



+CITY OF NANTICOKE

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

Work Session/Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Call to Order: President of Council, William Brown

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito

The following were present: Council Members, William Brown, John Telencho, Lesley Butczynski via telephone, Mike Marcella, Joseph Nalepa, Interim City Manager, Donna Wall, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito and Solicitor, Attorney Shannon Lapsansky filling in for Attorney Finnegan via telephone.

WORK SESSION-

A Motion to approve Ordinance #3 of 2021, (Second Reading) an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke amending Chapter 1 at Section 1-6 to provide for the corrections of Scrivener's Errors.

Administrative Updates-

Mayor Kevin Coughlun executed the following Executive Orders:

President William Brown read the Executive Order # 13 of 2021, Effective 5/2/2021, Firemen's promotions are as follows:

Fireman, John Polifka promoted to Assistant Chief.

Fireman, Greg Grzymiski promoted to Captain.

Fireman, Brian Zegarski promoted to Lieutenant.

President Brown congratulated the Firemen on their promotions.

President William Brown read the Executive Order #14 of 2021, Effective 5/5/2021, Mayor Coughlin appointed Charles Alles to the vacant seat left by Jay Munson on the Fire Civil Service Commission for the remainder of the 4 year term.

Mayor Kevin Coughlin stated there were two Spring clean-ups in the last two weeks; one was organized by the Nanticoke Conservation Club on 4/24/2021 to clean up garbage dumped at Concrete City and the other was organized by the City on 5/1/2021 to clean up properties and the streets in Nanticoke. The Mayor commented that it was a success but he was very disheartened to see that after all the hard work by the volunteers that someone would dump their garbage on the very next day on property that is not theirs. The Mayor thanked everyone that volunteered their time to help with these clean-ups.

Donna Wall updated Council and residents on the following:

- Donna stated that the City's Annual 4th of July Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, June 26, 2021 with a rain date of Sunday, June 27, 2021.
- Donna informed Council and Residents that WVSA will be street sweeping Main Street, from Division Street to Alden Road, on Friday, May 7, 2021 from 7 am to 3 pm. There will be no parking signs installed and placed on car windows. Anyone parking on Main Street that day will be ticketed and/or towed away.
- The Water Company will be milling W. Main Street to get ready to pave and this will complete their project.

Mr. Ron Knapp commented by congratulating all involved in the clean-ups. He said he is not a hypocrite and he would have helped out with the clean-ups but he had prior obligations on both days. Mr. Knapp commented on the work done on the sidewalks at 102-105 W. Main Street and suggested to have the contractor backfill with topsoil for safety reasons.

President Brown asked Mr. Knapp to save his comments for later in the meeting that right now Donna is giving her updates.

A Motion was made by Councilmember Nalepa seconded by Councilmember Marcella 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 April 21, 2021 minutes was made by Councilmember Nalepa seconded by Councilmember Marcella.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$422,047.07 (Payroll(s) \$100,576.18 and Payables \$321,470.89) was made by Councilmember Telencho seconded by Councilmember Nalepa.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Ron Knapp asked if City workers are distributing the no parking signs because they are valuable resources. Mr. Knapp asked why WVSA can't put the signs out and advertise in the paper and DPW Foreman, Rick Josefowicz their schedule is constantly changing so that would not work. Mr. Knapp finished his comment about the Water Company correctly fixing the sidewalk because he is concerned about public safety. President Brown told Mr. Knapp that the

City is addressing the issue and the City has looked into the sidewalk issue and the residents are responsible for the sidewalks in front of their homes. President Brown stated if we start removing these trees the roots will disturb the water and sewer lines and the City would be responsible for fixing the damaged lines. Mr. Knapp asked if the City is just waiting for something serious to happen before they decide to fix the sidewalks and President Brown stated the City is working on it and we just need time to come up with a plan. Mr. Knapp addressed the Mayor and asked him has the City applied for any Grants for cameras to be put where people are dumping and the Mayor responded we are trying. President Brown thanked Mr. Knapp for his comments.

Ms. Mary Lee Conway of 65 W. Noble Street brought to Council's attention that since 2018 she has been complaining about a mattress in the Alley between W. Noble and Maple Streets and no one has removed it. Ms. Conway stated she reported it to the City's Police and they said it is a Code issue so she called the Code Officer and they told her to speak to the Refuse Clerk and she did and was told it will be removed and the mattress is still there up against a garage. President Brown responded by saying the mattress will be removed tomorrow.

Mr. Hank Marks thanked the Mayor because at the last meeting when Mr. Marks brought up again, the issue of abandoned materials left by his carport by a resident, stating the materials were still there. The Mayor said frustratedly he had called the resident three times already about this issue and he would call again. That very next day the materials were removed Mr. Marks stated.

Ms. Donna O'Neil brought to Council's attention about the neighbor who keeps parking to close or in her handicap space that she pays for. She stated she had to call the police last night because the neighbor refused to move their vehicle. She stated everyday she leaves to visit her mother and everyday she has an issue with this neighbor. Chief Roke responded by saying he spoke to his officers who were on call that night and told them how to respond if this keeps up. Chief Roke told Ms. O'Neil to call 911 every time they are infringing on her space and a Police Officer will ticket the car and we could only hope they get tired of paying for the citations and stop parking in or near your spot. President Brown asked if she tried talking to the neighbor and she responded "that will not work" and Chief Roke advised her not to speak to them at all if possible. Chief Roke stated his department has dealt with these people before on the same issue in the past and that parking in that area of town is very difficult.

Fire Chief, Mark Boncal, informed Council and Residents that over the next few days the Water Company will be flushing the fire hydrants in town. So, if you see water coming out of them onto the streets, that is why. Chief Boncal also stated 1 of the 3 new hydrants have been installed in town for the safety of the residents.

Correspondence-

President Brown asked City Clerk, Jennifer Polito to read a Letter from Sandra Maga and Family (See attached letter). The Maga Family wanted to commend and thank DPW Foreman, Rick Josefowicz, for helping their mother resolve her issues with her sewer line.

Announcements-

None

Councilmember Comments-

Vice President John Telencho congratulated the firemen on their promotions.

Councilmember Butczynski congratulated the firemen on their promotions and thanked everyone who volunteered their time to help with the Spring clean-ups.

Councilmember Marcella congratulated the firemen on their promotions and thanked Rick for helping Ms. Maga professional and promptly.

Councilmember Nalepa congratulated the firemen on their promotions and thanked Rick for helping Ms. Maga professional and promptly.

President Brown stated he previously congratulated the firemen on their promotions and thanked Rick.

Meeting Adjournment-

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Next Meeting, Wed, May 19, 2021 @ 7:00

City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito