



## CITY OF NANTICOKE

### **WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday June 21, 2023**

**Call to Order:** President of Council, William Brown

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Invocation:** City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito

#### **ROLL CALL:**

**The following were present:** Council Members, William Brown, John Telencho, Lesley Butczynski, Mike Marcella, City Manager, Donna Wall, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito, and Solicitor, Attorney Finnegan.

**Excused:** Councilmember Joseph Nalepa.

**Chandler Prymowicz was sworn in as a Full-Time Firefighter by Mayor Kevin Coughlin.**

**Bradley Keen was sworn in as a Full-Time Police Officer by Mayor Kevin Coughlin.**

**Zachary King was sworn in as a Full-Time Police Officer by Mayor Kevin Coughlin.**

Mayor Kevin Coughlin stated that the hiring of the additional Police Officers is good for the City and the City is moving in the right direction.

#### **WORK SESSION**

**A Motion** to approve Agreement of Sale between City of Nanticoke and UGI for property acquisition, including property demolition, site work, parking lot and light installation, for miscellaneous properties on and around Arch Street in the City of Nanticoke for the consideration of \$151,845.00, subject to final solicitor review and approval, and authorize the proper City Officials to execute all documents and undertake all actions necessary to carry out the terms of the Agreement of Sale.

**A Motion** to approve the purchase of 4 benches for City Property on E. Ridge Street from George Ely Associates in the amount of \$5,757.00 using the American Rescue Plan Funds.

**A Motion** to approve a 1-year leave of absence request from Firefighter Dane Aukstakalnis for training with the Pennsylvania State Police effective July 17, 2023.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES**

**-Mayor Kevin Coughlin** has submitted the **May 2023 Department Reports** for Council's review and Jennifer Polito has posted them on the City's website at [www.nanticokecity.com](http://www.nanticokecity.com).

**(For Informational Purposes Only)** - Mayor Kevin Coughlin executed Executive Order # 10 of 2023, the hiring of Chandler Prymowicz, as a Full Time Firefighter under the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Nanticoke and the Local 2655 of the International Association of Firefighters AFL-CIO-CLC effective June 19, 2023.

**(For Informational Purposes Only)** - Mayor Kevin Coughlin executed Executive Order # 11 of 2023, the hiring of Bradley Keen and Zachary King, as a Full Time Police Officer under the terms of the under the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Nanticoke and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 36, City of Nanticoke Police Officer's Association, effective June 19, 2023.

**City Manager, Donna Wall** has updates for Council:

- The new carpet installation will start on Monday, June 26, 2023 and they will begin in the Council's Chambers.
- The new phone system has been installed and we will have training on how to use it's features next week.
- The Paving on the 300 Block of Ridge Street has been completed
- Kosciuszko Street after Lexington Village towards Middle Road has been milled and is ready to be paved.

**A Motion** was made by Councilmember Butczynski seconded by Councilmember Telencho to adjourn the work session.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

None

Old Business

None

New Business

**A Motion** to approve the June 7, 2023 minutes was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Telencho. Motion carried unanimously.

**A Motion** to approve the payment of the bills in the total amount of **\$537,542.12;** **(Payroll(s)) \$123,890.85 (Accounts Payable) \$413,751.27** was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Telencho. Motion carried unanimously.

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#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –**

**Fire Chief Mark Boncal** informed Council that 6 Firefighters are taking their certification at LCCC as Pump operators and 3 Firefighters passed their Skills testing. Chief Boncal stated once these Firefighters pass the certification, 9 of the 11 Firefighters will be Pump operators. President Brown asked Chief Boncal if we are on target with the delivery of the new Ladder Truck next year. Chief Boncal replied yes. President Brown stated he also feels the City is moving in the right direction by investing in a new Ladder Truck and hiring the additional Police Officers to protect the city. Vice President Telencho asked Chief Boncal if he had looked into the Train Derailment Course and Chief Boncal replied yes that the Firefighters will be taking a course on how to handle a Train Derailment. Chief Boncal stated he has also lined up an instructor to give a 4-hour class on the Lithium-Ion Batteries and Councilmembers and the DPW Department are welcome to sit in on it with them. He will let everyone know when the class will be as soon as the instructor gets back from vacation. President Brown stated he would like an article in the paper with the “Good” things happening in Nanticoke.

#### **Correspondence-**

None

#### **Announcements-**

There will not be a July 5, 2023 Council Meeting due to it being a holiday week as advertised in December of 2022. Next Council Meeting is Wednesday, July 19, 2023.

The **City of Nanticoke's Annual Big Bang Celebration** is scheduled for Saturday, July 1, 2023 (Rain Date is Sunday, July 2, 2023). Come out to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at this great community event. The event will be held in the LCCC parking lot on Prospect Street and it will be held from 4 pm to 9 pm. There will be Food and Craft vendors, Live Music, and a Fireworks display at dusk.

#### **Councilmember Comments-**

**Vice President Telencho** congratulated and welcomed the new hires and wished them a safe and long career with the city.

**Councilmember Butczynski** congratulated and welcomed the new hires and wished them a safe and long career with the city.

**Councilmember Marcella** congratulated and welcomed the new hires and wished them a safe and long career with the city. Mr. Marcella also wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**President Brown** congratulated and welcomed the new hires and wished them a safe and long career with the city.

**Meeting Adjournment-**

Councilmember Butczynski made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Telencho, roll call.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.**

**Next Meeting, Wed, July 19, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

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**City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito**