



CITY OF NANTICOKE

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 4, 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, Lesley Butczynski, Mike Marcella, Joseph Nalepa, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito and Solicitor, Attorney Finnegan.

Excused: City Manager, Donna Wall.

WORK SESSION

A Motion to approve RLE as the lowest bidder for the Field Street Sewer Relocation Project in the amount of \$58,125.00.. (Bid Sheet Attached)

A Motion to approve M&J Excavating as the lowest bidder (Bid Sheet Attached) for the below CDBG projects.

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2020 Oak St. Improvements: \$81,075.00

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ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

Mayor Kevin Coughlin executed Executive Order # 15 of 2022, appointing Mark Bufalino, Esquire as Labor Council for the City to provide legal advice and representation on labor matters in order to support the effective administration of labor functions of the City of Nanticoke.

A Motion was made by Councilmember Butczynski seconded by Councilmember Telencho to adjourn the work session.

Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public agenda items only.

None

Old Business

A Motion to untable the sale of property at 150-174 W. Church Street, Nanticoke, Luzerne County PA, 18634 in the amount of \$10,000 was made by Councilmember Nalepa seconded by Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve the sale of property at 150-174 W. Church Street, Nanticoke, Luzerne County PA, 18634 in the amount of \$10,000 was made by Councilmember Butczynski seconded by Councilmember Nalepa.

Motion carried 3 Yays – 2 Nays.

President Brown commented that he approved this sale of property because the city has owned it since 2004 with no one interested in buying it and the city's DPW department must maintain the property; so, he feels it is time to let it go and move on.

New Business

A Motion to approve the **April 20, 2022** minutes was made by Councilmember Telencho seconded by Councilmember Marcella.

Motion carried 4-1, President Brown abstained.

A Motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of **\$585,993.69**, (Payroll(s) \$105,931.82 and Payables \$480,061.87) was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried unanimously.

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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Hank Marks of Loomis Street made Council aware that his Taxpayer's Association will be paying close attention to candidates that solicit votes at the Federally Funded housing units in Nanticoke. Mr. Marks would not name the individual that solicited votes at the housing units in the last election but he did say this will not be tolerated in the upcoming elections. Mr. Marks stated that voting at a Federally Funded Housing unit is prohibited by Federal law and anyone violating this law will be turned into the Feds.

Correspondence-

Donation letter to the Nanticoke Fire Department from Mercy Special Care Hospital Auxiliary. (See attached letter).

Announcements-

The 50th Anniversary of Hurricane Agnes is in June. The National Weather Service in collaboration with the Silver Jackets interagency flood risk management team is producing a commemorative website for the 50th Anniversary.

Please share any photos or stories you may have at ctp.stormreports@noaa.gov by May 15, 2022.

Councilmember Comments-

Vice President Telencho provided Council and residents with updates from the Nanticoke Municipal Authority. Vice President Telencho provided City Clerk, Jennifer Polito, with a Synopsis that is attached to these minutes.

Councilmember Butczynski had no further comments.

Councilmember Marcella stated that PA American Water announced a rate hike for city residents and suggested that residents should voice their opinion by sending a letter opposing the rate hike to the PUC.

Councilmember Nalepa commended Chief Boncal and the Fire Department for a job well done at the fire over the weekend.

President Brown had no further comments.

Meeting Adjournment-

Councilmember Butczynski made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Telencho, roll call.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Next Meeting, Wed, May 18, 2022, at 7:00 pm

City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito



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April 18, 2022

Via Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested

Nanticoke City Fire Department

2 E. Ridge Street

Nanticoke, PA 18634

RE: Donation from Mercy Special Care Hospital Auxiliary
a/k/a Nanticoke Hospital Auxiliary

Dear Nanticoke City Fire Department:

Enclosed is check #2090 in the amount of \$10,866.00, representing a donation made from the Mercy Special Care Hospital Auxiliary, a/k/a the Nanticoke Hospital Auxiliary (the "Auxiliary").

Since 1940, the Auxiliary was a presence in the Nanticoke community. From the hospitality shop and luncheonette, to the numerous luncheons and dinner dances, the Auxiliary raised funds to help the patients and to purchase medical equipment and other equipment for the former hospital.

The decision has been taken to dissolve the Auxiliary given that the hospital closed some time ago. Consistent with the dissolution of the Auxiliary, the Board of the Auxiliary has decided to donate the remaining funds of the Auxiliary to various charitable organizations in the community, including yours.

Please accept this check on behalf of the Auxiliary, with hopes it will provide your organization support, and ultimately provide support to the Greater Nanticoke Area.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John K. Lisman'.

**John K. Lisman, Esquire
Hoegen & Associates, P.C.**

cc: Client

Synopsis

New Horizons Development Corporation (NHDC) intends to construct a new mixed-use senior housing community in the City of Nanticoke. NHDC is a Nanticoke-based, 501(c)(3) organization whose primary goal is to develop affordable housing in Luzerne County. Located in the 100 block of East Main Street, Nantego Senior Apartments will house 44 units of senior housing on the upper three floors of a newly constructed five story building. The ground floor of the building will commercial space as well as a transit hub for the Luzerne County Transportation Authority. There will be a parking deck on the 2nd floor of this building that will be constructed as a part of a Downtown Nanticoke revitalization project.

The Primary Market Area for the development is Nanticoke City and the surrounding communities. It is NHDC's plan, with the City's support, to re-develop ten properties on the east side of East Main Street into one building that has 44 apartments for seniors including 41, 1-bedroom and 3, 2-bedroom units. Residency at Nantego Senior Apartments will include exclusive membership that will allow tenants to utilize exercise equipment and sign up for classes such as aerobics, yoga, and circuit training. Nantego is also located within close proximity to all retail and community services and will complement and enhance the character of this downtown district.

NHDC is the Sponsor/Developer for the development and will act as the management agent and provide supportive services to the residents. Services will be provided on-site to the residents of the development free of charge at least 8 hours per week. UpStreet Architects, Dermot F. Kennedy, Esquire, and United Neighborhood Community Development Corporation comprise the remainder of the development team.

The 80,700 sq. ft. property will be designed into apartments ranging from an average of 800 sq. ft. for the 1-bedroom units and 875 sq. ft. for the 2-bedroom units. Six units will be wheelchair accessible and all will be adaptable and visitable.