



## CITY OF NANTICOKE

### **WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, July 20, 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 via telephone, Lesley Butczynski via telephone, Mike Marcella, Joseph Nalepa, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito, City Manager, Donna Wall and Solicitor, Attorney Finnegan.

#### **WORK SESSION**

**A Motion** to retain Energy Solutions as our Gas and Electric Broker/Supplier. See attached Rate Sheet.

**A Motion** to approve the appointment of Hailstone Economics to provide project management services for the City's HOME First-time Homebuyers Program.

**A Motion** to award the 2020 Sewer and Storm Water Improvements to M&J Excavation, Inc. in the amount of \$229,803.00 (Lowest Bidder). See Attached Bid Sheet.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES**

Mayor Kevin Coughlin submitted the June 2022 Department reports for Council's review and Jennifer Polito has posted the reports on the City's website.

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

- The City received \$1,706.00 in additional ARPA funds due to municipalities that did not apply or qualify for the funds.
- The Land Bank is moving forward and Donna just attended a zoom meeting confirming the formation of the Land Bank will be in October of 2022.
- ISRP Phase II of the Ellis Building, the ESA report was sent to DEP for review. This project is going out to bid in September of 2022.
- The City received a \$300,000 Grant to assist first home buyers purchase a home in the city. A firm will be hired to review applications and work with the banks and applicants. The grant will pay the firm \$13,000 for their services in administrating the grant.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**REGULAR MEETING** Comments from the Public agenda items only.

None

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**A Motion** to approve the **July 6, 2022** minutes was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried unanimously.

**A Motion** to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of **\$254,529.42**, (Payroll(s) \$117,278.91 and Payables \$137,250.51) was made by Councilmember Nalepa seconded by Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried unanimously

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –**

**Ms. Donna Turkas** of 588 East Main Street, Rear, brought up quality of life issues that are going on in the back of her residence facing Loomis Street, specifically garbage and junk at the resident at 41 Loomis Street. Ms. Turkas stated there has been vandalism, illegal burning, excessive yard waste/junk and activities that are disturbing the peace late at night and she feels serious measures need to be taken by the City. The City's Solicitor, Attorney Finnegan, commented by stating the city is actually working on an ordinance for the August meetings to give the Code Officer a host of tools to ticket such matters under a Quality-of-Life Ordinance. President Brown asked Ms. Turkas how the lighting is on her property and she stated it is dark but she has asked her landlord to add additional lighting. President Brown asked if she is the only target and Ms. Turkas stated no, the whole block is being targeted by one group but we are unable to catch them in their acts.

**Correspondence-**

None

**Announcements-**

None

**Councilmember Comments-**

**Vice President Telencho** was pleased with Chief Roke and responding Police Officers who handled last Thursday's situation.

**Councilmember Butczynski** had no additional comments.

**Councilmember Marcella** had no additional comments.

**Councilmember Nalepa** had no additional comments.

**President Brown** commented on the dangerous situation that the City's Police Department handled very well last Thursday.

**Meeting Adjournment-**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.**

**Next Meeting, Wed, August 3, 2022, at 7:00 pm**

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**City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito**