



CITY OF NANTICOKE

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

The City held the 2023 Budget Hearing at 6:30 pm prior to the Council Meeting.

Call to Order: Vice President of Council, John Telencho

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito

Mayor Kevin Coughlin swore in Kevin Kopco as a Full Time Firefighter for the city.

ROLL CALL:

The following were present: Council Members, William Brown via telephone, John Telencho, Lesley Butczynski, Mike Marcella, Joseph Nalepa via telephone, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito, City Manager, Donna Wall and Solicitor, Attorney Finnegan.

WORK SESSION

A Motion to approve Ordinance #8 of 2022, Second Reading, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke amending Chapter 485-56(A) of the City of Nanticoke Code of Ordinances to add an additional designated residential permit parking area in the City of Nanticoke on North Walnut Street from Arch Street up to and including 23 North Walnut Street.

A Motion to approve Ordinance #9 of 2022, First Reading, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke directing the Tax Collector for the City of Nanticoke to implement the provisions of Act 57 of 2022 for the tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

A Motion to approve Ordinance #10 of 2022, First Reading, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, approving the Budget of the City of Nanticoke for 2023.

A Motion to approve Ordinance #11 of 2022, First Reading, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, establishing a Millage Rate of Taxation for 2023.

A Motion to approve Resolution #20 of 2022, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke, County of Luzerne, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, appointing Donna Wall as a member of the Lower South Valley Land Bank Board of Directors.

A Motion to approve Resolution #21 of 2022, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke approving revisions to FY 2020 Community Development Block Grant Contract.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

Mayor Kevin Coughlin has submitted the October 2022 Department Reports for Council's review and Jennifer Polito has posted them on the City's website at www.nanticokecity.com.

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

- The demolition of the Bowlarama is scheduled to begin on November 28, 2022. The contractor has started to bring in some equipment and the fencing will be put up this week.
- The Field Street ramp project is extended until the March of 2023 when winter ends.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public agenda items only.

None

Old Business

A Motion to approve the tabled minutes from the **October 19, 2022** Council Meeting was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Telencho.

Motion carried 3 – 0. Councilmember Butczynski and Councilmember Nalepa abstained.

New Business

A Motion to approve the **November 2, 2022** minutes was made by Councilmember Butczynski seconded by Councilmember Marcella.

Motion carried 4 - 0. Councilmember Brown abstained.

A Motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of **\$446,562.22**, (Payroll(s) \$118,079.26 and Payables \$328,482.96) was made by Councilmember Butczynski seconded by Councilmember Nalepa.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried 3-2.

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Motion carried 3-2.

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Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve Resolution #21 of 2022, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke approving revisions to FY 2020 Community Development Block Grant Contract was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Larry Beck of E. Green Street asked when is the DPW Department coming back to patch a large pot hole at the end of Green and chestnut Streets. Mr. Beck said he spoke to the Foreman, Rick Josefowicz, when he was there filling the pot hole and Rick said they would be back next week to patch it and it has been weeks.

Mr. Beck also requested that the DPW Department plow his alley when there is a large snowfall. City Manager Donna Wall stated they do the alleys after all the road in town are clear and this could take a couple of days after a storm. Mr. Beck asked why other municipalities plow their alley but Nanticoke does not. City Manager, Donna Wall replied she will talk to Rick and the Mayor about this issue. Councilmember Butczynski asked Donna if the City's ordinance states the alleys must be plowed and Donna replied no.

Correspondence-

Thank you letter to Council from John and Margaret Sokoloski for the paving completed on Lincoln Ave from Middle Road to Hanover Street read by City Clerk, Jennifer Polito.

Letter of Resignation submitted by Kylie Taussenfreundt effective Friday November 25, 2022 read by City Clerk, Jennifer Polito.

A Motion to accept the resignation of Kylie Taussenfreundt as a Nanticoke City Police Officer effective Friday November 25, 2022 was made by Councilmember Butczynski seconded by Councilmember Marcella.

Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements-

The City of Nanticoke's Annual Christmas Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 2:00 pm at the Patriot Park. Santa Claus will arrive on a Fire Truck where he will greet the children and give them a gift. Free Cookies and Hot Chocolate will be served. More details on the City's Facebook page to follow soon.

City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th in observance of Thanksgiving. We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

Councilmember Comments-

Vice President Telencho thanked Officer Taussenfreundt for her services and congratulated Kevin Kopco on his hiring as a firefighter for the city and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Marcella thanked Officer Taussenfreundt for her services and congratulated Kevin Kopco on his hiring as a firefighter for the city and wished him a safe career.

Councilmember Butczynski thanked Officer Taussenfreundt for her services and congratulated Kevin Kopco on his hiring as a firefighter for the city and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Nalepa thanked Officer Taussenfreundt for her services and congratulated Kevin Kopco on his hiring as a firefighter for the city and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

President Brown thanked Officer Taussenfreundt for her services and congratulated Kevin Kopco on his hiring as a firefighter, wished him a long career with the city and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Meeting Adjournment-

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Next Meeting, Wed, Dec 7, 2022, at 7:00 pm

City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito