



**NANTICOKE CITY  
WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**CITY HALL - 7:15PM Wednesday, August 23, 2017**

Call to Order: President, William Brown  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Invocation: City Clerk, Mary Cheshinski

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

**WORK SESSION-**

Solicitor William Finnegan announced an executive session was held before tonight's meeting to discuss the potential of the City to purchase real estate.

**Discussion of Council Action**-none

**Administration Updates**- none

A motion was made by, Mrs. Mackiewicz, second by Ms. Butczynski to adjourn the work session. Motion carried.

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

John Telencho questioned what real estate purchase is the City interested in? Attorney Finnegan stated he can't be specific right now for it may influence changes by the public. Not meaning anyone here this evening.

**OLD BUSINESS** (none)

**NEW BUSINESS**

A motion to approve the August 2, 2017 meeting minutes was made by Mr. Pietrzyk, second by Mr. Coughlin. Motion carried.

Mrs. Mackiewicz made a motion, second by Ms. Butczynski to pay bills in the amount of \$431,742.97. Payables (\$234,507.06) Payroll Aug 4<sup>th</sup> (\$100,751.50) Aug 18<sup>th</sup> (\$96,484.41) Motion carried.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mrs. Zarzycki made officials aware of a bent, leaning, box on Espy Street. Bent since a snow plow hit it last winter. In the same area a fallen tree is obstructing view to enter Espy Street. Bill Brown instructed Donna to have the Street Supervisor attend to this. John Telencho questioned if the promised plan to set a snow plowing pattern for this season has been started. Donna replied it has been discussed but to establish a "no parking ban" for vehicles by parking on certain sides of the streets one day, the opposite side the next day, handicap parking becomes an obstacle. Mr. Telencho stated the City had three million dollars for paving. It has stopped. Why? Bill Brown replied the COG is getting involved. If we do our own work we can do more streets and the money will go farther. Donna agreed with the Councilor Brown. Local help will be cheaper, no need for prevailing wages. The one half million paver, where training has begun, was

recalled. This is a hold up for moving on our own paving Donna Wall stated. No, Donna replied, to Mr. John's question if we can do our own curbs.

Mr. Telencho stated the Mayor has not in seven meetings given a report, which the charter states a written report should be given monthly. Bill Brown replied it is the Mayor's decision.

Rich Laury, 369 E. Ridge Street stated for twenty years there is flooding in his alley. Can something be done? Bill Brown will have the City manager contact Wally to look at this situation that is getting worse. Nicole Mackiewicz added she did bring it to Wally's attention but there has been so much rain, more needs to be done.

Bill Norkitis speaking of the same issue stated in 1969 Redevelopment Authority did this alley first. The drain was moved, flooding started. He believes it was not capped, has rusted out, and fill from the street department has washed away overtime.

Donna will have it looked at.

Bill Norkitis asked is Nanticoke Avenue will ever be reopened? The road being closed for LCCC by a former City administration Mr. Brown didn't believe it will reopen. Mr. Mark's former member of the Nanticoke Municipal Authority stated it was demanded by the college to be closed as part of the condition to purchase. It was the way to proceed since no interest for year's downtown.

Police Chief Tom Wall added from vehicles cutting thru a fence will be the college's responsibility.

Lou Gianuzzi questioned if the recent new ordinances are being enforced.

Donna Wall stated, if they are fined, doesn't mean they will cut the grass.

Bill Brown agreed and gave examples of certain areas that are over grown.

The Gateway to the City should perfect, exclaimed Joe John. Even if the City has to cut the weeds.

Mr. Henry Marks wanted to know why the public hasn't been informed about the new Police Contract. Donna Wall replied because it is in arbitration. He also asked about the St Scape Project. Bill Brown questioned why the PAWC isn't starting the new lines on Main. Donna explained, the PAWC needs Highway occupancy permit and Pen Dot keeps rejecting it.

Bill Brown explained how Donna Wall stopped the pave cut on the Hanover Street new paving. Utilities must inform the City of their intentions. Donna also stopped a new gas service on West Grand Street. They must wait the five years. We cannot have new paving torn up.

**Correspondence** – Thank you card from Dr. and Mrs. Dudrick for the honors bestowed on him from the City.

**Announcements-** The Nanticoke prayer Walk will be Saturday September 9th

**Leadership LCCC Class of 2017** will sponsor its second annual LCCC CARES COMMUNITY EVENT, Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 10AM-2PM. In Patriot Park. Rain date, Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

Mr. Coughlin made the motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Pietrzyk. Meeting adjourned at 7:47PM. Next meeting September 6<sup>th</sup>.

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Mary Beth Cheshinski, City Clerk

