



CITY OF NANTICOKE

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Prior to the meeting, Gabriel M. Metric was sworn in as a Full Time Firefighter by Mayor Kevin Coughlin with his family present.

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, Joseph Nalepa, Joseph Dougherty, Kenneth James, Mark O'Connor, City Manager, Donna Wall, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito, and Solicitor, Attorney William Finnegan.

WORK SESSION

Old Business:

Updates on the Nanticoke Community Ambulance.

President William Brown stated the City of Nanticoke is moving forward with keeping the Nanticoke Community Ambulance as the first to be called out to calls and a monthly report from the ambulance company will be forwarded to the Mayor and Councilmembers for their review.

New Business: (action Items)

Motion to approve the Host Cooperation Agreement between the City of Nanticoke with offices at 15 E. Ridge Street, Nanticoke, PA 18634 and IBEW Local 163 JATC with offices at 1269 Sans Souci Parkway, Hanover Twp., PA 18706 with respect to a certain Redevelopment Assistance Capital Grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the City of Nanticoke

Motion to approve the 2024 City Engineering Rates from Pennoni & Associates, Inc. (No change in rates, same rates since 2021)

Motion to approve Resolution #4 of 2024, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke, re-appointing Jennifer W. Polito as the City's Fair Housing Officer.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES:

Mayor Kevin Coughlin has submitted the **December 2023 Department Reports** for Council's review and Jennifer Polito has posted them on the City's website at www.nanticokecity.com.

The City's Solicitor, Attorney William Finnegan explained the circumstances for having to cancel the January 17, 2024 Council Meeting by stating due to the agenda not being posted on the city's website at least 24 hours before the meeting by the web administrator, the meeting must be canceled according to the Sunshine Laws.

Mayor Kevin Coughlin executed **Executive Order #7 of 2024**, the hiring of **Gabriel M. Metric**, as a Full Time Fire Fighter under the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Nanticoke and the Local 2655 of the International Association of Fightfighters AFL-CIO-CLC effective Monday, January 15, 2024.

City Manager, Donna Wall has updates for Council:

1. PA American Water Co. has commenced working throughout the winter and will be paving the roads in the summer of 2024.
2. WVSA Sewer liens have been issued to the residents who are severely past due.
3. A Citywide Earth Day cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2024. We are seeking volunteers to help clean up the city.

A Motion was made by Councilmember Nalepa seconded by Councilmember Dougherty 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 minutes from the January 2, 2024 Reorganizational Meeting and Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilmember Dougherty seconded by Councilmember Nalepa. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve the Ratification of the bills paid on January 17, 2024 in the total amount of **\$626,453.30. (Payroll) \$151,696.11 (Accounts Payable) \$474,757.19** was made by Councilmember Nalepa seconded by Councilmember O'Connor. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve the Payment of the bills in the total amount of **\$584,109.82 (Payroll) \$137,263.35 (Accounts Payable) \$446,846.47** was made by Councilmember James seconded by Councilmember Nalepa. Motion carried unanimously.

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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Larry Beck asked if the city is doing something about the old Church on Prospect Street that is falling apart. City Manager, Donna Wall replied yes, the Landbank is looking to acquire the property for demolition.

Correspondence-

None

Announcements-

City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2024 in observance of President's Day.

Councilmember Comments-

Councilmember Nalepa congratulated the new Firefighter and the Fire Department on the new hire. Mr. Nalepa wanted to give a shout out to Grateful Roast who held their First Thursday Open Coffee Shop Night. Mr. Nalepa would like to see more events like this in town.

Councilmember Dougherty congratulated the new Firefighter and the Fire Department on the new hire of a 12th man. Mr. Dougherty thank everyone who was involved with the hiring of Gabriel.

Councilmember James congratulated the new Firefighter and the Fire Department on the new hire. Mr. James asked the resident to be patient with the road workers in town and obey the street signs on the road closures.

Councilmember O'Connor congratulated the new Firefighter and the Fire Department on the new hire. Mr. O'Connor asked the resident to bear with the road work in town.

President Brown congratulated Gabriel and the Fire Department on the new hire of a 12th member. Mr. Brown stated the police Department has 2 more potential police officers going through Act 120 to bring the police force to 19. Mr. Browns stated the Mayor and Council are working hard on keeping the city safe.

Fire Chief Mark Boncal thanked the Mayor and Council for the new hire and gave an update on the new fire truck by stating the fire truck should be here and placed in service by the end of this year.

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Meeting Adjournment-

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Next Meeting:

Work Session/Council Meeting Wed. Feb. 21, 2024 @ 7:00 pm.

City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito