



NANTICOKE CITY

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 4, 2019

Nanticoke City Hall 7:00 PM

Call to Order: Vice President of Council, Kevin Coughlin

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer Polito

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

The following were excused: Council President, William Brown.

WORK SESSION-

A motion to award the 2019 – 2021 RFP for Auditing Services to Kohanski Company PC. (Lowest Bidder). 2019 is \$18,300, 2020 is \$19,200 and 2021 is \$20,150.

A motion to approve the receipt of the funding requirements of the City's 2020 (MMO's) Minimal Municipal Obligation.

Administrative Updates-

Donna Wall updated the residents and Council on the following matters:

- The City had a Storm Water audit to make sure the City is documenting everything properly and following the rules and regulations set by DEP. The City did very well in the audit.
- There was a concrete spill on Main St. on 9/4/2019 by Coon Industries. PENNDOT swept Main Street after Coon Industries cleaned up their spill.
- Field Street's base coat will be applied this week. Project has been delayed due to not enough manpower with workers on vacation at Hanover Twp.
- The Round –a-bout at Prospect Street is slated to open on October 31, 2019. A Detour is in place to re-route traffic.

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. Joe John asked Donna for an update on the round-a-bout in Hanover Twp. and Donna did not have an answer but she said she will try to get one for the next meeting. Mr. Mike Stachowiak asked for an explanation on the MMO's (Minimal Municipal Obligations) for the City. Donna explained what they pertain to and explained how they are calculated on an annual basis. Ms. Patricia Herring asked for a timetable on the completion of Center St. and Donna replied it just went out for bid and we are looking at next summer. Mr. Joe John inquired about Hanover St. and why the paving is ending at Broad St. versus paving the entire road to Market St. Donna stated she is not sure why but will look into it and have an answer for next meeting.

Mr. Larry Beck brought to Council's attention that the prohibited truck traffic on Kosciuszko St. is not being obeyed by the trucking companies and a Trucker already took out a light pole. Mr. Ronald Knapp asked if there are signs saying "Local Traffic Only" to let the truckers know not to enter down the street. Donna Wall replied yes and said they are using Kosciuszko St. because the South Valley Parkway is closed. Mr. Knapp asked if WVSA has delivered the signs stating "No Littering" and Donna replied they did not come from WVSA but she has them in her office waiting for the DPW Department to have time to set them up along town.

Old Business

None

New Business

A Motion to approve the August 21, 2019 minutes was made by Mr. Pietrzyk, second Mr. Marcella. Motion carried. Councilor Butczynski abstained.

A Motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$321,729.63 (Payroll \$96,749.49 and Payables \$224,980.14) was made by Mr. Marcella, second by Ms. Butczynski. Motion Carried.

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A Motion to approve the receipt of the funding requirements of the City's 2020 (MMO's) Minimal Municipal Obligation was made by Ms. Butczynski, second Mr. Marcella. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Ms. Julianna Zarzycki expressed her negative feelings about the work being done at the warehouse sites in Hanover Twp. She said it is a major inconvenience because her patio is covered with dirt, she cannot open her windows because of the dirt, and she cannot hang out her laundry. She also stated the workers broke a water pipe and their section of town had dirty water. She asked who is watching over these people to make sure things like that do not happen. Donna stated Nanticoke has nothing to do with this project. Julianna also asked about if our Firemen are covering in Plymouth, who is paying the City back for that time. Vice President Coughlin responded an agreement is currently being negotiated by the City and Plymouth. She had a concern about how our fire trucks will get over our bridge with all the traffic there and a member of our fire company, Chet Prymowicz, stated they will have no issues. There are sensors on the trucks that stop the traffic by turning the lights red so they can get over the bridge. Attorney Finnegan stated an Intergovernmental Government Agreement is being drafted by Plymouth's solicitor which he will look over to make sure all his issues are addressed and resolved, an ordinance will be passed to approve the agreement and 4 Municipalities will have their own sections on what area they will be covering. Mr. Telencho stated a vote was already made for Nanticoke to cover their area. He asked "how with no agreement"? Former Mayor Bushko asked why we are waiting for a draft and why is Nanticoke not involved in preparing the agreement. Attorney Finnegan replied their solicitor will draft the agreement and the he will go through it and raise any questions that he may have and he has a few already. Attorney Finnegan stated the City will not sign the agreement if there are any unresolved issues.

Mr. John Telencho inquired about an ad in the paper to hire Mitchell Trucking to move the bins for \$250.00. He wanted to know why we are wasting more money on these bins. Donna Wall said there was no ad in the paper, Mr. Mitchell heard we needed to move the bins and dropped off a proposal. We have not hired him as of right now Donna replied. Mr. Telencho asked where are the bins being moved to and is it free? Donna said we have 2 options, either Swithers or possibly the old K&M School. Both options are at no cost, Donna replied. Mr. Cardinelli suggested the City to buy a metal shed and install it on the City's property on Lower Broadway and to store the bins there. Mr. Stachowiak asked who from the City signed a lease and Donna

replied no one signed a lease. She explained why we order so many and stated the City ran out the last time we got bins so we ordered more not expecting to have so many left. Mr. Stachowiak asked who authorized the storage of these excess bins and Donna replied the former Mayor. Mr. Larry Beck stated his neighbor was in City Hall to pay a bill and she asked for a bin and a girl told her they had none. Vice President Coughlin asked who said that and he said she did not know who. Mr. Telencho asked for an update on the new sign and Vice President Coughlin asked Mayor Nicole Colatosti-Mackiewicz to respond and she stated the City is waiting for a price on the new pole. Mr. Telencho asked if the public will have input on the design and she stated no. Mayor stated a private developer is paying for the sign so a simple sign has been ordered.

Mr. Mike Stachowiak said he put in a complaint 115 days ago regarding problems in the City with the street reconstruction and has not heard back from anyone on this matter. He had a meeting with the Mayor, Manager, and Engineer and no one has sent him a written response to his complaints. He asked why? Donna Wall stated "didn't we just meet" and Mike responded "not on this matter".

Correspondence-

None

Announcements- Vice President Coughlin made the following announcements:

On September 18, 2019 at 6:30 pm, the City of Nanticoke will hold a public hearing here in Council Chambers to discuss the proposed **2019 CDBG Block Grant**.

Pearl from Berkheimer will be at City Hall in the Council's Chambers on Tues. September 24, 2019 to collect the GNA School taxes from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

South Valley Parkway Detour Information: A recent memorandum authorized Kriger Construction to accelerate construction of the Prospect Street Roundabout on ECMS 9234 - South Valley Parkway project. Kriger Construction will impose a closure of SR 2008 at Prospect Street in Nanticoke, PA beginning on September 3rd, 2019. SR 2008 at Prospect Street and the newly constructed roundabout are expected to be opened on or before October 31st, 2019. The PennDOT approved detour will be in effect for this timeframe. A sketch is attached for your use. During this time period, Prospect Street will be closed to all traffic including emergency vehicles and first responders.

Meeting Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Next Meeting, Wed, Sept 18, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Jennifer W. Polito
City Clerk