



CITY OF NANTICOKE

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Call to Order: Vice President, Joseph Nalepa

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito

ROLL CALL:

The following were present: Council Members, Joseph Nalepa, Joseph Dougherty, Kenneth James, Mark O'Connor, City Manager, Donna Wall, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito, and Solicitor, Attorney William Finnegan via telephone.

Excused: William Brown.

WORK SESSION: New Business: (action Items)

A Motion to accept the Resignation Letter from Firefighter, Dane Aukstakalnis effective June 22, 2024.

A Motion to approve Ordinance #4 of 2024, (First Reading), an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke amending Chapter 485-13(C) of the City of Nanticoke Code of Ordinances to amend the weight limitation on the Nanticoke-West Nanticoke Bridge.

A Motion to approve Resolution #9 of 2024, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke adopting the 2024 Radiological Emergency Response Plan.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES:

City Manager, Donna Wall had the following updates:

- The Downtown Streetscape is progressing on time. Today the concrete foundations for the electrical panels and mast arms for traffic signals were poured.

A Motion was made by Councilmember James seconded by Councilmember O'Connor to adjourn the work session.

Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public agenda items only.

Councilmember, Kenny James asked if we give exemptions on the 5-ton weight limit in Ordinance # 4 of 2024 for necessary vehicles. Chief Roke explained that ordinance has exemptions to the 5-ton weight limit built into the ordinance for certain vehicles. Mr. James asked if there is going to be signage in place and Chief Roke replied yes. Mr. O'Connor asked if the exemptions will be on the signage and Chief Roke replied no.

Old Business

None

New Business

A Motion to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2024 Work Session/Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilmember Dougherty seconded by Councilmember James. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve the payment of the bills in the total amount of **\$675,818.58 (2 Payrolls) \$245,307.50 and (Accounts Payable) \$430,511.08** was made by Councilmember Dougherty seconded by Councilmember O'Connor. Motion carried unanimously.

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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mr. John Telencho stated he saw in the paper that the City was awarded \$100,000 in a LSA Grant for a Bucket Truck and wanted to know why we needed a 2nd truck. City Manager, Donna Wall stated that was an error in the Citizen's Voice. The Lower South Valley COG was awarded \$100,000 for a Bucket Truck.

Correspondence-

Resignation letter from Firefighter, Dane Aukstakalnis effective June 22, 2024.
(See Attached Letter)

Letter of Appreciation from Brian Carey regarding his sewer line break and the excellent help he received from Rick Josefowicz, City's DPW Foreman, in getting the matter resolved immediately. (See Attached Letter)

Announcements-

The City of Nanticoke's **Annual Big Bang 4th of July Celebration** is scheduled for Saturday, June 29, 2024 at 4 pm (Rain Date is Sunday June 30, 2024) with an amazing fireworks display at dusk. This event is being held at the lower parking lot at LCCC (Prospect Street). There will be Food and Craft Vendors, Live Music by "Toasted" and "Shaken", Face Painting, Moon Bounces, Pony Rides and a Petting Zoo. Come out and enjoy this community event provided and organized by the City of Nanticoke and its Event Committee.

Councilmember Comments-

Vice President Nalepa wanted to thank Rick and all the departments for their hard work. Mr. Nalepa stated people do not see what goes on behind the scenes. Council and the Mayor appreciates all that is done by the city's employees.

Councilmember Dougherty replied well done Rick and wished Dane good luck in his future endeavors.

Councilmember James replied well done Rick and said it is nice for once to hear someone appreciate the work the DPW Department does rather than complain. Mr. James wished Dane good luck in his future endeavors.

Councilmember O'Connor replied as always thank you for a job well done Rick. Mr. O'Connor stated he knows it can be crazy out there, keep doing a good job and keep your team in check. Mr. O'Connor wished Dane good luck in his future endeavors.

Meeting Adjournment-

Councilmember James made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Dougherty, roll call.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Next Meeting:

Work Session/Council Meeting Wednesday, June 19, 2024
@ 6:00 pm.

City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito