

## NANTICOKE CITY



### WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2019

Nanticoke City Hall 7:00 PM

Call to Order: President of Council, William Brown

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Interim City Manager, Donna Wall

The following were present: Councilors, William Brown, Kevin Coughlin, Lesley Butczynski, Mike Marcella, John Pietrzyk, Interim City Manager, Donna Wall, and Solicitor, Attorney William Finnegan.

The following were excused: Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer Polito.

#### **WORK SESSION-**

There was an Executive Session for personnel issues prior to work session.

#### **Administrative Updates-**

**Mayor Nicole Colatosti-Mackiewicz** has included her August 2019 monthly department reports. The reports are included in Council's packets, posted on the back board in Council Chambers and on the website.

**Donna Wall** updated the residents and Council on the following matters:

- The South Valley and the Prospect Street roundabout will be completed from 90 days from start of the project.
- Field Street paving is completed.

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

#### **REGULAR MEETING** Comments from the Public agenda items only.

None

#### **Old Business**

Mr. John Telencho questioned old business in regard to the recycling cans and status of Plymouth Fire Dept. Donna Wall stated Council Vice-President Kevin Coughlin called Nanticoke Superintendent Ron Grevera to ask if we could move the remaining recycling bins to KM Smith and store them free of charge and he agreed. They all were moved at once. Attorney Finnegan stated that we are not in receipt of any agreement from Plymouth Township as of today.

Mr. Hank Marks stated that all Plymouth was looking for was \$35,000 for their Fire Department.

#### **New Business**

**A Motion** to approve the September 4, 2019 minutes was made by Mr. Pietrzyk, second Mr. Marcella. Motion carried. Councilor Butczynski abstained.

**A Motion** to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$455,807.48 (Payroll \$137,100.53 and Payables \$318,706.95) was made by Mr. Marcella, second by Ms. Butczynski. Motion Carried.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mr. John Telencho questioned the COG paving equipment sitting near Field Street until paving was completed and are we paying a rental fee while it is not being used. Donna Wall stated that the equipment is owned by the COG, which we are a member and we are not paying a rental on our equipment.

Mr. Ronald Knapp asked if there would be a dedication for the new sign. Councilman Brown stated he did not know at this point. Mr. Joe John stated that Mayor Mackiewicz showed him the sign after a council meeting and that it was in very good taste.

Mr. Ronald Knapp suggested that City Council purchase a flat screen with Bluetooth for Council chambers in order for pictures of properties and other things be shown. Council President William Brown stated it would be looked into. Mr. Knapp also questioned Council's salaries and time and attendance. Council President William Brown stated it is \$2000.00 per year and \$50 per meeting attended and explained the Council's salary is a lot more than just coming to meetings. Mr. John Bushko stated that he can vouch for the time council puts in and just the phone calls that each one receives each week is time consuming.

Mr. Hank Marks questioned the budget and stated that 90% of the budget goes for salaries and very little is left for improvements to the city. He stated Pittston's budget is only 40% salaries.

### **Correspondence-**

None

### **Announcements-**

**Pearl from Berkheimer** will be at City Hall in the Council's Chambers on Tues. September 24, 2019 to collect the GNA School taxes from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

### **Meeting Adjournment-**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.**

**Next Meeting, Wed, Oct 2, 2019 at 7:00 PM**

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**Donna Wall**  
**Interim City Manager**