

NANTICOKE CITY



WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 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, Kevin Coughlin, John Pietrzyk, Lesley Butczynski, Cameron Cox, Solicitor, Attorney William Finnegan, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer Polito and Interim City Manager, Donna Wall.

WORK SESSION-

Attorney Finnegan stated the meeting started a few minutes late because he and the Councilors were in an executive session regarding a personnel matter.

A Motion to authorize Settlement of Capital ABC Distribution LLC Tax Appeal # 12291 of 2017. Atty. Finnegan explained to Council and residents in more depth what this was about and Mr. Marks asked where the property is in the City. President Brown stated it is the old Pheonix property. **A Motion** to approve **Ordinance #1 of 2019**, (On the First Reading), Establishing Licensing Requirements for Establishments Serving Food and Beverages and Updating Licensing Fees. Atty. Finnegan explained to Council and residents that we are updating the fee schedule that has not been changed in twenty years.

Administrative Updates-

-Donna Wall updated residents and Council on the following topics, the City received its 2019/2020 Highway Aid allocation in the amount of \$316,859.45, E. Union St Alley (300 Block) is going out to bid for paving, Giuseppe's Restaurant (old Tommy Boy's) will be opening in approximately 2 weeks, and a traffic study has been requested to be completed on Orchard St. Donna put in for the study but is uncertain that it will be granted. Mr. Joe John asked why the need and Donna replied a resident that lives on that street feels it should be one way.

-Jennifer Polito informed Council and residents that the Schedule of Grants has been completed, it is posted on the back wall and is included in the Council's packets. Jennifer stated the schedule of grants will be updated on a quarterly basis. The next update will be June 30, 2019 and she hopes to have the amounts on the CDBG Block grant and LSA grant that are still pending. She asked that if anyone has questions to please contact her by phone or email.

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

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public agenda items only.

Mr. Telencho asked if the grants have expiration dates and Jennifer replied yes but they are either still active or been granted extensions. Donna replied all grants are usually good for 5 years and any grant that was due to expire, she has been granted extensions.

Old Business

None

New Business

A Motion to approve the February 20, 2019 meeting minutes was made by Mr. Pietrzyk, second Ms. Butczynski. President William Brown and Vice President Kevin Coughlin both abstained. Motion carried.

A Motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$361,649.59 (Payroll \$106,490.34 and Payables \$255,159.25) was made by Mr. Coughlin, second by Ms. Butczynski. Motion carried.

A Motion to authorize Settlement of Capital ABC Distribution LLC Tax Appeal # 12291 of 2017 was made by Mr. Pietrzyk second by Mr. Coughlin. Motion carried.

A Motion to approve **Ordinance #1 of 2019**, (On the First Reading), Establishing Licensing Requirements for Establishments Serving Food and Beverages and Updating Licensing Fees was made by Ms. Butczynski second by Mr. Coughlin. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Rentko stated per the City's Home Rule Charter, the Mayor is to establish office hours upon taking office. Has the new Mayor done this and is there a minimum number of hours per week. President Brown stated there is no minimum and it is a part time position. Mayor Mackiewicz replied she is at City Hall ½ day every week, 6 pm on meeting nights and any other hours she is available by making an appointment with her. Mr. Rentko referred to section 13.4 of the charter, Boards & Authorities must submit reports to the City regarding their activities. He asked if this is being done. Donna asked Jennifer who has complied and who has not and Jennifer stated that the Housing Authority is in compliance but the Municipal Authority is not. Mr. Rentko then asked who is responsible for making sure the City gets the reports and Attorney Finnegan replied the Mayor. Attorney Finnegan stated that this has been an ongoing issue that we have been trying to resolve with the Boards and Authorities. Jennifer was asked to reach out to the Boards and Authorities to again try to resolve this issue.

Mr. Cardinelli asked about all the trees that have been timbered along Kosciuszko Street and how bad it looks. President Brown stated we will look into it and anticipates them doing some landscaping to make that areal look better.

Mrs. Julianna Zarzycki asked about the extended dates on the sewer bills due to the storm water fees and will there be service charges on the sewer fees not paid. Donna Wall stated the new due dates are 3/15/2019 and there will be no penalties for paying the sewer portion of the bills if paid by that date.

Mr. Rich Novak asked why he pays a sewer fee if the WVSA does all Nanticoke's sewer work. Donna Wall stated that we have a sewer department that maintains and repairs the main lines at the laterals. WVSA assists with jobs that we do not have the equipment to fix like pumping out sludge. She said they did assist with cleaning out our storm drains as they did with other municipalities. Mr. Marks asked where the storm water goes and Mr. Cardinelli said it is pumped out to the flats.

Mr. Sorensen stated that he is new in town and Mascaro has not picked up their garbage at his residents in over 5 weeks. President Brown asked why you waited so long to bring this to our attention. Mr. Sorensen said he called the garbage company and they came out to get what they missed but every week they forget. Donna asked that they speak after the meeting and she said to call City Hall and ask for Patty, our Refuse Clerk, she will assist you with this issue.

Correspondence-

None

Announcements-

Fire Chief, Kevin Hazleton invites all that would like to attend the Open House to view the New Fire Truck. The Open House will be held on Saturday March 23, 2019 from 1 pm to 4 pm.

Meeting Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Next Meeting, Wed, March 20, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Jennifer W. Polito
City Clerk