

NANTICOKE CITY



WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2019

Nanticoke City Hall 7:00 PM

Call to Order: President of Council, William Brown
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer Polito

The following were present: Councilors, William Brown, Kevin Coughlin, John Pietrzyk, Cameron Cox, Solicitor, Attorney William Finnegan, Interim City Manager, Donna Wall and Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer Polito. Councilor, Lesley Butczynski was absent.

WORK SESSION-

Mayor Nicole Colatosti-Mackiewicz read a letter of a Commendation to Detective Captain Robert Lehman for his efforts in cracking the cold case in the murder of Gertrude Price.

Administrative Updates-

Jennifer Polito updated the City Council and residents on the meeting she attended for the Lower South Valley COG who met on 4/17/2019 at 10:00 am at Hanover Twp. She stated the COG is looking into purchasing a Roller with left over LSA Grant Funds from Nanticoke and Hanover Twp. She stated that all COG members approved this purchase. She also stated that Nanticoke City is first in line for the paving projects to be completed by the COG in 2019 starting with Field St. then Slate St.

Jennifer Polito stated that the Mayor's Department Reports for the month of March are included in Council's packets, posted on the back board and will be posted on the website as of Thursday, 4/18/2019.

Donna Wall had the following updates:

- ✚ Donna announced that on May 6, 2019 the end of Prospect St. at the Roundabout will be closed by PENNDOT with no anticipation date of when the road will be re-opened.
- ✚ College Street will be under construction by UGI for new gas line installation.
- ✚ Main St. will finally be milled and paved by PA American Water Co. sometime the week of April 22, 2019.

Mr. Larry Beck asked if the City was going to do anything in the near future about Market St. He says it is really bad. Donna Wall replied yes.

Mr. John Telencho asked if the flooding issues on Field Street have been fixed before the City has the COG pave it and Donna Wall said yes. She replied there was a blockage of a tree log causing the flooding and the City's DPW department rented equipment and cleared the blockage.

Mayor, Nicole Colatosti-Mackiewicz, updated Council and the residents that if we had our City engineers attended the Council meetings as Vice President, Kevin Coughlin requested, it would cost at least \$250.00 per meeting and she feels that spending that kind of money is not being financially responsible at this time.

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

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public agenda items only.

Mr. Stachowiak wanted to make some clarifications on what he was asking regarding the items under “Old Business” on the agenda for this evening.

Old Business

- In response to Mr. Stachowiak’s question last meeting regarding the bridge on River St. in the Honey Pot section of town. The Mayor closed the road the next day after the Council meeting and Donna has scheduled an inspector to come out and re-inspect the bridge.
- In response to Mr. Stachowiak’s question last meeting regarding the sidewalks in front of the Culinary Institute that were installed incorrectly back in 2014 on whether or not the original contractor is going to be held accountable to fix them or not or is taxpayer money fixing the sidewalks. There has been too much time passed to go after the original contractor, so the sidewalks will be repaired when the street scape is completed downtown.

New Business

A Motion to approve the April 3, 2019 meeting minutes was made Mr. Pietrzyk, second Mr. Cox. Motion carried.

A Motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$334,453.03 (Payroll \$106,671.89 and Payables \$227,781.14) was made by Mr. Coughlin, second by Mr. Cox. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mr. John Telencho withdrew his question about Field St. because Donna and Jennifer answered it in the Work Session.

Mr. Mike Stachowiak stated that when the City does street repairs and paving, that they should be done correctly. He listed streets in the City that were repaired and the ADA ramps were installed improperly or not at all. He stated the City should be keeping on top of the City’s engineers to make sure the repairs are done right and hold them accountable if the repairs are not right since they make 10% on each project. He asked who is in charge of looking over these projects. He said Interim City Manager, Donna Wall is not. He has brought issues to her attention and months go by and nothing is done to correct the issues. He says it is very difficult for a handicap person to get around on some of the streets and he hopes none of us or our family members become handicapped and have to navigate around the City. President William Brown agrees with Mr. Stachowiak in respect to holding the engineers accountable and Council, Mayor and Administration will look into these issues he brought to their attention this evening.

Mr. Cardinelli added to Mr. Stachowiak’s comments by saying the City needs to take care of these issues in order to rebuild the City. If the inspectors are not qualified to do their job, then get rid of them he stated.

President William Brown just wanted to comment on Julianna’s request last meeting about getting the prisoners from the County to help clean up the City and they are scheduled to come on Thursday 4/18/2019 to assist the DPW Department with City clean up.

Correspondence-

None

Announcements-

Nanticoke Real Estate Tax Payments can be paid here at City Hall on Thursday April, 25th and June 27th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Pearl from Berkeimer will be set up in the Council chambers.

The Citywide Yard Sale has been scheduled for Saturday May 18, 2019 (rain date Sunday May 19, 2019). If you are interested in having your name and home address added to our list, please call City Hall between 8:30 am & 4:30 pm Monday through Friday at 570-735-2800 ext. 101, and Patty will add you to the list.

City Hall will be closed on Friday, April 19, 2019 in observance of the Easter holiday. City Hall will re-open on Monday, April 22, 2019 at 8:30 am. We wish everyone a Happy Easter!!!

Meeting Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Next Meeting, Wed, May 1, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Jennifer W. Polito
City Clerk