



CITY OF NANTICOKE

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2026

Call to Order: President, Joseph A. Dougherty

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito

ROLL CALL:

The following were present: Council Members, President, Joseph A. Dougherty, Vice President, John Telencho, Lesley Butczynski, City Manager, Donna Wall, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito, and Solicitor, Attorney Shannon Crake-Lapsansky via telephone.

Excused: Council Members, Kenneth James and Mark O'Connor.

WORK SESSION: New Business: (action Items)

A Motion to approve Ordinance #4 of 2026, First Reading, An Ordinance of City Council of the City of Nanticoke, adopting a Noise Ordinance to address the making and creation of excessive, unnecessary or unusually loud noises within the City of Nanticoke.

A Motion to approve Ordinance #5 of 2026, First Reading, An Ordinance of City Council of the City of Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, amending Chapter 485-6 of the City of Nanticoke Code of Ordinances to include a provision prohibiting Tractor Trailer and Commercial Vehicle parking on Dziak Drive, Middle Road, Prospect Street and Kosciuszko Street and amending Chapter 485-6(D) to specify an exemption for certain vehicles parking on Dziak Drive, Middle Road, Prospect Street and Kosciuszko Street and amending Chapter 485-8 to increase the fine to \$250.00.

A motion to adopt a Whistle Blower Policy to be added to the City of Nanticoke's Personnel Policy as this policy is a requirement by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

A Motion to approve Resolution #9 of 2026, a Resolution of the City of Nanticoke authorizing and approving the acquisition of a 2026 Ford Interceptor SUV and related equipment from Miracle Ford through the delivery of a 5-year lease-purchase financing agreement with Banc Leasing LLC™ (Fidelity Bank) in the amount of \$70,568.61 at an interest rate of 5.32% with a \$1 buyout at lease end and a \$350 Documentation Fee.

A Motion to award the 2025 – 2027 RFP for Auditing Services to Kohanski Company PC. (Lowest Bidder). 2025 is \$34,000, 2026 is \$35,250 and 2027 is \$36,500.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES:

Mayor Kevin Coughlin has submitted the March 2026 Department Reports for Council's review and Jennifer Polito has posted them on the City's website at www.nanticokecity.com

City Manager, Donna Wall has updates for Council.

1. Green Street from College to Christian was milled and hot patched to repair pot hole.
2. Mattress was removed from the parking lot next to the Senior Center.
3. LED signs have been ordered for Hanover and Broad Streets, See Chief Roke with any questions.

A Motion was made by Councilmember Telencho seconded by Councilmember Butczynski to adjourn the work session. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public agenda items only.

Mr. Larry Beck asked about the leasing of the police interceptor and if it would be cheaper to buy it versus leasing the vehicle. Finance Director, Jennifer Polito explained it is cheaper to purchase the vehicle versus leasing if it was budgeted and it was not. Jennifer explained the police department gets a stipend from the Nanticoke Housing Authority every year which is intended to go towards replacing police interceptors as needed; so a lease is the way to go since we will not have to start paying for the vehicle until 2027.

Mr. Mike Marcella asked why is there a need for another police interceptor when we just got two through a grant and Chief Roke explained that the Tahoe is too big for pursuit but perfect for Officer Derwin who is mainly patrolling for the weights and measures on the trucks in town. Finance Director, Jennifer Polito replied we also are weening out the older vehicles and replacing them with new ones to keep the fleet new and working efficiently.

Old Business

None

New Business

A Motion to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2026 Work Session/Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilmember Telencho seconded by Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve the payment of the bills in the total amount of **\$427,607.51 [(Payrolls) \$135,217.25 (Accounts Payable) \$292,390.26]** was made by Councilmember Telencho seconded by Councilmember Butczynski.

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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mrs. Karen Metta of 252 Middle Rd. asked that the Mayor and Council give recognition to Mr. John Hetman for his continuous efforts each year in making the city look good by planting flowers at the round-a-bouts. Mrs. Metta stated not only does he plant them, he takes care of them through the Spring, Summer and Fall. Councilmember Butczynski agreed and City Clerk, Jennifer Polito stated the Mayor already has planned to present Mr. Hetman with a proclamation at a future meeting.

Mr. Larry Clewell of 115 Pine Street informed Council that the property at 111 Pine Street has peoples breaking into it taking out the copper piping and other items. Mr. Clewell is interested in purchasing the property if the city owns it. City Manager, Donna Wall stated the property is in legal proceedings so the city can demolish it. Donna stated once it is demolished, we will reach out to you to sell it.

Correspondence-

None

Announcements-

City of Nanticoke's Annual Big Bang Celebration and a Parade is scheduled for Sat., June 27, 2026 (Rain Date Sun., June 28, 2026).

The Parade and Big Bang details are on the City's Facebook and web pages.

This year we celebrate the 100th Birthday for the City of Nanticoke and the 250th Birthday for the United States of America.

The City of Nanticoke is seeking food and craft vendors for the Big Bang Celebration. Vendor Applications can be obtained on the city's Facebook Page, city's Web page or picked up at City Hall.

The City of Nanticoke is inviting any past Mayors & Councilmembers, Business, Groups & Individuals to participate in the parade as we celebrate 100 years for the City of Nanticoke and 250 years for the United States of America. Participants can march or drive a vehicle with or without a float. If you want to participate in the parade, please call City Hall at (570) 735-2800 ext. 101.

Councilmember Comments-

Vice President Telencho commented due to inflation the price of stamps is rising from 78 cents to 82 cents on July 12th so get out and get your forever stamps.

Councilmember Butczynski congratulated the astronauts for a successful trip to and from the moon. Ms. Butczynski commented that she is also for the LED signs on Hanover Street as she has a son who was in a bad accident on that street.

President Dougherty had no additional comments this evening.

Meeting Adjournment-

Councilmember Butczynski made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Telencho, roll call.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Next Meeting:

Work Session/Council Meeting Monday May 6, 2026 @ 6:00 pm.

City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito