



NANTICOKE CITY

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2018

Nanticoke City Hall 7:00PM

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, Nicole Mackiewicz, Lesley Butczynski, Solicitor, Attorney William Finnegan, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer Polito and Interim City Manager, Donna Wall.

For the record, due to a Zoning Public Hearing regarding the Northpoint Development project, which was held at 6 pm, the Council Meeting was delayed until 8:10 pm.

WORK SESSION-

A motion to adopt Ordinance #1 of 2018, on the first reading , (Zoning Ordinance) authorizing the appropriate City Officials to amend Ordinance #15 of 2012 enacted on December 19, 2012.

A Motion to accept the bid to replace the garage doors on the Fire Department's building. The lowest bidder is Levandowski Overhead Doors in the amount of \$20,600.00.

A motion to accept the bid for the Espy Street Alley Improvements. The lowest bidder is M&J Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$69,211.00.

Administrative Updates

- **Executive Order #7 of 2018** for the Mayor to hire the following people for part time DPW workers at \$10.00/hr for no more than 30 hours per week. **(For Information Only)**

Justin Casey

John Krieger

Joseph Olszykas

Nicholas Olenginski

-Donna updated Council and residents that the Water Company will be starting their project on Main Street by end of the week. She stated that they are starting on Main St. from Walnut St. up Market St. to Orchard St. Then Market St., through Main St. down Broadway. From there, they will be working on Kosciuszko to E. Green St. to E. Ridge St. She stated they should be done before school is back in session.

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.

Mr. Joe John asked if the city will have any interruptions in the water service during the repair period or do they have an alternative way to supply water to the City. Donna stated there will most likely be a disruption in the service throughout the repair period.

Mr. John Telencho asked for clarification on Ordinance 1 of 2018 and wanted to know which ordinance was being amended. Attorney Finnegan stated it is a Zoning ordinance and it is #15 of 2012.

He also wants clarification on the new hires in the DPW Dept., specifically are they part time, how long are they employed with the City and do they get benefits. Donna stated they are part time, no benefits and we keep them until the budgeted amount has run out, which usually lasts until late August Jennifer replied.

Old Business

None

New Business

A **Motion** to approve the May 16, 2018 meeting minutes was made by Ms. Butczynski second by Mr. Pietrzyk. Motion carried.

A **Motion** to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$321,017.41 was made by Mr. Coughlin, second by Mrs. Mackiewicz. Payroll (\$89,037.37) Payables (\$231,980.04.) Motion carried.

A **Motion** to adopt Ordinance #1 of 2018, on the first reading , (Zoning Ordinance) authorizing the appropriate City Officials to amend Ordinance #15 of 2012 enacted on December 19, 2012 was made by Mrs. Mackiewicz second by Ms. Butczynski. Motion carried.

A **Motion** to accept the bid to replace the garage doors on the Fire Department's building, to the lowest bidder which is Levandowski Overhead Doors in the amount of \$20,600.00, was made by Mr. Coughlin and second by Ms. Butczynski. Motion carried.

A **Motion** to accept the bid for the Espy Street Alley Improvements, to the lowest bidder which is M&J Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$69,211.00, was made by Mrs. Mackiewicz and second by Mr. Pietrzyk. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Ms. Mary Kelley of 127 Center Street of the Hanover Section wanted to make the City aware that the hole on her street has gotten bigger since the DPW Dept. was out earlier in the spring and put a cone near it. She is concerned about cars hitting it and doing damage to the cars and there is a 2 year old child on the property and she is concerned that she will get hurt if she fell in it. President Brown asked Ms. Kelley if it was a sunken catch basin and she replied yes. President Brown asked Donna Wall to speak to Wally about this issue in the morning.

President Brown asked Ms. Toporcer of 735 E. Grove Street to speak on her concerns and she said she is good and her questions have been answered during the zoning hearing prior to the council meeting.

Mr. Telencho stated that he has done some research and the garbage fees indeed increase with the 2 year extension requested by the City. He spoke to Edwardsville and Kinston regarding what they spend on Landfill Tipping fees and Mascaro is charging the City almost double what the other municipalities pay. He wants to know why this is. President Brown stated that our \$72,000 per month is for more than just tipping fees. It is the cost for total collection here in the City. Mr. Brown is willing to hold a public meeting to discuss an alternative solution to the city's garbage collection. He asked anyone who is interested to get their ideas together and attend the meeting. Donna Wall stated we are going out to Bid and hopefully we get a price lower than we are paying now. Mr. Telencho commented on street cleaning because the streets in the city need it. Is there a company we can hire a few times a year he asked? He stated Kingston pays a company \$250,000.00 for weekly street cleaning so why can't we do it, he asked? President Brown said the City is looking into purchasing a Street Sweeper. John suggested we contact other municipalities about these issues and that they would be more than happy to talk to us. Mr. Telencho asked about the "Welcome" sign as you enter Nanticoke. He wanted to know if the City pays for it to be there and commented that the Chamber of Commerce should be removed since we have not had one in many years. Donna stated we do not pay for it and we are in the middle of designing a new sign.

Correspondence –

None

Announcements- President Brown made the following announcements:

The **Wyoming Valley Habitat For Humanity** is now accepting applications for New Partner Families. Upcoming meetings will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 from 5 pm to 7 pm at Nanticoke City Hall and Saturday, June 16, 2018 from 10 am to 12 noon at Mill Memorial Library.

The Nanticoke City Council meeting for Wednesday, July 4, 2018 has been moved to **Thursday, July 5, 2018 at 7 pm** in observance of the 4th of July holiday. City Hall will be closed on July 4, 2018.

The **5th Annual Big Bang Celebration** is going to be held on Saturday, June 30, 2018 with a rain date on Sunday July 1, 2018 at the GNA High School Football Field. Gates open at 4pm. Bring your family members out for some refreshments, entertainment, games and an awesome fire works display at dusk.

Meeting Adjournment

Mr. Coughlin made the motion to adjourn, second by Ms. Butczynski, roll call.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Next Meeting, Wednesday June 20, 2018 at 7:00PM

Jennifer W. Polito
City Clerk