

NANTICOKE CITY



WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 19, 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, John Pietrzyk, Kevin Coughlin, Nicole Mackiewicz, Solicitor, Attorney William Finnegan, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer Polito and Interim City Manager, Donna Wall. Excused: Councilor, Lesley Butczynski.

WORK SESSION-

A Motion to approve Resolution #19 of 2018 authorizing the appropriate City Official to apply for a LSA Grant in the amount of \$ 775,700.00 for the demolition of the Ellis Building (Old Bowlarama).

A Motion to approve Resolution #20 of 2018 approving the revision of fees to be charged by the City of Nanticoke for inspections of properties required by the Code of Ordinances of the City of Nanticoke.

A Motion to approve Resolution #21 of 2018 approving the revision of fees to be charged pursuant to the City of Nanticoke Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 15 of 2012, section 1204 as enacted on December 19, 2012.

A Motion to approve Resolution #22 of 2018, a Resolution authorizing Hanover Township to act as lead applicant to prepare and submit a Local Share Grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development on behalf of the Lower South Valley Council of Governments.

A Motion to approve Resolution #23 of 2018, a resolution ensuring the continued effort of the City of Nanticoke to utilize minority business enterprises and women business enterprises for community development activities.

Administrative Updates-

Donna Wall updated Council and residents about Main Street in downtown Nanticoke. Donna stated the Water Co. paved the bad parts and in the Spring of 2019, they will be back to pave curb to curb. Joe John asked why they are doing that if we the road and curbs are part of the Street Scape? Donna replied Penn Dot is making them do it, it is their road not ours. Larry Beck thanked Council for pushing to get something done with Main Street. He stated the road was really bad and Council agreed.

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

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public agenda items only.

Mr. Telencho asked how we can demolish a building that is on property that we do not own and Donna replied we are using the reason that it is a safety hazard and once we demolish it, our Legal team will take action by putting a lien on the property. Joe John asked "aren't we enriching the property owner?" and President Brown stated No, they cannot sell the property until they satisfy the lien and payback the City what is owed. Donna Wall stated everyone wants this building taken down. She stated walls are beginning to collapse where people walk and it is an eye sore in the City. Mr. Telencho asked if we were going to try to purchase the property after demolition and President Brown said let's see if we even get the grant to demo it, then we will address that issue if we get the grant. Mr. Telencho asked why Hanover

Township is applying for the COG's LSA Grant when Ashley Borough did it last year. President Brown asked the COG's Treasurer, Jennifer Polito, to explain and she stated all of the seven members are taking turns applying each year. She stated Nanticoke City did it first and then Ashley and now Hanover. This will keep rotating so not only one member has the burden of applying for the grant, Jennifer replied. Joe John asked that Council to read the resolutions that are on the agenda to explain more about them particularly Resolutions 20 & 21 this evening. President Brown explained the two resolutions and read them to the audience.

Old Business

None

New Business

A **Motion** to approve the December 5, 2018 meeting minutes was made by Mr. Pietrzyk, second by Mr. Coughlin. Motion carried.

A **Motion** to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$308,281.13 (Payroll \$105,790.20 and Payables \$203,493.93) was made by Mrs. Mackiewicz, second by Mr. Pietrzyk. Motion carried.

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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Telencho wanted an update on the New Fire Truck. He asked why five of our firemen were flown to Florida to inspect the truck and who paid for it, the City? President Brown asked Fire Chief, Kevin Hazleton to answer Mr. Telencho's questions. Chief Hazleton replied the Company we purchased the truck from paid for four of us to go down and do a final inspection. There is no cost to the City, Chief Hazleton replied. Mr. Telencho then asked when is it coming and how is getting here, by Rail? Chief Hazleton replied it will not be here until after the holidays and they drive it to the local dealer in Lock Haven and then to our Fire Company. Mr. Telencho asked if there will be a "show and tell". Chief Hazleton replied yes, we will have something to show off the truck because it has been a long time coming.

Mr. Telencho asked Council why we cannot put a garbage can down by the Bus Kiosk by CVS. He stated it is filled with garbage. President Brown said we do not own that property, the Library does. Joe John stated if they will not put a garbage can there, fine them. President Brown stated we will look into a solution.

Larry Beck wanted to make Council aware that some of the snowflakes in town are not lit on Market Street. He asked if the DPW Department tested them before hanging them. Councilor Nicole Mackiewicz asked where exactly are we talking about and Larry stated by Rite Aid and Carol's Florist. Mrs. Mackiewicz stated she asked the DPW Department personally, why some of the snowflakes are not working and were they tested. The DPW Road Master, Frank Marcinkowski, was present this evening so he commented on this issue. Frank stated they snowflakes were all tested and working before they were hung. Some of the polls have rust issues which is causing electrical issues to the polls.

President Brown asked Frank to look into this and stated that we need to look into new decorations for the City next year.

Mr. Marks expressed his concerns as we choose a new Mayor. He stated the candidate should have the knowledge and financial background to run the City. It has been a long time since we had a good Mayor and Council back when they three had college degrees, Mr. Marks stated. He stated when people ask “what happened to Nanticoke”, he tells them poor management. There is no money for infrastructure improvements because 70 percent of the budget goes to salary increases, Mr. Marks stated. Mr. Marks stated there is new leadership in his Tax Association and named who is in the forum for 2019. President Brown offered the Council Chambers for the meetings and Mr. Marks stated we meet at Joe John’s building. President Brown replied Council will like to attend some of their meetings.

Correspondence-

None

Announcements-

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

- City Hall will be closed on the following days in observance of Christmas and New Year’s:
 - Monday, December 24th
 - Tuesday, December 25th
 - Wednesday, December 26th
 - Monday, December 31st - closing at 12 noon
 - Tuesday, January 1st
- The 2019 Recycling Schedule will be mailed out to all residents by JP Mascaro & Sons. We will post the schedule on our website, hang a copy on our board in the Council Chambers and have extra copies at the service counter at City Hall.
- Happy Holidays to you all and your families and have a safe & prosperous New Year!!

Meeting Adjournment

Mr. Pietrzyk made the motion to adjourn, second by Mrs. Mackiewicz, roll call. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Next Meeting, Wed, January 2, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Jennifer W. Polito
City Clerk