



CITY OF NANTICOKE

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 3, 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

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

WORK SESSION-

A Motion to approve **Resolution # 22 of 2021**, a resolution of City Council for the City of Nanticoke authorizing the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for funding through the CDBG Grant Program.

A motion to authorize the City to go out for an RFP (Request for Proposal) for general city engineering.

Administrative Updates-

Mayor Kevin Coughlin has executed the following Executive Orders: **(For informational purposes only.)**

Executive Order # 21 of 2021, The hiring of **Kevin Makowski**, as a full-time employee of the City's DPW Street Department, effective Oct. 4, 2021, under the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Nanticoke and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 401.

Executive order # 22 of 2021, The hiring of **Kylie Tausendfreundt**, as a full-time Nanticoke City Police Officer, effective Nov. 8, 2021, under the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 36, City of Nanticoke Police Officer's Association.

Executive order # 23 of 2021, The hiring of **Anthony Waitkus**, as a full-time Nanticoke City Police Officer, effective Nov. 8, 2021, under the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 36, City of Nanticoke Police Officer's Association.

Donna Wall updated Council and residents on the following:

- UGI is in town replacing the electric to the poles.
- There was a site inspection at the Ellis Building on Washington Street and Donna asked Fire Chief Mark Boncal to comment on the inspection. Chief Boncal stated a drone was sent it and the inspectors deem the building structurally unsafe. Parts of the building

were falling down as the drone was in the building. The floors are spongy and more of the ceiling has fallen down. The Inspector advises that the asbestos testing should be done in stages as it is demolished.

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.

No comments from the public.

Old Business

None

New Business

A Motion to approve the October 20, 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 \$289,584.96, (Payroll(s) \$102,434.34 and Payables \$187,150.62) was made by Councilmember Nalepa seconded by Councilmember Telencho.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve **Resolution # 22 of 2021**, a resolution of City Council for the City of Nanticoke authorizing the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for funding through the CDBG Grant Program was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to authorize the City to go out for an RFP (Request for Proposal) for general city engineering was made by Councilmember Butczynski seconded by Councilmember Marcella.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mrs. Julianna Zarzycki of 71 Seneca Drive, worked the polls at the high rise behind the post office and she asked Council who is in charge over there because she was talking to a resident who stated the heat was not working and no one has fixed it. She also asked if they do any social gatherings for the residents and the resident replied no. Mrs. Zarzycki also stated the building was dirty with dead fruit flies in the windows.

President Brown replied that Ryan Verazin of the Housing Authority is the person in charge and he asked Interim City Manager, Donna Wall, to please call Mr. Verazin regarding Julianna's concerns. Donna Wall replied during the pandemic the gatherings were cancelled and the Housing Authority does have a maintenance staff.

Mr. Carl Karge of 210 W. Church Street, stated Donna Wall has been helping him with the parking issues on his street and stated the alley between Fairchild St. and Main St. is in very poor condition. He had a rock come up and scratch the new rims on his mustang. He is asking if this alley can be paved. DPW Foreman, Rick Josefowicz stated for now he will patch it

temporarily and the city can incorporate the paving of the alley with the sewer project in the Spring of 2022.

Mr. Ron Knapp of 213 W. Noble Street stated it was a good challenge running against President Brown and Councilmember Joseph Nalepa and Ron stated he learned a lot. Mr. Knapp also stated he was impressed with how quickly the candidates removed their signs in town.

President Brown thanked Mr. Knapp for his comments.

Mrs. Karen Metta of 252 Middle Rd stated that she and many other residents were happy with the election results and feel much better knowing that the Police and Fire Departments will not be defunded and will remain as full-time services provided to the residents of Nanticoke.

Mr. Hank Marks of Loomis St., stated that now the election is over, he hopes things get better in town.

Correspondence-

None

Announcements-

The 2022 Budget Hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 6:30 pm. (Prior to the Council Meeting)

The City of Nanticoke will be closed on Thursday, November 11, 2021 in observance of Veteran's Day.

We thank all of you who have served in the U.S. Military.

Councilmember Comments-

Vice President Telencho welcomed the new hires and congratulated Kevin, Bill and Joe on their victory.

Councilmember Butczynski also welcomed the new hires and congratulated Kevin, Bill and Joe on their victory.

Councilmember Marcella congratulated Kevin, Bill and Joe on their victory and stated he is looking forward to meeting the new Police Officers at the next meeting.

Councilmember Nalepa thanked all the voters who came out and voted.

President Brown also thanked all the voters who came out and voted and stated we all worked hard.

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, Nov. 17, 2021 @ 7:00 pm.

City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito