

CITY OF NANTICOKE



**WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

January 15, 2020

City of Nanticoke Municipal Building, 15 E. Ridge Street, Nanticoke Pa

Work Session/Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Call to Order: President of Council, William Brown

Pledge of Allegiance – Cassidy Roke

Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito

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

Attorney Finnegan announced that an executive session was held on 1/9/2020 to discuss an employee's benefit matter.

**WORK SESSION-**

The swearing in of the Nanticoke Police Chief, Michael Roke, by Mayor, Kevin Coughlin. (Executive Order #2 of 2020). President Brown congratulated Michal Roke on his promotion and Chief Roke thanked President Brown and said he looks forward to working with everyone.

- a) A **motion** to approve the re-appointment of Jack Minsavsge as the City of Nanticoke's Section 504 Officer. (Executive Order #1 of 2020).
- b) A **motion** to approve **Resolution #2 of 2020**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke confirming that East State Street is and has been a public road for a period in excess of twenty-one years.

**Administrative Updates-**

**Donna Wall** announced the following:

The City was awarded the Multi Model grant in the amount of \$250,000 for Main & Kosciuszko Streets.

The West Main Street Sewer project began today and should be finished in approx. 4 weeks depending on the weather.

The sewer line project in the Hanover section of Nanticoke that was located on Bliss Street, from the intersection of Phillip St. and the Alley has been completed.

The South Valley Parkway should be opening by the end of the month.

**Mayor Kevin Coughlin** has included his December 2019 monthly department reports. The reports are included in Council's packets, posted on the back board in Council Chambers and on the website.

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

**REGULAR MEETING** Comments from the Public agenda items only.

Mr. Marks asked what the responsibilities of the 504 Officer are and Donna Wall and Jennifer Polito explained it protects the City's Landlords and Renters against discrimination in the City.

Mr. Stachowiak expressed his opinion about his disapproval of re-appointing Jack Minsavage as the 504 Officer. Mayor responded that he is going to take care of the issues and a committee will be formed to help solve the issues at hand.

President Brown asked Donna to explain the Resolution #2 of 2020 to the public. Donna responded that the resolution confirms that E. State Street is a public road because the County has no record of our previous resolution passed back in 1991.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**A Motion** to approve the January 6, 2020 minutes was made by Councilmember Telencho, seconded Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried unanimously.

**A Motion** to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$151,807.28 (Payroll \$0 and Payables \$151,807.28) was made by Councilmember Pietrzyk, seconded by Councilmember Telencho.

Motion carried unanimously.

**A Motion** to approve the re-appointment of Jack Minsavage as the City's 504 Officer was made by Councilmember Butczynski, seconded Councilmember Pietrzyk.

Motion carried unanimously.

**A Motion** to approve the Resolution #2 of 2020, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke confirming that East State Street is and has been a public road for a period in excess of twenty-one years was made by Councilmember Pietrzyk, seconded Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –**

**Mr. Hank Marks** had a complaint about all of the abandoned, out of registration and or inspection vehicles on Loomis Street. He says it has looked like a junk yard for years and it is getting worse. He has called the Nanticoke Police and they tagged a few cars but no further action has been taken. Police Chief Roke explained the ticket process and the Police are doing their jobs and the vehicles he mentioned are actually going to be towed on Feb 1, 2020 if they are not moved or brought up to date. Mr. Marks asked what is causing the increase of \$630,000.00 in the General Fund 2020 Budget and President Brown asked Mr. Marks to come see Donna Wall and she will answer that question.

**Mr. Michael Stachowiak** asked if the City ever got an answer from seven months ago on whether or not the City owns the property on Lower Broadway. Donna Wall stated it is currently being surveyed by Stell Enterprises. Mike asked if the property belongs to the City will a rental fee agreement be done for allowing Stell Enterprises to store their equipment on the property and President Brown said we will cross that bridge when we find out the results of the survey.

**Mr. Walter Pavelitz** stated he talked to the DPW Department and the Mayor regarding the damage to the Terra Cota pipe by Water Works on Spur Street. Mr. Pavelitz is under the understanding that the City DPW Department did a quick fix and Mr. Pavelitz would like to be notified when it has been fixed professionally and he would like to know how it was fixed. Mr. Pavelitz also was informed that a contractor hit a sewer line by the Dollar General and all they did to fix it was to fill the hole with concrete. Donna Wall said that is not true,

she was there and it was fixed properly. Mr. Pavelitz asked who fixed it, how was it fixed and was it inspected and by who.

**Mr. Ronald Knapp** asked when the South Valley Parkway opens will there be proper signage directing the tractor trailers where the warehouse entrance is and to use the South Valley Parkway to get there versus Main Street. Mr. Knapp asked President Brown, Councilmember Pietrzyk and Mayor Coughlin how long they have served on City Council and they responded 6,4, and 6 years. With that being said Mr. Knapp is hopeful that the new Mayor and Councilmembers will move forward with the revitalization of the downtown.

**Correspondence-**

None

**Announcements-**

President Brown announce that the City of Nanticoke will be closed Monday, January 20, 2020 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Meeting Adjournment-**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.**

**Next Meeting, Wed, Feb 5, 2020 @ 7:00 PM**

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**Jennifer W. Polito**  
City Clerk