



CITY OF NANTICOKE

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 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

Mayor Kevin Coughlin presented academic achievement awards to the following students from the GNA School District: Keayrah Maslowski, McKenna Golembeski, and Mackenzie Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito

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

WORK SESSION-

Resolution # 5 of 2020, a Resolution of City Council for the City of Nanticoke confirming the appointments of Mayor Kevin Coughlin to various Boards, Authorities, and Commissions of the City of Nanticoke.

Resolution # 6 of 2020, a Resolution of City Council for the City of Nanticoke approving a Five-Year Lease to purchase with Real Lease 12 Motorola Digital Radios, a 2020 Ford F-350 Crew Cab, A Caterpillar 906M Wheel Loader, A 2020 Caterpillar 306 Cab Mini Excavator and a 2020 Police Interceptor Ford Explorer based upon COSTARS pricing.

Administrative Updates-

Mayor Kevin Coughlin executed **Executive Orders #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8** to update all expired Boards, Authorities and Commissions.

Donna Wall updated Council and residents on the following:

The Mayor and herself met with Stell Enterprises to discuss the lease of the property on Lower Broadway and the agreement is currently being drafted. Mr. Stachowiak asked if a realtor was involved in the decision of what the City should charge Stell and Donna said no, we are in touch with Wilkes Barre to see what they charge for people that use their land. Mr. Stachowiak asked if the use of land meets Zoning requirements. Donna did not have an answer but she will check the map and she will get Mr. Stachowiak an answer. Dave Alberola reported that he owns 12 benches in town and was supposed to forward the City proof of insurance. We are still waiting for him to forward the insurance certificate. Mr. Stachowiak asked Donna if one of the benches down on Lower Broadway is his because it is in need of repair. Mr. Stachowiak hopes that Mr. Alberola takes care of the benches to make the City look better.

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.

None

Old Business

None

New Business

A Motion to approve the February 19, 2020 minutes was made by Councilmember Butczynski, seconded Councilmember Telencho.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$413,291.82 (Payroll \$94,860.46 and Payables \$318,431.36) was made by Councilmember Pietrzyk, seconded by Councilmember Marcella.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve **Resolution # 5 of 2020**, a Resolution of City Council for the City of Nanticoke confirming the appointments of Mayor Kevin Coughlin to various Boards, Authorities, and Commissions of the City of Nanticoke was made by Councilmember Telencho, seconded Councilmember Marcella.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve **Resolution # 6 of 2020**, a Resolution of City Council for the City of Nanticoke approving a Five-Year Lease to purchase with Real Lease 12 Motorola Digital Radios, a 2020 Ford F-350 Crew Cab, A Caterpillar 906M Wheel Loader, A 2020 Caterpillar 306 Cab Mini Excavator and a 2020 Police Interceptor Ford Explorer based upon COSTARS pricing was made by Councilmember Butczynski, seconded Councilmember Pietrzyk.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Hank Marks brought to Council's attention that a whistleblower came forward regarding illegal political solicitation in the resident housing. It occurred during the 2019 election. With the upcoming presidential election in 2020 and the City's elections for 2021 this behavior must stop. Residents could lose their housing if they are caught. Mr. Marks stated he plans on talking to Ryan Verazin about this problem. President Brown asked Mr. Marks to share any information with Donna Wall and she will report it to our City's Solicitor.

Mrs. Julianna Zarzycki asked Council why the clean-up in her neighborhood that Mr. Knapp arranged to be done was shut down by the City. President Brown was not aware of that decision and Donna wall said the use of the word "shutdown" is extreme. Jennifer stated Mr. Knapp picked a date, called Jennifer to make her aware of it and he was told he had to go through Donna with this type of project so she can organize all the people that need to be involved. Mr. Knapp took it upon himself to pick a date and there was no time to line up JP Mascaro to pick up the bags of garbage and have our DPW department get the garbage bags needed to use for the clean-up. Therefor Jennifer told Mr. Knapp that it would have to be postponed and he is to organize it with Interim City Manager, Donna Wall.

Mr. Joe Rentko brought to Council's attention that a sign is missing on Park and W. Main Street and he asked to have a new one installed. He wanted to thank the City's DPW Department for promptly putting up a new sign.

President Brown asked the other Councilmembers if they had any comments and Councilmember Telencho wants to make a few comments. He wants to clear up some comments that the City is spending too much money on equipment. He explained that by purchasing the equipment for the DPW department, it will save the City in the long run by not having to hire contractors to lift the lids and repair and clean storm water basins. Mr. Stachowiak asked why we do not call WVSA for that since they imposed the storm water fee to complete projects like that. Rick, DPW Foreman, stated they will only do 3-4 per year and we have much more

than that needing repairs. Attorney Finnegan stated that storm water basins are not the only projects that WVSA has on their agenda. Mr. Telencho was asked by people why there are surveyors on Kosciuszko Street and he wanted to inform everyone that Verizon is getting ready to install their fiber optic lines. Mr. Telencho asked Chief Roke to explain the article in the paper regarding the event at Skateaway and Chief Roke said that was to raise funds for new shields. Mr. Telencho informed the residents about the new welcome signs for Nanticoke. He stated the Mayor formed a committee to make sure this project gets done in a timely manner. He informed the residents about where they will go and what they will look like.

Correspondence-

None

Announcements-

Nanticoke City Tax Bills are being mailed out on Monday, March 2, 2020. Pearl from Berkheimer will be here on 4/16/2020 at City Hall in the Chambers to collect the taxes in discount.

Meeting Adjournment-

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Next Meeting, Wed, Mar 18, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

Jennifer W. Polito
City Clerk