

CITY OF NANTICOKE



WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2026

The start of the Council meeting was delayed due to a Zoning Hearing that ran longer than its scheduled time. The Council Meeting was called to order at 6:50pm.

Call to Order: President, Joseph A. Dougherty

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito

ROLL CALL:

The following were present: Council Members, President, Joseph A. Dougherty, Vice President, John Telencho, Kenneth James via telephone, Mark O'Connor via telephone, Lesley Butczynski, City Manager, Donna Wall, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito, and Solicitor, Attorney William Finnegan.

WORK SESSION: New Business: (action Items)

A Motion to approve Ordinance #2 of 2026, First Reading, An Ordinance of City Council of the City of Nanticoke, amending the Zoning Map of the City of Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, to extend the current I-1 District along parcels adjacent to Dziak Drive as more particularly described on the amended zoning map attached as Exhibit "A".

A Motion to approve Resolution #6 of 2026, A Resolution of City Council of the City of Nanticoke, re-appointing Jennifer W. Polito as the City's Fair Housing Officer.

A Motion to approve Resolution #7 of 2026, A Resolution of City Council of the City of Nanticoke, approving the modification to FY 2025 Community Development Block Grant.

A Motion to approve Resolution # 8 of 2026, a Resolution of the Governing Board of Nanticoke City, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, authorizing, empowering, and directing the proper Officers of the Governing Board to appoint a Liaison between it and Berkheimer, the duly appointed Collector of Local Taxes for the District, for the express purpose of sharing confidential tax information within the District for official purposes.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES:

Mayor Kevin Coughlin has submitted the January 2026 Department Reports for Council's review and Jennifer Polito has posted them on the City's website at www.nanticokecity.com

City Manager, Donna Wall has updates for Council.

1. The City received an award in the amount of \$298,000 through Senator Fetterman's office for two police cars, body camera's and storage.

A Motion was made by Councilmember Butczynski seconded by Councilmember Telencho 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 February 4, 2026 Work Session/Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilmember Butczynski seconded by Councilmember Telencho. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve the payment of the bills in the total amount of **\$456,941.11 [(Payrolls) \$153,694.23 (Accounts Payable) \$303,246.88]** was made by Councilmember Butczynski seconded by Councilmember Telencho. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to Table Ordinance #2 of 2026, First Reading, An Ordinance of City Council of the City of Nanticoke, amending the Zoning Map of the City of Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, to extend the current I-1 District along parcels adjacent to Dziak Drive as more particularly described on the amended zoning map attached as Exhibit "A" was made by Councilmember Butczynski seconded by Councilmember Telencho in order to further discuss this ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve Resolution #6 of 2026, A Resolution of City Council of the City of Nanticoke, re-appointing Jennifer W. Polito as the City's Fair Housing Officer was made by Councilmember O'Connor seconded by Councilmember Butczynski. Motion carried unanimously.

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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Larry Beck of 225 East Green Street stated a tow truck placed a car on his street at 226 E. Green Street last Tuesday and the car has not moved since. Chief Roke replied that he will have one of his police officers look into it.

Correspondence-

None

Announcements-

None

Councilmember Comments-

Vice President Telencho had no further comments.

Councilmember James had no further comments.

Councilmember O'Connor replied make sure you get your Flu shot.

Councilmember Butczynski had no further comments.

President Dougherty had no further comments.

Mayor Coughlin wanted to applaud Chief Boncal for cleaning out the fire hydrants that residents neglected to shovel out in the city after the snow storm. Chief Boncal replied it was a joint effort among the firefighters on duty after the storm.

Meeting Adjournment-

Councilmember O'Connor made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Telencho, roll call.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Next Meeting:

Work Session/Council Meeting Monday March 4, 2026 @ 6:00 pm.

City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito