



CITY OF NANTICOKE

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

Work Session/Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Call to Order: President of Council, William Brown

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito

This Council Meeting was held at the Honey Pot Club. President Brown stated that the idea of having the Council meetings throughout the town was Mayor Coughlin's after he took office but it was never followed through due to the Pandemic. President Brown thanked Honey Pot for having us.

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

Excused: Council Member, Lesley Butczynski.

WORK SESSION-

None

Administrative Updates-

Donna Wall updated Council and residents on the following:

- The 2022 Liquid Fuels allocation is \$283,013.00.
- The ADA bathroom renovations at City Hall have begun. The renovations are financed through the 2019 CDBG grant funds.
- The City is holding a Trick or Trunk on Saturday, October 30, 2021 at 1:00 pm. Anyone wishing to participate can set up at 12:00 pm in the Patriot Park.

A Motion was made by Councilmember Nalepa seconded by Councilmember Telencho to adjourn the work session. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public agenda items only.

No Comments

Old Business

President Brown wanted to inform the residents that the complaint that Mr. Larry Beck brought to Council's attention at the last meeting was relayed to J.P. Mascaro. President Brown stated he personally spoke to Joyce and she informed him that the few employees that were not doing

their jobs properly have been let go and Mascaro's has hired new employees. President Brown asked residents who are experiencing any further issues to please call Patty at City Hall.

New Business

A Motion to approve the September 16, 2021 minutes was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Nalepa.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$929,746.91, (Payroll(s) \$102,922.65 and Payables \$826,824.26) was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Telencho.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mrs. Donna Wolfe of S. Hanover Street stated the repairs to her property were not done but others were done. Interim City Manager, Donna Wall said their lawn was done but their sidewalk will not be repaired until Spring of 2022 when the contractor is back in town. The Wolfe's insisted that the lawn was not repaired and DPW Foreman, Rick Josefowicz stated it was, his guys did it. Rick stated he will go and look at the property tomorrow.

Ms. Barbara Hermanofski of 413 Garfield Street informed Council that Honey Pot is having many issues with vehicles speeding and not stopping at stop signs. Ms. Hermanofski asked people to slow down but they cursed her out and will sit in front of her home and rev their engines. She stated there are many blind hills in that area of town and she is very concerned that someone is going to get seriously injured or even a deadly accident. Ms. Hermanofski requested that the city place the speeding alert sign back in that area because it did seem to slow traffic down. Chief Mike Roke stated he would move the sign over to Honey Pot and have his Officers patrol in Honey Pot to try to control these issues. President Brown stated that he, the Mayor and Chief Roke will discuss this issue and try to come up with a solution to help solve the speeding issues.

Mr. Ron Knapp of W. Noble Street, submitted a letter for Council to consider the idea of the construction of an Incinerator Plant to burn waste and create energy from refuse. President Brown thanked Mr. Knapp for his comments and stated that Nanticoke does not have enough open land to complete a project of that size.

Mr. Hank Marks of Loomis Street, stated he has been a member of the Taxpayer Association for over 22 years and Nanticoke has had 3 large tax increases since 2014 and the people are not happy. Mr. Marks stated he is always looking out for the people of Nanticoke.

Correspondence-

None

Announcements-

City Hall will be closed on Monday, October 11, 2021 for the observance of Columbus Day.

Mark your calendars for October 23!

State Rep. Gerald Mullery is holding a second free document shredding event this year. They will be at Crestwood High School in Mountain Top. Safely dispose of your old documents and keep your personal information safe.

The City of Nanticoke's **2022 Budget** will be up for public inspection at 9:00 am on Friday, October 29, 2021 in the Council Chambers at 15 E. Ridge Street, Nanticoke.

The October 20, 2021, Nanticoke City Council Meeting, will be held at:

Hanover Hose Company #4

Espy Street

Hanover Section of Nanticoke

Friday, October 29, 2021 in the Council Chambers at 15 E. Ridge Street, Nanticoke.

Councilmember Comments-

Vice President Telencho stated the Villa has been demolished and the trenches will begin.

Councilmember Marcella thanked Honey Pot for letting us hold our meeting in their building.

Councilmember Nalepa stated the Honey Pot Fire Department needs new members. He also commented that the Refuse Fee had increased in 2019 from \$220 to \$258 and there were no other increases in refuse since 2010. He thinks the city is doing very good.

President Brown also commented on the refuse fees and stated in 2003 the fee was \$178 and in 2021 the fee is \$258 and with the cost of everything going up over the years, we did our best to hold back on raising the Refuse Fees. President Brown thanked Honey Pot and stated Council hopes to be back again soon.

Meeting Adjournment-

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next Meeting, Wed, Oct 20, 2021 @ 7:00 pm.

City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito