



CITY OF NANTICOKE

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Via Teleconference 1-800-201-3962 Code 349057

Work Session/Council Meeting 7:00 pm

At 6:30 pm the City held its annual Budget Hearing for 2021 prior to the Council meeting.

Call to Order: President of Council, William Brown

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito

The following were present via telephone: Council Members, William Brown, John Telencho, Lesley Butczynski, John Pietrzyk via telephone, Mike Marcella, Interim City Manager, Donna Wall, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer Polito and Solicitor, Attorney Finnegan.

WORK SESSION-

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Resolution # 21 of 2020, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING INTERIM CITY MANAGER, DONNA WALL TO EXECUTE AND APPLY FOR AN LSA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 500,000 FOR THE CITY OF NANTICOKE'S MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY.

Resolution # 22 of 2020, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF NANTICOKE APPROVING THE ABATEMENT OF DELINQUENT CITY OF NANTICOKE PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1206 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, CITY OF NANTICOKE.

Ordinance 12 of 2020, (First Reading) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NANTICOKE, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF NANTICOKE FOR 2021.

Ordinance #13 of 2020, (First Reading) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NANTICOKE, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ESTABLISHING A MILLAGE RATE OF TAXATION FOR 2021.

Administrative Updates-

The Mayor has submitted the October 2020 Department reports to Council for their review and Jennifer has posted them on the City's website.

Donna Wall updated Council and residents on the following:

- The City is in the process of being audited by the Auditor General on the City's Pension Plans.
- PIB punch list of items that the contractor has to fix is still being completed.
- Donna asked Council for feedback and guidance on the Multimodel grant they received for Kosciuszko Street. Donna stated we can either work with the money we received and just do the sidewalks or apply for another grant to see if we are awarded more money to complete the project in full. Vice President Telencho asked what the downside was if we started the project now and Donna stated we will save money on the job if it is bid as one job versus two jobs. Vice President Telencho asked Donna if we wait will the first grant expire and Donna stated no not right away but if we get close to expiring, she could do an extension. President Brown asked Donna if we got a commitment from Northpoint and she said yes and that money will be used as our match for the grant. President Brown asked Donna about PennDOT finishing the repairs to Hanover Street by the end of year and Donna stated yes. President Brown asked Donna if all the Resolutions concerning the LSA grants on this agenda were reapplications and Donna said all but Resolution #19, that is a new application.

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

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public agenda items only.

Mr. Knapp stated he has no comments on the agenda items but he did want to comment on the City doing a good job.

Old Business

None

New Business

A Motion to approve the November 4, 2020 minutes was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Telencho.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$309,698.16 (Payroll(s) \$91,166.82 and Payables \$218,531.34) was made by Councilmember Pietrzyk seconded by Councilmember Butczynski. Motion carried unanimously.

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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Ron Knapp suggested that the next time meetings are switched to teleconferences, that he be notified. Mr. Knapp stated his contact information is on the comment sheet he fills out every meeting. Jennifer explained that she and Donna dropped everything they were doing once they found out the building had a COVID-19 exposure and acted accordingly to close down the building, get cleaning and sanitizing scheduled, make signs for the doors, notify the newspaper, and put the announcement on the website and Facebook pages. She apologized that he was not contacted but a lot had to get done in a short amount of time since they were not notified until the end of the day. Mr. Knapp also suggested we considered using the ZOOM platform for our virtual meetings because it is more professional and more people may participate in the virtual meetings. Vice President Telencho and Jennifer Polito both agreed that ZOOM is not the answer because it is not a good platform. Mr. Knapp asked Donna for an update on talking with WVSA to coordinate the next street sweeping better than the last one and Donna replied she spoke to them and we hope that the City can get the word out sooner for when the street sweeping will be done. Mr. Knapp stated that he is on board with making the Water Company repair Hanover Street to Market Street.

Correspondence-

-None

Announcements-

The City of Nanticoke will be closed on Thursday, November 26, 2020 and Friday November 27, 2020 in observance of Thanksgiving. The Mayor and Council wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Comments-

Vice President Telencho stated all of the back of the “Welcome” signs are completed with the stenciling.

All other Councilmembers present had no further comments.

Meeting Adjournment-

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Next Meeting, Wed, Dec 2, 2020 @ 7:00 pm.

Jennifer W. Polito
City Clerk