

NANTICOKE CITY



WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 1, 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, John Pietrzyk, Cameron Cox, Solicitor, Attorney William Finnegan, Interim City Manager, Donna Wall and Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer Polito. Councilor William Brown was excused.

WORK SESSION-

None

Administrative Updates-

Donna Wall had the following updates:

- ✚ Main Street and Market Street have been milled and paved.
- ✚ The Bridge into West Nanticoke is now open after the County performed their inspection.
- ✚ WVSA is holding a storm water workshop at the East Mountain Quality Inn in Plains Twp. from 11am to 7 pm for anyone who wants to attend.

A Motion was made by Mr. Pietrzyk, second by Ms. Butczynski to adjourn the work session. Work session adjourned.

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public agenda items only.

None

Old Business

The Mayor and City Manager have requested a meeting with the engineers to discuss the issues that Mr. Stachowiak brought to Council's attention last meeting regarding the problems with the road repairs and ADA ramps in town. Once they have their meeting we will provide you with more information regarding this issue.

New Business

A Motion to approve the April 17, 2019 meeting minutes was made Mr. Pietrzyk, second Mr. Cox. Ms. Butczynski abstained. Motion carried.

A Motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$365,540.87 (Payroll \$ 93,725.36 and Payables \$ 271,815.51) was made by Ms. Butczynski, second by Mr. Cox. Motion carried.

A Motion to accept the resignation of Councilor Cameron Cox was made Ms. Butczynski, second Mr. Pietrzyk. Mr. Cox abstained. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Ms. Karen Metta wanted to thank the City for having Main Street paved. She also stated she is very disturbed about the recent articles in the Citizens Voice attacking the past Mayor and the Administration. She said going on the attack is not the best way to deal with situations and get things in the City done. She said it is time to sit back and let the younger generation run the City, these are our children and we raised them and they are good people. She also mentioned that she takes offense to people who attack the Unions, she is part of a Union and she said Unions are good, they are necessary to protect a workers rights.

Mr. Mike Marcella wanted to know what is going on with the old Hospital. He is hearing a drug rehab facility may go there. Donna Wall stated that is not true. Mike stated a lot of work is being done to the building. Then Donna commented Pro Health was interested in going there but that did not happen and talk of an Urgent Care is going there.

Mr. Mike Stachowiak inquired about the storm water bills and wanted to know the total amount for the year that they will cost the City. He asked if anyone has looked them over and compared them to the colored map provided by WVSA to make sure they are correct. He stated residents are finding many errors in their bills. He wants to make sure the City is not being over charged since it is the resident's money paying the bills. Attorney Finnegan stated Donna and her staff have been looking into all the bills received to make sure they are correct. Jennifer Polito stated she does not know the total in her head, she would have to get back to him with the amount. Donna Wall stated we do not have the total as of yet, we are in the process of looking into each bill and making sure they are accurate. Donna stated we have an employee inspecting each bill, looking on the GIS system and going to the property to make sure they are accurate. Donna stated we have found some discrepancies and are disputing a few of the bills. Donna stated a spreadsheet is being prepared and once we have completed it, a total and copy will be provided for the public to review. Mr. Stachowiak asked if we are comparing them to the colored map and Donna said no. She asked where the residents are getting these maps and Mike replied from WVSA. Mike said do not rely on the aerial maps because they are not accurate. Mr. John Telencho added that at the MA meeting they said their total is \$3,710.00 for the year. Donna stated that she does not think that is accurate since they still have some bills here that are theirs.

Correspondence-

None

Announcements-

The Nanticoke City tax bills are now due in their face amounts by June 30, 2019. Pearl from Berkheimer will be back on June 27 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm for the final Nanticoke City collections for the year.

The Citywide Yard Sale has been scheduled for Saturday May 18, 2019 (rain date Sunday May 19, 2019). If you are interested in having your name and home address added to our list, please call City Hall between 8:30 am & 4:30 pm Monday through Friday at 570-735-2800 ext. 101, and Patty will add you to the list.

Meeting Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Next Meeting, Wed, May 15, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Jennifer W. Polito
City Clerk