



CITY OF NANTICOKE

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 6, 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, Mike Marcella, Joseph Nalepa, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito, and Solicitor, Attorney William Finnegan.

Excused: Councilmember Lesley Butczynski and City Manager, Donna Wall.

WORK SESSION

A motion to approve **Ordinance #7 of 2023**, (Second Reading) an Ordinance of City Council of the City of Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, approving the Budget of the City of Nanticoke for 2024.

A motion to approve **Ordinance #8 of 2023**, (Second Reading) an Ordinance of City Council of the City of Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, establishing a Millage Rate of Taxation for 2024.

A motion to approve **Ordinance #9 of 2023**, (Second Reading) an Ordinance of City Council of the City of Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, authorizing and directing the proper City Officials of the City to issue Refuse and Recycling Bills for the city and a fee for Bulk Item Pick-up.

A Motion to approve **Resolution # 19 of 2023**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke, confirming the appointment of **Lee Wompierski** by Mayor Kevin Coughlin to the City of Nanticoke General Municipal Authority to fill the seat vacated by Xavier Berzanski on 10/23/2023.

A Motion to amend the Non-Uniformed Pension 2024 MMO from \$89,472 to \$89,551.

A Motion to accept the resignation of James Kairo, City of Nanticoke Code Enforcement Officer, effective 4 pm on December 1, 2023.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES:

Mayor Kevin Coughlin executed **Executive Order # 14 of 2023**, appointing Lee Wompieriski to the Nanticoke City General Municipal Authority pursuant to Article VII, Section 7.01 of the City of Nanticoke's Home Rule Charter.

Mayor Kevin Coughlin executed **Executive Order # 15 of 2023**, hiring of **Joseph Sauers**, as a full-time Nanticoke City Police Officer, effective December 4, 2023, under the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 36, City of Nanticoke Police Officer's Association, pursuant to Article III, Section 3.04 of the City of Nanticoke's Home Rule Charter.

Mayor Kevin Coughlin would like to **"Thank"** everyone who participated in the Christmas Parade, the residents who came out to the event, City Council, City's Administration, and all the City's Departments who helped organize and set up for the event. The Mayor wants to also thank LCCC for donating the cookies and the Fire Police for traffic control. This event was a huge success because of all of you!! We wish everyone Happy Holidays.

A Motion was made by Councilmember Telencho seconded by Councilmember Nalepa 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 **November 15, 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 **\$1,123,406.79, (2 Payrolls) \$334,097.25** and **(Accounts Payable) \$789,309.54**, was made by Councilmember Nalepa seconded by Councilmember Telencho. Motion carried unanimously.

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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Robert Spear and Ms. Kathy Murphy of Hanover Street asked Council why there are no garbage cans at the Luzerne County Bus stops. Mr. Spear stated people leave their garbage at the stops. President Brown replied we will contact the LCTA. DPW Foreman, Rick Josefowicz replied that the city bought the cans but LCTA was supposed to install concrete slabs and they never did so there is no way to anchor the cans. Mr. Spear asked Council if there is an ordinance regarding signage for businesses. Attorney Finnegan stated there is an ordinance and asked what is the issue. Mr. Spear stated a sign that looks like a child wrote it. Attorney Finnegan said he will look into the ordinance to see if the ordinance addresses the “quality” of the signage.

Fire Chief Mark Boncal informed Council that nine members of the Fire Department are now certified as Pumper drivers nationwide. The following firemen that passed the certification testing this year are: (Full-Time) Justin Gildea, Dave Wojciechowicz, James Hoffman, Andrew Kopco, Kevin Kopco, Chandler Prymowicz and (Part-Time) Dave Hoffman. Chief Boncal also stated back in October, the cities fire department was reviewed and received an insurance rating of #4 with #1 being the best and #10 being the worst. President Brown asked if there is a recent update on the delivery of the two new fire trucks. Chief Boncal replied no that the last he was told was sometime in early 2025. Chief Boncal stated that the city received an LSA Grant of \$509,388 towards the Ladder Fire Truck.

Correspondence-

None

Announcements-

None

Councilmember Comments-

Councilmember Nalepa congratulated Joseph Sauers for being hired as a Full Time Police Officer and wished him a long, healthy and safe career with the city. Mr. Nalepa thanked everyone who put their time and effort in organizing the Christmas Parade.

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Vice President Telencho congratulated Joseph Sauers for being hired as a Full Time Police Officer and wished him a long, healthy and safe career with the city.

President Brown congratulated Joseph Sauers for being hired as a Full Time Police Officer and wished him a long, healthy and safe career with the city. Mr. Brown congratulated Chief Roke on the hiring of another officer to the Police Force. Mr. Brown welcomed Lee Wompierki to the General Municipal Authority and wished him well.

Meeting Adjournment-

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Next Meeting, Wed., Dec. 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm

City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito