



CITY OF NANTICOKE

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

Call to Order: President of Council, William Brown

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito

ROLL CALL:

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

WORK SESSION

A Motion to approve Ordinance #5 of 2022, First Reading, an Ordinance of the City of Nanticoke, County of Luzerne, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with other participating parties of Luzerne County for the purpose of forming, establishing, and joining a Land Bank to be known as the Lower South Valley Land Bank.

A Motion to approve Ordinance #6 of 2022, First Reading, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke, amending Chapter 485 Section 48 of the Code of Ordinances prohibiting parking on Maple Street in certain locations.

A Motion to approve Ordinance #7 of 2022, First Reading, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke, adopting a Quality-of-Life Ordinance, establishing a ticket process, authorizing enforcement and setting penalties.

A Motion to approve the purchase of an Aerial Ladder/Tower Fire Truck in the amount of \$1,281,612 From Pierce. (Total Price of \$1,791,000 less the LSA Grant of \$509,388).

A Motion to approve the purchase of an Engine/Pumper Fire Truck in the amount of \$628,500 from Pierce.

A Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 16 of 2022, a Resolution of the Unit of Local Government, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the modification to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for funding through the Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Program, as part of the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act [P.L. 116-136], and further certifying compliance with the requirements of said program.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

City Manager, Donna Wall, informed Council of the following:

- South, Oak and Washington Street paving projects are being completed.
- Jennifer and Donna are working on the 2023 Budget and the budget goes up for public inspection on Friday, October 28, 2022.
- Chief Roke and Donna have a meeting set up with Computer Visionaries to get cameras in Patriot Park.

A Motion was made by Councilmember Telencho seconded by Councilmember Marcella to adjourn the work session.

Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public agenda items only.

Vice President Telencho asked Donna Wall if she had a projected amount the sale of the two old fire trucks would be and Fire Chief Mark Boncal replied at today's value you would get \$175 - \$200 thousand for the Ladder truck and \$60 - \$75 thousand for the Engine/Pumper truck.

Old Business

None

New Business

A Motion to approve the **July 20, 2022** 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 **\$267,095.25**, (Payroll(s) \$115,018.98 and Payables \$315,027.92) was made by Councilmember Telencho seconded by Councilmember Marcella.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to table RESOLUTION NO. 16 of 2022, a Resolution of the Unit of Local Government, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the modification to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for funding through the Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Program, as part of the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act [P.L. 116-136], and further certifying compliance with the

requirements of said program was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Telencho.
Motion tabled unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Ms. Donna Turkas Rear 588 East Main Street addressed the Quality-of-Life Ordinance that was read this evening and wanted to know how the city plans on establishing a system to enforce the ordinance. Attorney Finnegan replied by stating in addition to other ordinances on the books, this ordinance will allow for quicker responses before taking the issue to the District Magistrate. Attorney Finnegan stated revisions will be made to tailor the ordinance for our needs and the ordinance will be fine tuned if needed. Ms. Turkas stated on 7/24/2022, she called the police department due to noise issues beyond disturbing the peace late at night and no one showed up, she called twice that night. President Brown asked Chief Roke to look into this issue. President Brown asked Ms. Turkas if she call 911 and she stated yes. President Brown asked if she requested to speak to the Officer responding and she stated no, for her safety she does not want to be seen conversing with an Officer. Chief Roke instructed Ms. Turkas, next time, to ask 911 to have an Officer call her after they respond to a call.

Fire Chief, Mark Boncal informed Council and residents that on Aug. 10.2022, E. Ridge between Market Street and Prospect Street, will be closed from 8:30 am to approximately 3 pm due to Apparatus testing.

Correspondence-

None

Announcements-

None

Councilmember Comments-

Vice President Telencho had no further comments.

Councilmember Marcella thanked Brick House Pizza for the Basket Raffle they held to help the city pay for the new fire trucks. Mr. Marcella also stated he has had numerous complaints about no parking in front of City Hall. Donna Wall, City Manager, stated we can look into putting a time limit on parking through Council approving an ordinance.

President Brown commented on the fact that they City has taken steps to beef up the Fire Department and residents should be happy to see that the Fire Department is getting an upgrade to their trucks for the safety of the residents. Fire Chief Mark Boncal explained new safety features in the new trucks and thanked Council for approving the purchase.

Meeting Adjournment-

Councilmember Marcella made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Telencho, roll call.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Next Meeting, Wed Aug. 17, 2022, at 7:00 pm