



NANTICOKE CITY

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 2, 2019

Nanticoke City Hall 7:00 PM

Call to Order: President of Council, William Brown

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer Polito

The following were present: Councilors, William Brown, John Pietrzyk, Kevin Coughlin, Lesley Butczynski, Nicole Mackiewicz, Solicitor, Attorney William Finnegan, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer Polito and Interim City Manager, Donna Wall.

WORK SESSION-

A Motion to approve Resolution #1 of 2019 appointing a new Mayor to fill the vacancy of the Honorable Mayor Richard Wiaterowski who passed away on December 9, 2018.

Administrative Updates-

None

A Motion was made by Mr. Coughlin, second by Ms. Butczynski to adjourn the work session. Work session adjourned.

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public agenda items only.

After President Brown read the Resolution # 1 of 2019, appointing a New Mayor, he stated that they reviewed all that applied and thanked all that put in for the Mayor's position. Attorney Finnegan opened up the work session by commenting that this is not how we all felt we would be starting the new year with the loss of our beloved Mayor. He stated the due date of the applications was noon on December 28, 2018. He went through the qualifications that each candidate must have in order to be Mayor and said that Council has looked through all resumes and letters of interest and have made their decision. Attorney Finnegan read the list of candidates one at a time and asked them if they had any other comments and 5 of the 6 candidates did not and thanked Council for their consideration. Mr. Kenny James just wanted to express his sympathy for the hard decision that Council needed to make this evening. He stated he has been a lifelong resident of Nanticoke and whoever is chosen, he believes Council is doing what is best for the City. Attorney Finnegan then asked Council if they had any questions for the candidates and they all replied no.

Mr. Marks expressed his concern that the new Mayor should have a financial and business background. He began to comment on how this administration spends too much money on the Fire and police departments and President Brown asked him to stay on the topic of the new Mayor. President Brown asked him if he had anything else to say pertaining to the appointing of a new Mayor and Mr. Marks replied no.

Old Business

None

New Business

A **Motion** to approve the December 19, 2018 meeting minutes was made by Mrs. Mackiewicz, second by Mr. Pietrzyk. Motion carried.

A **Motion** to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$356,605.90 (Payroll \$156,712.62 and Payables \$199,893.28) was made by Mr. Coughlin, second by Mrs. Mackiewicz. Motion carried.

A **Motion** was made by Mr. Pietrzyk, Ms. Butczynski and Mr. Brown to nominate Councilor Nicole Mackiewicz as the new Mayor. She was nominated by a 3 to 2 vote in favor of her being the new Mayor. Motion carried.

A **Motion** to accept the resignation of Mrs. Mackiewicz from City Council in order to take the position of Mayor was made by Ms. Butczynski second by Mr. Pietrzyk. Motion carried.

A **Motion** to approve Resolution #1 of 2019 appointing a new Mayor to fill the vacancy of the Honorable Mayor Richard Wiatrowski who passed away on December 9, 2018 was made by Ms. Butczynski second by Mr. Pietrzyk. Motion carried.

A **Motion** to fill the Council vacancy and put a ad in the newspapers on Friday, January 4, 2019 was made by Mr. Coughlin second by Ms. Butczynski. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Marks put in a sheet to speak during the comments from the public and Mr. Brown asked him if he had anything else to say and Mr. Marks replied no.

Mr. Novak suggested that Mrs. Mackiewicz put her resignation in writing rather than just stating that she would during the meeting. She agreed that after the meeting she would had write her resignation from council and give it to President Brown.

Correspondence-

None

Announcements-

President Brown announced that Mrs. Mackiewicz will be sworn in on Thursday, January 3, 2019 here at City Hall at 7:00 pm by the Honorable Judge Whittaker.

Mrs. Mackiewicz thanked everyone who nominated her and showed her their support.

Meeting Adjournment

Ms. Butczynski made the motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Pietrzyk, roll call. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.

Next Meeting, Wed, January 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Jennifer W. Polito
City Clerk