

## NANTICOKE CITY



### WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2019

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, Kevin Coughlin, Lesley Butczynski, John Pietrzyk, Mike Marcella, Solicitor, Attorney William Finnegan, Interim City Manager, Donna Wall and Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer Polito.

#### **WORK SESSION-**

**A motion to approve** The City of Nanticoke entering into an annual contract with P&J Mechanical Contractors Inc. to do preventative maintenance on the Heating and A/C unit on a regular basis. The annual cost of the maintenance is \$4,216.00 to be paid in four quarterly payments of \$1,054.00. Council wishes to table this so they can do some further research on the issue.

#### **Administrative Updates-**

**Donna Wall had the following updates:**

- ✚ Storm water project on E. Union Street Alley is almost completed.
- ✚ Round-a-bout on the end of Prospect Street remains closed and Penn Dot will not give a date on when it will re-open. The utility companies need to complete all of their work.
- ✚ Chief Thomas Wall and Officer Mike Roke found on the Wilkes Barre area PA Treasury Recovery site that the City of Nanticoke is owed \$3,941.06 so we will be getting these funds from the state.
- ✚ Stell Enterprises has been very cooperative in communications regarding our land on Lower Broadway. Stell enterprises is paying to have the land surveyed and if they are using any of our land for storage of their equipment, they are willing to work on a lease agreement to use the land if the City allows it. Mr. Mike Stachowiak commented that we have lost about \$36,000.00 in revenue by not doing this with the old owners and he feels the City Council and Administrators were not being fiscally responsible to the taxpayers of the City. He stated it is not in the best interest of the City to allow a business to use City property for free. Attorney Finnegan stated he found a letter that was dated 9/17/2009 asking Dallas Nursery to remove their equipment from the City's property due to insurance issues and thanked the owner for the use of their top soil. John Telencho asked why the COG's paver was on Field Street yet Field Street never got paved, he wanted to know why? DPW Worker, Robert Rowels, replied it was there to put down modified. DPW worker, Rick Josefowicz, replied that the paving will not be completed until the end of July once all the repairs to the road is completed.

**Mayor Nicole Colatosti-Mackiewicz** has included her May 2019 monthly department reports. The reports are included in Council's packets, posted on the back board in Council Chambers and on the website as of Thursday June 20, 2019.

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

**REGULAR MEETING** Comments from the Public agenda items only.

None

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**A Motion** to approve the June 5, 2019 meeting minutes was made Mr. Coughlin, second Mr. Pietrzyk. Mr. Marcella abstained. Motion carried.

**A Motion** to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$303,508.72 (Payroll \$105,253.23 and Payables \$198,255.49) was made by Mr. Coughlin, second by Ms. Butczynski. Motion carried.

**A motion to table** The City of Nanticoke entering into an annual contract with P&J Mechanical Contractors Inc. to do preventative maintenance on the Heating and A/C unit on a regular basis with an annual cost of the maintenance is \$4,216.00 to be paid in four quarterly payments of \$1,054.00 was made Mr. Brown, second Mr. Pietrzyk. Motion carried.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –**

**Mr. Ronald Knapp** asked that next time we cancel a meeting at the last minute, that the regular attendees be contacted so they do not show up for nothing. Jennifer stated it is very rare we cancel last minute and by the time we found out that a third Council member was not attending it was too late, everyone was already here. Mr. Knapp stated that with all the recent shootings at municipal buildings, Municipalities are taking measure to secure their buildings and protect the employees and he feels Nanticoke should start doing the same. Mr. Knapp wanted to thank the DPW workers for filling in the pot holes in front of his mother's home. Mr. Knapp asked for a follow up on the new welcome sign and the Mayor responded that the DPW workers are going to remove the old sign and the process has begun to get a new sign.

**Mrs. Julianna Zarzycki** of 71 Seneca Dr., asked if the DPW workers could come out and fill some large pot holes in front of her driveway. She also asked that the DPW workers remove all the pebbles on her front lawn from her allowing them to plow snow onto her property. She thanked the Nanticoke Police Department and the Luzerne County Task Force for all the arrests made lately to stop the drug trafficking here in the City.

**Mr. Michael Reddy, Sr.** likes the picture in the Chambers of the Revitalization of the downtown but he asked if anyone took a look at Main Street lately. He says it is a disgrace with all the tall grass and weeds. He said the old Catholic School on Noble Street is awful too, all the windows are broken out of it. His neighbor on River Street has a junk yard going in their yard and Mike said he has been in numerous times to see Jack the Code Officer but Jack does nothing about it.

**Mrs. Theresa Sowa** wanted to congratulate all the winners in the election and she thanks them for the immediate clean-up of the signs. She stated this election was the quickest in removing political signage.

**Mr. Joe John** asked if someone followed up with the property owner about allowing the City to put up a new sign and President Brown said they will look into it but he is very sure there is an agreement and it is allowed. Mr. Mike Reddy said one of our flags keeps getting caught up on an old pole and asked the DPW workers to remove the old pole.

**Mr. Joe Rentko** noticed a tractor trailer heading into town and he stopped them and asked why. He said the driver said that is the way the GPS sent him. He suggests we put up signs to stop this from happening in the

future. Chief Wall said he also caught a trucker and he confirms there is an issue with the GPS system and the state is working on it.

**Correspondence-**

None

**Announcements- President Brown announced:**

The Nanticoke City Tax bills are now due in their face amounts by June 30, 2019. Pearl from Berkheimer will be back on June 27 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm for the final Nanticoke City collections for the year.

The City of Nanticoke is holding the **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Bang Celebration** on Saturday, June 29, 2019 (rain date Sunday, June 30, 2019). Due to unforeseen circumstances at the High School, The Big Bang location will be held at LCCC in the Prospect St. side lower parking lot. Event begins at 4pm. Please come out and enjoy the food, activities and great fireworks display at dusk.

**Meeting Adjournment**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.**

**Next Meeting, Tues, July 2, 2019 at 7:00 PM**

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**Jennifer W. Polito**  
City Clerk