



**NANTICOKE CITY**  
**WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**CITY HALL 7:00PM**

Wednesday, 1, 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, City Clerk, Mary Cheshinski, Interim City Manager Donna Wall, Finance Director, Jennifer Polito, and Solicitor, William Finnegan. Lesley Butczynski and Nicole Mackiewicz were excused.

**WORK SESSION**

**Discussion of Council Meeting Action Items**

Motion to adopt proposed Ordinance # 1, 2017 prohibiting parking on North Walnut Street from Arch Street to Lower Broadway. Chief Wall touched on the necessity to avoid a tragedy especially if the roads are wet and slippery. It best to prohibit parking here Dewey St, between Main and Loomis, Division Street, between Main and Loomis and North Walnut Street, between Arch and Lower Broadway Streets, from dusk to dawn, any day of the week

Motion needed to approve the three year RFP for Auditing 2016-2018. Jen Polito stated only one RFP for our future audits came from Joseph Alicene of the four mailed out. Our 2016 audit is expected to begin in May 2017. Mrs. Polito added the City taxes have been mailed. There will be a Berkheimer Representative at City Hall, to receive payments, on four separate dates March 30<sup>th</sup>, April 27<sup>th</sup>, May 25<sup>th</sup> and June 28<sup>th</sup>, from 11AM to 2PM. before the real estate bills are out of rebate and at face.

Donna Wall stated the Auditor General audited the three pensions for the City and there were no findings. Donna added an update on the Penn Dot round-a bouts on Middle Road. The construction is ahead of schedule and new dates are as follows: Kosciuszko St, work March 20<sup>th</sup> until July 3, 2017. Middle Road will be closed April 3<sup>rd</sup>, reopened November 2017 and Kosciuszko Street, closed from July 6<sup>th</sup> 2017, reopening November, 2017. Prospect Street will be closed in the summer of 2018 and reopened in November of 2018.

Mary Cheshinski as CDBG Coordinator updated the progress of the CDBG 2014 activity at New Pine Street. Work begins there March 10<sup>th</sup> and by mid- April 2017 paving will begin.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Coughlin, second by Mr. Pietrzyk, motion carried.

**REGULAR MEETING**    Comments from the Public (agenda items only) none

**OLD BUSINESS** (none)

**NEW BUSINESS**

City Clerk, Ms. Cheshinski read the Mayors Proclamation proclaiming **March 5-11, 2017, as MS Awareness Week**,

A motion to approve the February 15, 2017 meeting minutes was made by Mr. Pietrzyk second by Mr. Coughlin, Motion carried.

Mr. Coughlin made a motion to pay bills, second by, Mr. Pietrzyk, in the amount of \$907,738.44 (Payables \$810,537.64) (Payroll \$97,200.80) motion carried.

Mr. Pietrzyk made the motion, second by Mr. Coughlin to adopt **Ordinance 1, 2017**, on the first reading, an Ordinance prohibiting parking on Dewey St, between Main and Loomis, Division Street, between Main and Loomis and North Walnut Street, between Arch and Lower Broadway Streets, from dusk to dawn, any day of the week. Motion carried.

Mr. Coughlin made the motion, second by Mr. Pietrzyk to approve the three year RFP for City auditing from 2016-2018 to Joseph Aliciene. Motion carried.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

John Telencho praised who ever repaired the City's street sweeper. The street department was out cleaning and the streets looks great. He added if we could only do something about all the cigarette butts throughout the City. Mr. Telencho questioned the status of the Ellis building where the contractor has piled gravel, a job johnny and over all mess there. Donna Wall replied the construction equipment is allowed and there is a project underway by the owner of the market. It should be cleaned up when the project is completed.

Mr. Telencho questioned the PIB money spent on street paving and compared the cost to streets paved in Plymouth Twp. Bill Brown stated there are three areas that are paved and ADA ramps are included in the cost. Honey Pot, Grand Street, Hanover Street with \$25,000 for one intersection, (4 ramps.) We are paving curb to curb. Councilor Brown added we have a game plan, when the COG machinery arrives we will be paving our own streets. Mr. Gianuzzi added all our ADA ramps are different. Donna Wall stated the colors are different and the specs change depending on the slope, the width. Bill Brown added there was a wheel chair issue with the older design of the ADA aprons. Mr. Telencho hopes the City will do something now, to alleviate all the cigarette butts downtown. Such as the butt towers at City Hall entrances.

Mr. Henry Marks stated the true owners of the parking lot in Lower Broadway is the Municipal Authority, providing 191 parking spots that LCCC was given the right to use and maintains the lot.

Mr. Marks compared the Nanticoke City Fire and Police Budget to Hanover Twp. His discontent that there were raises given to City employees, in a poor town where the average income for a family is \$30,000.00. Mark Boncal and Chief Kevin Hazleton explained on Hanover Twp. budget two fire truck drivers are under custodial line items (public works) not Fire. The two cannot be compared as per the two Nanticoke fire personnel. An opinionated discussion arose. Mr. Marks continued to state, "Spending must be decreased in Nanticoke."

Delphine Starr, 265 Honey Pot Street, Nanticoke, questioned when the promised new water lines are being installed in Honey Pot. Donna Wall stated PAWC has started and she will contact Jim Hoover for an update on the promised, by the PAWC, new water lines.

## **Announcements-**

City Solicitor, William Finnegan stated a Code Enforcement meeting, a follow-up to the first Code meeting will be held before the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> regular Council meeting in April 2017. It will be announced and published.

The next Council meeting is Wednesday, March 15, 2017.

Mr. Coughlin made the motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Pietrzyk. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

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Mary Beth Cheshinski, City Clerk