

NANTICOKE CITY



WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 17, 2018

Nanticoke City Hall 7:00 PM

Call to Order: President of Council, William Brown

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer Polito

The following were present: Councilors, William Brown, Lesley Butczynski, John Pietrzyk, Kevin Coughlin, Nicole Mackiewicz, Solicitor, Attorney William Finnegan, and Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer Polito
Interim City Manager, Donna Wall is excused.

For the record, Attorney Finnegan stated he and the Councilors were late due to a brief executive session held before the meeting to discuss the sale and or purchase of properties.

WORK SESSION-

A Motion to approve Resolution # 14 of 2018 authorizing the filing of an application for the 2018 Pennsylvania Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program Funds.

A Motion to approve Resolution # 15 of 2018 adopting the City of Nanticoke/Luzerne County Radiological Emergency Response Plan.

Administrative Updates-

Mayor Richard Wiatrowski executed **Executive Order # 10 of 2018** to hire Ann Kotsko as a full time employee in the Finance Department under the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Nantioke and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 401 on October 8, 2018.

A Motion was made by Mr. Pietrzyk, second by Ms. Butczynski to adjourn the work session. Work session adjourned.

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public agenda items only.

Mr. John Telencho questioned why we are hiring another full time employee if the City is strapped for money. He wanted to know if anyone was leaving, where the money is coming from to pay her and what will she be doing. President of Council, Mr. Brown replied no one is leaving, her salary is budgeted and she is being trained as a backup person to the finance and police department as well assisting the City Manager with various duties. Mr. Telencho questioned why we need a full time employee as a backup person. Mr. Brown replied it was the Mayor and Manager's decision. Mr. Hank Marks replied it sounds like a case of nepotism.

Old Business

None

New Business

A **Motion** to approve the October 3, 2018 meeting minutes was made by Mr. Coughlin, second by Ms. Butczynski. Motion carried.

A **Motion** to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$289,210.50 was made by Ms. Butczynski, second by Mr. Pietrzyk. Payroll (\$99,644.90) Payables (\$189,565.60) Motion carried.

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A **Motion** to approve Resolution # 15 of 2018 adopting the City of Nanticoke/Luzerne County Radiological Emergency Response Plan was made by Mr. Pietrzyk, second by Mr. Coughlin. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Ms. Karen Cholewa of 120 Park St. asked Council for an update on when Main Street is going to be paved and will it be this year. President of Council, Mr. Brown replied as soon as the water company is done with their repairs. As of right now the date that they anticipate is November 1, 2018. Karen also asked what can be done about people feeding the stray cats. They are going to the bathroom in her yard and spreading their fleas. President Brown stated that this has been addressed in the past. She asked for an update, and President Brown replied that nothing can be done. Mr. Telencho replied that the City voted against doing anything about it so there is nothing that can be done.

Correspondence-

President of Council, William Brown read a "Thank You" letter addressed to the Police Chief, Thomas Wall, thanking him for having police units on Prospect Street on Saturday morning during the LCCC Cross Country Invitational. A copy of the letter is attached behind these minutes as exhibit "A".

Announcements-

President of Council, William Brown made the following announcements this evening:

- The Nanticoke City Council is changing the date of the Wednesday, November 21, 2018 Council Meeting to Tuesday, November 20, 2018 in observance of the Thanksgiving Day Holiday.
- The Nanticoke City 2019 Budget will be posted in Council Chambers and on the website on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at 9:00 am for Public Inspection. Any questions on the 2019 Budget, please contact the Finance Director at (570) 735-2800 ext. 107.
- The Nanticoke City 2019 Budget Hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 6:30 pm prior to the regularly scheduled Council Meeting.
- Prior to our meeting, Mike Marcella of the Boy Scouts, presented to Council the project he did to earn a badge. Mike made a community information/event board for the City and Residents to post important information. This board is on a timer to turn the board lights on and off with daylight and comes with a key to keep the doors locked. President Brown thanked Mike for his hard work and commended him on a job well done.

Meeting Adjournment

Mr. Coughlin made the motion to adjourn, second by Ms. Butczynski, roll call. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Next Meeting, Wed, November 7, 2018 at 7:00 PM

Jennifer W. Polito
City Clerk



October 10, 2018

Dear Chief Tom Wall,

I would like to thank you for having police units located on Prospect Street Saturday morning during the Luzerne County Community College Cross Country Invitational. Their assistance on the course helped the runners safely cross the road several times. The home meet hosted approximately 75 runners from 13 different colleges.

It's been a pleasure to work with you for our home cross country meet. I look forward to working with you in the future.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Miranda Costa

Miranda Costa, Head Cross Country Coach