



## CITY OF NANTICOKE

### **WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday February 15, 2023

**Call to Order:** President of Council, William Brown

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Invocation:** City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito

#### **ROLL CALL:**

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

#### **WORK SESSION**

**Motion to approve** Resolution # 4 of 2023, a Resolution for City Council for the City of Nanticoke, amendment of Resolution #23 of 2022 acting on the application of Juan Tula Tomax for the proposed intermunicipal transfer of a Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board Restaurant Liquor License Number R-7744 to the premises at 701 South Walnut Street in the City of Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

**Motion to approve** the purchase of Rear View Camera Systems for the DPW Trucks from C&S Auto and Truck Stop in the amount of \$4,100.00 using the American Rescue Plan Funds.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES**

Mayor Kevin Coughlin has submitted the January 2023 Department Reports for Council's review and Jennifer Polito has posted them on the City's website at [www.nanticokecity.com](http://www.nanticokecity.com).

**City Manager, Donna Wall, informed Council of the following:**

- The 2021 Liquid Fuels Audit was completed by the PA Auditor General's Office on Monday February 15, 2023 and there are no findings.

**A Motion** was made by Councilmember Telencho seconded by Councilmember Marcella 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 **February 1, 2023** minutes was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Telencho.

Motion carried unanimously.

**A Motion** to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of **\$538,825.41**, (Payroll(s) \$128,420.20 and Payables \$410,405.21 was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried unanimously.

**A Motion to approve** the purchase of Rear View Camera Systems for the DPW Trucks from C&S Auto and Truck Stop in the amount of \$4,100.00 using the American Rescue Plan Funds was made by Councilmember Butczynski seconded by Councilmember Marcella.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –**

**Ms. Lynn Knight** of Honey Pot Street asked that show her respect at meetings. Ms. Knight stated her hearing for the delinquent Refuse Fees has been postponed. Ms. Knight asked Council why did the City pay an additional employee to accompany Patty at the last hearing. Ms. Knight stated she stopped in the city building the day of here hearing and asked for Patty, she was not back yet then asked for Donna Wall and she was off that day so she asked to speak to whoever is next in charge because she refused to speak to the Mayor. She wants to know who she was speaking with that day because she replied I am and when asked what she does at the city she replied she is the Jack of all Trades, she does a little of everything. Donna Wall replied that would be Ann. Ms. Knight stated she was told by Ann that it is illegal for Mascaro to pick up more than 4 bags of garbage per week from residents which contradicts what President Brown told Ms. Knight in the last meeting. Ms. Knight wants to know which statement is correct and President Brown stated his comment is correct. President Brown stated that Ms. Knight should have waited for another time to speak with Patty about the Refuse. Ms. Knight stated that the Police need to perform speed control in Honey Pot. Ms. Knight stated in 2020 WVSA performed street cleaning and she wants to know what can be done about the vehicles who do not obey the no parking signage. President Brown asked Attorney Finnegan if an Ordinance can be put on the books to help with this issue and he replied yes. Chief Roke stated when his department is fully staffed in about 6-8 months, his department will be able to enforce this issue.

**Mr. Karl Schmeilart** of 381 E. Grand Street commented on something he heard about lead pipes in older homes in Nanticoke. City Manager, Donna Wall, replied that PA American Water

Co. is sending out post cards to resident regarding this issue and residents who think they may have lead pipes must call Pa American Water Co. to have their pipes inspected for lead.

**Correspondence-**

None

**Announcements-**

City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2023 in observance of President's Day.

**Councilmember Comments-**

**Vice President Telencho** commented on Councilmember Nalepa's comment by saying only 1 flag at a time.

**Councilmember Butczynski** had no further comments.

**Councilmember Marcella** had no further comments.

**Councilmember Nalepa** informed Council and residents that the American Legion will have a P.O. Box for old American flags to be properly disposed of by the Boy Scouts.

**President Brown** had no further comments.

**Meeting Adjournment-**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.**

**Next Meeting, Wed, Mar 1, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

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**City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito**