



NANTICOKE CITY

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2017

Nanticoke City Hall 7:00PM

Call to Order: President of Council, Bill Brown
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation: City Clerk, Mary Cheshinski

The following were present: Councilors, William Brown, Kevin Coughlin, John Pietrzyk, Nicole Mackiewicz, City Clerk, Mary Cheshinski, and Attorney Shannon Lapasansky, Finance Director, Jen Polito, City Manager, Donna. Solicitor Attorney Finnegan and Lesley Butczynski excused.

WORK SESSION-

Joe Mullen introduced Dave Ferro of Pennoni Optics concerning this company for procurement and contract positioning for electricity for the City. No cost until there is a savings to the City receiving 70%, Optics receives 30% Adoption on the second reading, proposed **Ordinance #10, 2017** approving the 2018 City millage for 2018.

Adoption on the second reading, proposed **Ordinance #11, 2017** on approving the 2018 Budget.

Motion to approve Ordinance #12 on the first reading amending Ordinance #9, 2017 the Lerda schedule, as per Solicitor benefits the City. One more year of taxes at 100% before it decrease to 90, 80, then 70% . This Is to the City's advantage.

Motion to approve Resolution #14, 2017, a Resolution authorizing Ashley Borough to act as lead applicant to Pa Dept. of Community Development on behalf of the Lower South Valley Council of Governments. President Brown questioned if the amount is for \$800,000.00. Being unsure of the amount, this resolution will be tabled.

Motion to approve Resolution #15, 2017, amending Resolution #9, 2017 authorizing signature of Mayor for Federal Reimbursement Grant Agreement (R#15040002)

Motion to approve Resolution #16, 2017 a resolution, authorizing the proper City Officials to execute a certification of completion for 242 E. Grand Street. Our Solicitor explained since the Redevelopment Authority no longer exists the Grand Street parcel by a contract needed certain improvements. The City must check if these were done before the deed is cleared.

Motion to award 319 State Street Demolition Contract. Betsy stated 319 State Street is the first demolition with the 2016 CDBG Grant. We need a motion to award the demolition to the lowest bidder, Smart Recycling for \$17,800.00.

Mr. Coughlin made the motion to adjourn the work session, second by Mr. Pietrzyk, meeting adjourned.

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public agenda items only- none

OLD BUSINESS (none)

NEW BUSINESS

A motion to approve the November 15th, 2017 meeting minutes was made by Mr. Pietrzyk, second by Mr. Coughlin. Motion carried.

A motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$268174.02 was made by Mrs. Mackiewicz, second by Mr. Pietrzyk.

Payroll \$136,701.00 Payables \$131,473.02, Motion carried.

A motion to adopt, on the second reading, Ordinance #10, 2017 an Ordinance approving the 2018 millage rates was made by Mr. Coughlin, second by Mrs. Mackiewicz, Motion carried.

A motion to adopt Ordinance #11, 2017 on the second reading was made by Mr. Pietrzyk, second by Mrs. Mackiewicz, approving the 2018 Budget for the City Of Nanticoke, Motion carried

A motion was made by M. Pietrzyk, second by Mrs. Mackiewicz to adopt on the first reading Ordinance #12, 2017 amending Ordinance #9, 2012, LERDA project.

A motion was made by Mr. Coughlin to table **Resolution # 14, 2017**, second by Mr. Pietrzyk, a Resolution authorizing Ashley Borough to act as lead applicant to Pa Dept. of Community Development on behalf of the Lower South Valley Council of Governments due to unestablished amount requested. Resolution #14, tabled.

A motion was made by Mrs. Mackiewicz, second by Mr. Coughlin to approve **Resolution #15, 2017**, amending Resolution #9, 2017 authorizing signature of Mayor for Federal Reimbursement Grant Agreement (R#15040002)

A motion was made by Mr. Pietrzyk, second by Mrs. Mackiewicz to approve **Resolution #16, 2017** a resolution, authorizing the proper City Officials to execute a certification of completion for 242 E. Grand Street. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Mackiewicz, second by, Mr. Pietrzyk to award 319 State Street Demolition Contract to Smart Recycling, Inc. for \$17,800.00. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC-

John Telencho stated the owner of the Ellis building owes the City over 400,000.00 in fees. He was removing things from the Ellis building. The same owner was taken to Court over the Huber Breaker. Why can't we take him to Court? Our Solicitor responded," It is his building he is allowed to move his things." He added it's a million dollars to raze the building and the value of the land is less than 100,000.00. The City cannot afford to take it over

Mr. Telencho again stated the amount of cigarette butts on Main Street and in the Kiosk.

John Bushko informed the City there would be a substantial savings to the City with utilizing "County Waste" once the current contract has expired. This business is not a County run business, it's just the name.

Mr. Henry Marks stated PEL did a study of County cities. We have the highest budget, 5.5 million, for our population. He feels our population is decreasing due to high taxes. You have to quit spending and cut back, Marks added.

Bill Brown exclaimed, Mr. Marks on several different occasions, going Home Rule and the increase in the earned income tax has saved the City. Marks added you can thank Mayor Bushko for Act 47.

Correspondence – none

Announcements-

Just a reminder the GNA Santa Parade is scheduled for Sunday, December 10th at 1:00PM.

A Berkheimer representative will be in City Hall on December 13th for last installment of school taxes.

The final visit from Berkheimer for school taxes, December 20th, this is the final day to pay.

Meeting Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7.49PM.

Next meeting December 20, 2017

Mary Beth Cheshinski
City Clerk

