

CITY OF NANTICOKE



WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Virtual Work Session/Council Meeting Via Teleconference

Call to Order: Vice President of Council, John Telencho

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito

ROLL CALL:

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

Excused: Council Member William Brown.

WORK SESSION

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

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

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

Mayor Kevin Coughlin executed **Executive Order # 14 of 2022**, the hiring of **Jennifer L. Wardecki**, as a full-time employee of the City's Code Department under the terms of the White-Collar Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Nanticoke and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 401.

Donna Wall updated Council on the following:

- CDBG Audits for years 2015 through 2019 have been completed with no findings.
- Earth Day is April 22, 2022 and the Conservation Club is holding a spring clean-up at Concrete City.
- Lower South Valley Land Bank is progressing and an intergovernmental agreement in the process of being completed.
- Bids for the CDBG projects were opened for E. Washington Streets and South Street and the City's Engineers are reviewing the results of the bids.

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.

Mr. Hank Marks asked about the new full-time hire, Jennifer Wardecki, in the code office. He wanted to know if she was an addition to the two that are already employed by the City and Councilmember Marcella replied No, she started as a part-time employee and now will be a full-time employee.

Old Business

None

New Business

A Motion to approve the April 6, 2022 minutes was made by Councilmember Nalepa seconded by Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$388,157.60, (Payroll(s) \$105,656.29 and Payables \$282,501.31) was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to table 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 unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Larry Beck of E. Green Street stated the DPW department did a good job filling in the pot holes in his alley but all the rain we had recently has opened them up again Mr. Beck asked if there is any way the city could pave the alley. Donna stated the COG may be able to pave it but it will have to wait until next year since the City's list of streets for 2022 has already been submitted. DPW Foreman, Rick Josefowicz, replied he will add it to the 2023 list of paving projects to be completed by the COG and the DPW department will be out to refill the holes.

Mr. Hank Marks of Loomis Street asked for more details on the settled Police Contract. He stated they got 3% for the first year but asked what did they get for the remaining years? City Manager, Donna Wall, replied that the Police got 3% for each of the three years of the contract. Mr. Marks asked if there were any changes for new hires to save the city money, and City Manager, Donna Wall stated that Post Retirement Health Care is not allowed for new hires.

Correspondence-

None

Announcements-

The City of Nanticoke's City-wide Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2022 with a rain date of Sunday, May 1, 2022. Any resident who wishes to participate and wants to be added to the City's list, please call 570-735-2800 ext. 101 by Wednesday, April, 27, 2022. This list will be handed out in the Patriot Park on the morning of the event and posted on our Facebook Page. Vice President Telencho asked what time will someone be in the park to hand out the Street list and Donna Wall stated 8 am.

Councilmember Comments-

Vice President Telencho had no further comments.

Councilmember Butczynski thanked former Police Officer who passed away, Billy Jared, for his years of service.

Councilmember Marcella had no further comments.

Councilmember Nalepa had no further comments.

Meeting Adjournment-

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Next Meeting, Wed, May 4, 2022, at 7:00 pm

City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito