



## CITY OF NANTICOKE

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

**Wednesday August 2, 2023**

**Call to Order:** President 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 via telephone, Mike Marcella, Joseph Nalepa, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito, and Solicitor, Attorney Finnegan.

**Excused:** City Manager, Donna Wall.

#### **WORK SESSION**

**A Motion** to approve Ordinance #4 of 2023, (Second Reading), an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke to place question on the November 7, 2023 Municipal Election Ballot to delete Section 2.10 of the City of Nanticoke Home Rule Charter to eliminate the provision which provides that City Council Members may not serve more than three (3) elected, consecutive City Council terms.

**A Motion** to approve Ordinance #5 of 2023, (Second Reading), an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke to place question on the November 7, 2023 Municipal Election Ballot to delete Section 3.09 of the City of Nanticoke Home Rule Charter to eliminate the provision which provides that the Mayor may not serve more than three (3) elected, consecutive Mayoral terms.

**Vice President John Telencho** commented on the discussion at the last meeting regarding eliminating term limits for mayor and council by stating he disagrees with the statement that there are no candidates interested in running for office over the past election cycles. Vice President Telencho stated in 2019 8 people ran to fill 4 seats, in 2021 4 people ran to fill 3 seats and in 2023 6 people ran to fill 3 seats and the mayor ran unopposed. Vice President Telencho feels by eliminating the term limits, new candidates will not run for office. **Councilmember Joseph Nalepa** stated that we are not discouraging people from running for office. **President Brown** agrees that less people are running for office compared to years ago when you would have at least 8 or more candidates.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES**

**Finance Director, Jennifer Polito** has updates for Council:

- The road construction project on Prospect Street from Broad to Union Streets is going out to bid on Thursday August 3, 2023.

- The City's Streetscape on Main Street is progressing on schedule.

Vice President Telencho asked Jennifer for a status update on the additional benches for around City Hall. Jennifer stated there was discussions on ordering the benches once Rick, DPW Foreman, measured the existing benches. Jennifer asked Rick for an update and he replied they are ordered and confirmed that a 6 foot bench would fit where there is existing benches.

**A Motion** was made by Councilmember Nalepa 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 **July 19, 2023** minutes was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Nalepa. Motion carried unanimously.

**A Motion** to approve the **paymemnt of the bills** in the total amount of **\$356,211.76; (Payroll(s)) \$128,609.19 (Accounts Payable) \$243,314.06** was made by Councilmember Telencho seconded by Councilmember Marcella. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried 3-2.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –**

**None**

**Correspondence-**

**None**

**Announcements-**

None

**Councilmember Comments-**

**Vice President Telencho** had no further comments.

**Councilmember Butczynski** had no further comments.

**Councilmember Marcella** had no further comments.

**Councilmember Nalepa** had no further comments.

**President Brown** had no further comments.

**Meeting Adjournment-**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.**

**Next Meeting, Wed, August 16, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

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**City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito**