



NANTICOKE CITY
WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL 7:00PM Wednesday, 15, 2017

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 and Nicole Mackiewicz, City Clerk, Mary Cheshinski, Interim City Manager Donna Wall, Finance Director, Jennifer Polito, and Solicitor, William Finnegan.

WORK SESSION

Discussion of Council Meeting Action Items

Motion to adopt proposed Ordinance # 1, 2017 on the second reading, prohibiting parking on North Walnut Street from Arch Street to Lower Broadway. to prohibit parking here Dewey St, between Main and Loomis, Division Street, between Main and Loomis and North Walnut Street, between Arch and Lower Broadway Streets, from dusk to dawn, any day of the week

Administrative Update by Donna Wall on the date changes of the continuing Round a bout projects on Middle Road.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Coughlin, second by Ms. Butczynski, motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public (agenda items only) none

OLD BUSINESS (none)

NEW BUSINESS

A motion to approve the March 1st, 2017 meeting minutes was made by Mr. Coughlin, second by Mr. Pietrzyk, Motion carried, with Ms. Butczynski and Mrs. Mackiewicz abstaining for they were excused from the March 1st meeting.

Mr. Butczynski made a motion to pay bills, second by, Mrs. Mackiewicz, in the amount of \$560,804.00 (Payables \$4354.997.1) noted, 2 payrolls (Payroll \$205,806.91) motion carried.

Mr. Pietrzyk made the motion, second by Ms. Butczynski to adopt **Ordinance 1, 2017,** on the second reading, an Ordinance prohibiting parking on Dewey St, between Main and Loomis, Division Street, between Main and Loomis and North Walnut Street, between Arch and Lower Broadway Streets, from dusk to dawn, any day of the week. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Lynn Knight, Honey Pot Street resident wants something done about the garbage fee for next year. Single people who put out barely one or two bags, herself two bags a year rate is too much when others put out so many more bags weekly. Asked to repeat that, Ms. Knight puts out (2) bags a year, again adding seniors or singles should not pay

what a family pays. Ms. Knight asked if the City goes after those not paying for garbage pickup. Donna Wall stated the collection rate for refuse is 94%, a great collection rate. In perspective the refuse is everyone's responsibility to pay.

Council President, Bill Brown read February refuse report that included the delinquent collected amount from January 2016 to January 2017 to be \$36,892.66. This showing we actively pursue delinquent non-payers.

Donna Wall added the extended Mascaro contract may end this year, but will check the extended contract for the next meeting. We can explore other options of collection in the future. Various shout outs from the audience stated their opinions on refuse.

Mayor Wiaterowski added back quite a few years, when stickers were purchased, trash was strewn on back roads, in the woods, dropped everywhere and torn open etc. The Mayor added maybe we could start a co-op of some sorts with Newport possibly.

Donna Wall stated we will take into consideration the suggestions made this evening.

Lynn Knight stated there are several properties, for years, like junk yards in Honey Pot and no one is returning her calls about the matter. "Honey Pot needs to be cleaned up," Lynn said. Donna Wall responded that Jack Minsavage, Code officer, has been actively pursuing these properties in Honey Pot and throughout the City.

John Telencho stated since October 2015 we have had a notice on the Ellis building and \$416,000 is due on fees to the City, enough is enough.

Solicitor Finnegan replied there has been multiple meetings and without successful negotiations with the owner. If we get this property off tax sale list, coming next, then what do we do with it? Estimates started at 1.4 billion, ranged recently to \$750,000.00 to demolish and then what? The burden would be on the tax payer to pay for the demolishing. John Telencho questioned if we can get a Grant to demolish this property. Donna Wall stated several grants are out there in process for the City.

Richard Zarzycki, Seneca Drive, Hanover Section, stated with the closing of Middle Road soon for the roundabouts, there will be increased traffic on Front and Espy Streets. Can a stop sign be placed near the recreation areas? Soccer starting soon and traffic does have speeders with the children in this area. Maybe we can slow things down. Mayor Wiaterowski knows a traffic study will be necessary for a stop sign. He will ask Chief Wall to contact Pen Dot and maybe we will have an answer by the regular council meeting on April 19th. The Mayor added this is a main goal and he will continue to actively pursue this demolition.

Announcements-

City Solicitor, William Finnegan stated a Code Enforcement meeting, a follow-up to the first Code meeting will be held before the Council meeting on April 5, 2017 at 600PM.

The next Council meeting is Wednesday, April 5 2017.

Mr. Coughlin made the motion to adjourn, second by Ms. Butczynski. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Mary Beth Cheshinski, City Clerk