



CITY OF NANTICOKE

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Via Teleconference 1-800-201-3962 Code 349057

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 via telephone: Council Members, William Brown, John Telencho, Lesley Butczynski, Mike Marcella, Joseph Nalepa, Interim City Manager, Donna Wall, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito and Solicitor, Attorney Finnegan.

WORK SESSION-

A Motion to amend Ordinance No.2 of 2021 to place a 15-minute limit on the handicapped parking space located on the West side of Walnut Street at its intersection with East Ridge Street.

A Motion to approve Ordinance #2 of 2021, Second Reading, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke amending Section 485-51 of the City of Nanticoke Code of Ordinances to add an additional Fifteen-Minute Parking Zone at 187 East Ridge Street and a Fifteen-Minute time limit for the handicapped space located on the West side of Walnut Street and its intersection with East Ridge Street.

A motion to approve the Shut-Off Agreement with the Pennsylvania American Water Company.

Administrative Updates-

The Mayor has submitted the February 2021 Department Reports for Council's review and Jennifer Polito has posted the reports on the website.

Donna Wall updated Council and residents on the following:

- Donna informed Council that the City received the 2021 Liquid Fuels revenue in the amount of \$286,319.16. Donna explained the amount is less than 2020 because of the pandemic due to the gas usage was also down.
- Donna stated the routine audit on the Liquid Fuels account is scheduled for Tuesday March, 23, 2021 by the State.
- Donna informed Council that a grant has opened up and the City is applying for the grant to replace the retaining wall on Kosciuszko Street.
- Donna wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

A Motion was made by Councilmember Telencho 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 March 3, 2021 minutes was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Nalepa.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$269,792.63 (Payroll(s) \$109,026.02 and Payables \$160,766.61) was made by Councilmember Telencho seconded by Councilmember Marcella.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to amend Ordinance No.2 of 2021 to place a 15-minute limit on the handicapped parking space located on the West side of Walnut Street at its intersection with East Ridge Street was made by Councilmember Nalepa seconded by Councilmember Marcella.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve Ordinance #2 of 2021, Second Reading, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke amending Section 485-51 of the City of Nanticoke Code of Ordinances to add an additional Fifteen-Minute Parking Zone at 187 East Ridge Street and a Fifteen-Minute time limit for the handicapped space located on the West side of Walnut Street and its intersection with East Ridge Street was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the Shut-Off Agreement with the Pennsylvania American Water Company was made by Councilmember Telencho seconded by Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Ron Knapp thanked Council for addressing past issues that he has brought to their attention. Mr. Knapp reported a sunken manhole on Prospect and South Streets that he saw a resident hit and bottom out. Mr. Knapp asked Council to address this issue as soon as possible. President Brown thanked Mr. Knapp and asked Donna Wall to follow up on this issue. Donna Wall stated that the issue will be addressed this year as it is part of the 2021 CDBG grant projects.

Correspondence-

None

Announcements-

As of April 1, 2021, City Hall will be open to the public and the regularly scheduled Council meetings will be held back in the City's Council Chambers. We ask that residents remain to socially distance and please wear a mask inside City Hall. We are still at a limited capacity restriction. Thank you for your cooperation.

The City of Nanticoke will be closed on Friday, April 2, 2021 in observance of Good Friday and the Easter Holiday.

Councilmember Comments-

Vice President John Telencho commented it is great to be getting back to the real world and attending live Council meetings in April. Mr. Telencho also had concerns about the two new fire hydrants being installed that Interim Fire Chief, Mark Boncal, stated in his department report. Specifically, Mr. Telencho asked who pays for the hydrants, if there will be an increase on the rental fee that we already pay and who checks to make sure there is water flowing through these hydrants. Donna Wall asked Mark to comment on Mr. Telencho's concerns. Interim Fire Chief, Mark Boncal, explained that there is need in two areas in town that they lay out too much hose to fight fires. Mark stated two incidents that made it clear that fire hydrants are needed at W. Main Street & Alden Road and W. Ridge and Line Streets. Mark stated the rental fee may increase due to the additional hydrants. Mark also stated the water company does routine checks to make sure the hydrants are working properly. Vice President John Telencho wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Councilmember Butczynski stated she is very thankful for the City's fire department and firemen and she does not care if there is an additional rental fee as you can not put a price on human lives.

Councilmember Marcella wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and Easter.

Councilmember Nalepa thanked Mark Boncal for his assessment to keep the City safe in the event of a fire.

President Brown is good and wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Meeting Adjournment-

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Next Meeting, Wed, Apr 7, 2021 @ 7:00 pm.

City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito