for both boys and girls winning their Division and moving on to further competitions. The Mayor praised the great traditional values and comradery with great families and a special year for hi with his two children graduating. Mayor Wiaterowski presented Proclamations to the teams and they gathered for refreshments after the meeting.

Mary Beth Cheshinski, City Clerk