



CITY OF NANTICOKE

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Call to Order: President, William Brown

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito

On September 26, 2023, City Council Members held an Executive Session with the City's Legal Council to discuss a Personnel Matter.

ROLL CALL:

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

Excused: City Manager, Donna Wall.

WORK SESSION

A Motion to approve **Ordinance #6 of 2023 (Second Reading)**, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke amending the Zoning Map of the City of Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania in the area generally South of Noble Street, East of Maple Street, North of Washington Street and West of South Chestnut Street, as more particularly described on the amended zoning map attaches as Exhibit "A" and amending the Zoning Ordinance to amend the Residential uses to add multifamily dwellings, including Garden Apartments and Single-family attached dwellings; amending dimensional regulations for minimum front yard, minimum rear yard, minimum side yard, and maximum lot coverage; reducing the requirements for Garden Apartments, single structure with multifamily dwellings and townhouses in the C-1 Zoning District; reducing off street parking requirements for multifamily dwellings, including Garden Apartments, to one and one-half spaces for each dwelling unit.

A Motion to approve **Resolution #16 of 2023**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke authorizing the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for Funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program as authorized under the Housing and Community Development Act [42 USC 5301 and 24 CFR Part 570] ,and further certifying compliance with the requirements of said program.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

Mayor Kevin Coughlin has submitted the **September 2023 Department Reports** for Council's review and Jennifer Polito has posted them on the City's website at www.nanticokecity.com.

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.

None

Old Business

None

New Business

A Motion to approve the **October 4, 2023** minutes was made by Councilmember Nalepa seconded by Councilmember Butczynski. Motion carried 4-0. President Brown abstained.

A Motion to approve the payment of the bills in the total amount of **\$686,138.63**; (Payroll (s)) \$126,269.04 (Accounts Payable) \$559,869.59 was made by Councilmember Butczynski seconded by Councilmember Marcella. Motion carried unanimously.

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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mayor Kevin Coughlin commented on the Crime Watch meeting held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 by stating the meeting went very well. Mayor Coughlin stated there was a good attendance and the attendees were very receptive to forming a Crime Watch Committee. Another meeting will be scheduled soon, so please refer to our Facebook page and website (www.nanticokecity.com) for updates.

Correspondence-

None

Announcements-

The City of Nanticoke will be hosting a **Trunk or Treat and Halloween Parade** at Patriot Park on Saturday, October 28, 2022 at 1:00 PM. Food Trucks and Trunk or Treat participants can set up at 12:00 PM. Children can line up at CITY HALL, beginning at 12:30, to parade to Patriot Park. Prizes will be awarded. Individuals or Businesses who would like sign up to decorate your trunk please call Pat 570-735-2800.

The City of Nanticoke's **2024 Proposed Budget** will be posted for Public Inspection in the Council Chambers at 15 E. Ridge St. and on the City's website at www.nanticokecity.com on Tuesday, October 31, 2023. The **2024 Budget Hearing** will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 6:30 pm. (Prior to the Council Meeting)

Councilmember Comments-

Councilmember Nalepa commented on the current Refuse Fee by stating that this fee has not gone up during the past 3-yr contract and the City incurred the cost of the two 1-yr extensions which has drained the Refuse Fund's cash balance.

Councilmember Butczynski had no further comments.

Councilmember Marcella stated he would like to see the something done with the proposed Refuse Fee that would lower the cost for the Senior Citizens. He would like to have a discussion on this matter before approving the contract.

Vice President Telencho had no further comments.

President Brown 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 7:21 pm.

Next Meeting, Wed, Nov. 1, 2023 at 7:00 pm

City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito