



NANTICOKE CITY
WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL

7:00PM Wednesday, June 21, 2017

Call to Order: Vice President, Kevin Coughlin

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: City Clerk, Mary Cheshinski

The following were present: Councilors, Kevin Coughlin, John Pietrzyk, Lesley Butczynski, Nicole Mackiewicz, City Clerk, Mary Cheshinski, Interim City Manager Donna Wall, Finance Director, Jennifer Polito, and Solicitor William Finnegan
Excused, William Brown

WORK SESSION-

Discussion of Council Action

Motion to approve the revision to the 2012 CDBG Grant to New Pine Street street improvements.

Motion to approve the modification of the 2014 CDBG grant to street improvements to West Church Street

Proposed Resolution #7, 2017, the annual Fair Housing Resolution

Proposed Resolution #8, 2017 approving a plan of financing of the General Municipal Authority to undertake a project for the Luzerne County Community College

Solicitor William Finnegan explained the only way LCCC can get this grant is to go thru an Authority. And they need City Council approval first to do so. He added proposed Ordinance #8, for the Drug Task has been in existence with the Attorney General's Office. The District Attorney Office is taking over the task force. The necessity to adopt a new Ordinance. Thirty Municipalities are involved with this new Drug Task Force. Lesley Butczynski questioned what Officer would represent the City. Police Chief Tom Wall replied Officer Joseph Guydosh. There will be no need to hire anyone else and no commitment to a certain amount of hours.

Proposed (Ordinance #8, 2017) authorizing entry into a Municipal Cooperation Agreement between the City and the County Drug Task Force, DA's office and all participating County municipalities relative to a Cooperative Drug Task Force Program setting forth liability, termination of the agreement, overtime provisions, asset forfeiture provisions, financial funding and all other actions deemed necessary to address the scope of services.

Administration Updates

Donna Wall announced the Mayor was called to his employment and could not attend tonight's meeting. Mrs. Wall informed residents the Street Scape preliminary design phase with Pen Dot is being reviewed.

Mr. Pietrzyk made the motion to adjourn, second by Ms. Butczynski, all in favor.

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public agenda items only.

John Telencho questioned if property from drug busts, thru this task force, can go to City assets. Such as property of absentee Landlords if a tenant is involved. Solicitor

Finnegan stated there is a Landlord Ordinance that addresses some of that. He stated the he has seen property taken in these cases.

OLD BUSINESS (none)
NEW BUSINESS

A motion to approve the June 7, 2017 meeting minutes was made by Ms. Butczynski second by Mrs. Mackiewicz. Motion carried.

Mr. Pietrzyk made a motion, second by Ms. Butczynski pay bills in the amount of \$314,839.52 (Payables \$193,854.32) (Payroll \$120,985.20) Motion carried.

Mrs. Mackiewicz made the motion, second by Ms. Butczynski to approve the revision to the CDBG 2012 grant project area to New Pine Street for street improvements. Motion carried.

Mr. Pietrzyk made the motion, second by, Ms. Butczynski to approve the modification for the CDBG 2014 Grant to undertake street improvements, a new activity for Street improvements for West Church Street from Hanover Street to Main Street which meets the LMI National Objective.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Hank Marks asked when the Street Scape is going to start. How much money is left of the 7 million? Donna Wall replied 5.6 million. Marks added it will be less by the time this is dragged out. Prices on everything will go up. Pen Dot is dragging this out. Donna added that the original design from years ago was never approved. It isn't the way they want it to go. The original Pasonick Engineer design was sidewalks, paving and lighting, that's all. We want more. Who asked? John Yudichak? Mr. Marks questioned. Paul Kanjorski got the money for the City, This is ridiculous to be dragged out for so many years.

John Telencho stated there are many abandoned properties. Bartuska's, (Main Street) was emptied and now a new flea market is set up there. What's going on? Donna Wall replied there are no offers to property owners on Main Street. We aren't near that phase of the downtown. From the recent meeting with Pen Dot it seems we won't see much until 2020 downtown.

Mr. Telencho questioned if the City has a list of blighted properties. Are we collecting any money? Donna Wall answered, yes. The Code Office has sent out postcard billings. A lot of properties fell under the radar, we now have picked that up and money is coming in.

Mr. Telencho remarked, we extended the Mascaro Contract to the end of 2018. Will the City do that again? We have to solicit for refuse, Donna replied, in the summer of 2018. Is there an Ordinance that houses have to be numbered asked Mr. Telencho? If someone wants to make a complaint, such as high grass there is no number to give the address. Mr. Pietrzyk stated with GPS house numbers those days are gone you can find address by phone or in car. Kevin Coughlin stated we would look into this for the future.

Mr. Beck asked when they are going to finish Main Street paving. Donna Wall stated PAWC is putting in new lines first.

Lou Gianuzzi questioned the reason for all the sink holes in the City. A cave in near Shea Street and on Main Street across from prior Chief Shultz residence. Donna

replied on Main Street it is a Verizon vault. She is unaware of the problem at Shea Street and will question Wally Pavelitz.

Correspondence – none

Announcements- The July 19th City Council meeting will be held 6:00PM at Luzerne County Community College Educational Conference Center.

Nicole Mackiewicz announced the Big Bang event will begin at 4PM on July 1st at the Nanticoke Football Field and various Booster Clubs will be involved and there will be a **C**hinese Auction. Fireworks sponsored by donations.

Police Chief Tom Wall announced the Police Department is utilizing the same software as the State Police. They are able to scan and print tickets from the vehicle, no more multi-forms. Once we are online we can transmit right to the Magistrate Office.

We are reducing the police vehicles, a cost savings to the City. Most important he stated, is the probation period for Officer Michael Derwin is complete. He is a full-fledged NPD and an asset to the department.

Meeting Adjournment

Ms. Butczynski made the motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Pietrzyk. Meeting adjourned at 7:35PM.

Mary Beth Cheshinski, City Clerk