



CITY OF NANTICOKE

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Work Session/Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Call to Order: President of Council, William Brown

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito

This Council Meeting was held at the Hanover Hose Company #4, 108 Espy Street.

The following were present: Council Members, William Brown, John Telencho, Lesley Butczynski, Mike Marcella, Joseph Nalepa, Interim City Manager, Donna Wall, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito and Solicitor, Attorney Finnegan.

WORK SESSION-

A Motion to approve the 2021/2022 Snow Removal bids from contractors. (see attached bid sheet for rates).

Administrative Updates-

Donna Wall updated Council and residents on the following:

- The City is holding a Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 30, 2021 at 1:00 pm. Anyone wishing to participate can set up at 12:00 pm in the Patriot Park. Children who wish to participate in the parade should show up to City Hall by 12:30 pm.
- WVSA will be replacing 7 more storm drains within the city and street sweeping this Friday.
- THE Lower South Valley COG paved the top of Pine St., Center St., and Perry St. W. Grove will be done on Thursday, October 21, 2021.

A Motion was made by Councilmember Butczynski seconded by Councilmember Nalepa to adjourn the work session. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public agenda items only.

Mr. Hank Marks commented on the street sweeping signs and stated WVSA did a good job with the signage.

Old Business

None

New Business

A Motion to approve the October 6, 2021 minutes was made by Councilmember Telencho seconded by Councilmember Marcella.

Motion carried 4-0, Councilmember Butczynski abstained.

A Motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$355,192.54, (Payroll(s) \$107,744.34 and Payables \$247,448.20) was made by Councilmember Butczynski seconded by Councilmember Nalepa.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Hank Marks of Loomis Street, commented on the 4 parts of the City's Home Rule Charter that will be on the November 2, 2021 ballot for those residents who are not aware of the proposed changes. Mr. Marks stated he is in favor of changing Section 4:02 pertaining to the education requirements for the City Manager with 10 or more years' experience. However, Mr. Marks stated he does not agree with changing Sections 2.04 (lowering minimum age to sit on Council to 18 from 21), 2.12 (moving the Council meetings to 6:00 pm from 7:00 pm), and 3.06 (removing the statement that the Mayor shall not be able to work for any derivative of a municipality). President Brown commented on Hank's comments by stating that all of these issues were addressed back in August so Council could get feedback from the public and he went through each section and explained why Council is proposing these changes to the City's Home Rule Charter. President Brown closed by saying when the Home Rule Charter was written, some sections sounded good at that time but as time went on, Council realized some minor changes need to be made and that none of the proposed changes are major changes.

Ms. Julianna Zarzycki asked if when the street sweeping is done on her road, could they get closer to the curb. DPW Foreman, Rick Josefowicz stated that if they get too close making the circle, they will hit the curb and all he can do is when the street sweeping is scheduled, he could send one of his workers to sweep the debris away from the curbs. Ms. Zarzycki stated the pothole in front of her driveway, previously repaired by the city, has opened up again and she asked if it could be redone. Ms. Zarzycki stated that there have been issues with people parking at the top of Meadow Crest Drive which is causing issues with inbound and outbound traffic. President Brown stated he will address this issue with Chief Roke.

Mr. Joe Rentko asked Council to please talk to the contractors working at the new warehouse to please clean the streets because their trucks are leaving a large amount of dirt on the roads creating a lot of dust. Councilmember Joe Nalepa stated he is aware of this issue and will address it with the contractors. President Brown stated they will speak to the Developer on Thursday. Mr. Rentko stated he has a new neighbor who does not speak any English, he speaks Spanish. The neighbor was asking about the refuse fee and collection and Mr. Rentko feels it would be a good idea to print our flyers out in both English and Spanish. Donna and Council thanked Mr. Rentko for the idea and agreed, it would be good for the community.

Correspondence-

None

Announcements-

The Nanticoke Historical Society will hold a Celebrate Nanticoke History Day on Saturday, October 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the society offices in the Samantha Mill House, 495 East Main Street. To add to the celebration, present and past residents are asked to bring to our offices any Nanticoke memorabilia stored in their homes such as photos, letters, school records, etc. to be scanned and returned to the owner that day. Items that are handed down through generations, no matter how unimportant they may seem add to the rich history of the city and its residents. For more information call 570-258-1367. Ms. Julianna Zarzycki commented that they have been flooded with information which they are very grateful for but it is taking longer to return what has been dropped off to be scanned.

Mark your calendars for October 23!

State Rep. Gerald Mullery is holding a second free document shredding event this year. They will be at Crestwood High School in Mountain Top. Safely dispose of your old documents and keep your personal information safe.

The City of Nanticoke's **2022 Budget** will be up for public inspection at 9:00 am on Friday, October 29, 2021 in the Council Chambers at 15 E. Ridge Street, Nanticoke. The 2022 Budget Hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 6:30 pm. (Prior to the Council Meeting). President Brown informed the residents that there are no increases in fees or taxes for 2022.

Councilmember Comments-

Vice President Telencho thanked Hanover Hose Co. #4 for having us tonight. Vice President Telencho wants to make it very clear that the accusation posted on the Nanticoke Venting Page that stated the reason that Nanticoke only has one Fast Food Restaurant which is Burger King, is because the City and Burger King have an exclusivity contract not to allow others to operate within the city; **THIS IS FALSE!!!** We welcome any new businesses into our city replied Vice President Telencho.

Councilmember Butczynski thanked everyone involved in another great budget process, especially Jennifer Polito. Councilmember Butczynski stated that Jennifer is great at what she does, great with numbers and puts up with a lot of questions and comments from Council.

Councilmember Marcella thanked the DPW Department for the clean-up and extra lighting in the park to prep for the City's Halloween Trunk or Treat event.

Councilmember Nalepa stated he will nip the trucks leaving dirt on the city roads in the butt.

President Brown also thanked Hanover Hose Co. #4 for having us tonight and thanked all who attended. President Brown stated it is great to see new faces at the meetings and Council would like more residents to come out and be involved in the Council meetings.

Meeting Adjournment-

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Next Meeting, Wed, Nov. 3, 2021 @ 7:00 pm.

City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito