

CITY OF NANTICOKE



WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2026

Call to Order: President, Joseph A. Dougherty

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Interim City Clerk, Ann Grzymski

ROLL CALL:

The following were present: Council Members, President, Joseph A. Dougherty, Vice President, John Telencho, Lesley Butczynski, Kenneth James and Mark O'Connor, City Manager, Donna Wall, Interim City Clerk, Ann Grzymski, and Solicitor, Attorney William Finnegan.

Fire Chief Mark Boncal thanked and presented three Life Saving Awards for saving a man's life in a house fire on February 24, 2026. The three recipients of the award were **Assistant Chief Greg Grzymski, Captain Brian Zegarski, and Firefighter Chandler Prymowicz.** Chief Boncal talked of their heroism and pictures were taken with fellow firefighters and family.

Representatives from Dewberry and PENNDOT presented information on the SR 2008-350 Detour plan. Their presentation included a display for the Middle Road Bridge Replacement Project over Espy Run and the detour that will be put in place during the project. After their presentation they stated that the display will be available for review and ask questions regarding the project after the council meeting.

WORK SESSION: New Business: (action Items)

A Motion to approve Ordinance #4 of 2026, Second Reading, An Ordinance of City Council of the City of Nanticoke, adopting a Noise Ordinance to address the making and creation of excessive, unnecessary or unusually loud noises within the City of Nanticoke.

A Motion to approve Ordinance #5 of 2026, Second Reading, An Ordinance of City Council of the City of Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, amending Chapter 485-6 of the City of Nanticoke Code of Ordinances to include a provision prohibiting Tractor Trailer and Commercial Vehicle parking on Dziak Drive, Middle Road, Prospect Street and Kosciuszko Street and amending Chapter 485-6(D) to specify an exemption for certain vehicles parking on Dziak Drive, Middle Road, Prospect Street and Kosciuszko Street and amending Chapter 485-8 to increase the fine to \$250.00.

A Motion to approve Ordinance #6 of 2026, First Reading, An Ordinance of City Council of the City of Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, amending Chapter 485-48 of the City of Nanticoke Code of Ordinances prohibiting parking on the north side of East Main Street between Jifkin Street and 560 East Main Street.

A Motion to approve Resolution # 10 of 2026, a Resolution of City Council of the City of Nanticoke, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, supporting the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (AMERICA250PA).

A Motion to approve Resolution # 11 of 2026, a Resolution of City Council of the City of Nanticoke, confirming the appointments of Mayor Kevin Coughlin to the Nanticoke Board of Appeals for Property Maintenance Matters.

A Motion to approve Resolution # 12 of 2026, a Resolution of City Council of the City of Nanticoke, adopting a revision to the Act 537 Plan of Hanover Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania (hereinafter “the municipality”).

A Motion to accept the retirement letter of Patricia Zendarski effective April 22, 2026.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES:

Mayor Coughlin executed Executive Order #9 of 2026, appointing the following individuals to the Nanticoke Board of Appeals for Property Maintenance Matters:

Kevin Hazleton	1-year	12/31/2026
Ron Kamowski	2-year	12/31/2027
Jack Minsavage	3-year	12/31/2028

Mayor Coughlin executed Executive Order #10 of 2026, appointed Ann Grzymiski, as Interim City Clerk. (Informational Purposes only)

City Manager, Donna Wall has updates for Council.

1. The new DPW building is almost at completion. It has passed all the inspections last week.
2. Kosciuszko Street near LCCC has had new lines painted for turning lanes.
3. A sink hole has been repaired on the 400 block of East Grand Street.

A Motion was made by Councilmember Butczynski seconded by Councilmember O’Connor 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 April 15, 2026 Work Session/Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilmember Telencho seconded by Councilmember Butczynski. Motion carried and Councilmember James and O'Connor abstained.

A Motion to approve the payment of the bills in the total amount of **\$421,734.72** [(Payrolls) **\$157,474.69** (Accounts Payable) **\$264,260.03** was made by Councilmember Butczynski seconded by Councilmember O'Connor. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve Ordinance #4 of 2026, Second Reading, An Ordinance of City Council of the City of Nanticoke, adopting a Noise Ordinance to address the making and creation of excessive, unnecessary or unusually loud noises within the City of Nanticoke was made by Councilmember James seconded by Councilmember Telencho. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to accept the Retirement Letter of Patricia Zendarski effective April 22, 2026 was made by Councilmember Butczynski seconded by Councilmember Telencho.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Larry Beck of 225 East Green Street asked if there was anything that could be done about a Quad riding down our Street. He stated that when they call the police the Quad is gone by the time the police get there. Chief Roke replied he will have his guys look into it.

Ms. Joan Sulewski of 47 West Noble Street stated that she was referred to City Council by the Code Department to seek a waiver for the refuse removal fee for her Sister’s home, located at 45 West Noble Street. Donna Wall asked if all the utilities were still turned on in the residence. Attorney Bill Finnegan responded by telling Ms. Sulewski that he will look into it and we will get back to you.

Correspondence-

None

Announcements-

The City-Wide Yard Sale is Scheduled for **Saturday, May 16, 2026** (Rain Date is Sunday, May 17, 2026, BUT NO ONE IS PERMITTED TO USE PARK due to another event). The city will post a list of addresses participating in the yard sale on the city’s Facebook page. Please call (570) 735-2800 ext. 101 if you would like your address added to the list by Wednesday May 13, 2026.

City of Nanticoke’s Annual Big Bang Celebration and a Parade is scheduled for Sat., June 27, 2026 (Rain Date Sun., June 28, 2026).

The Parade and Big Bang details are on the City’s Facebook and web pages.

This year we celebrate the 100th Birthday for the City of Nanticoke and the 250th Birthday for the United States of America.

The City of Nanticoke is seeking Volunteers, food and craft vendors for the Big Bang Celebration. Vendor Applications can be obtained on the city's Facebook Page, city's Web page or picked up at City Hall.

The City of Nanticoke is inviting any past Mayors & Councilmembers, Business, Groups or Individuals to participate in the parade as we celebrate 100 years for the City of Nanticoke and 250 years for the United States of America. Participants can march or drive a vehicle with or without a float. If you want to participate in the parade, please call City Hall at (570) 735-2800 ext. 101.

Councilmember Comments-

Vice President Telencho Congratulated and extended sincere thank you to the firefighters. He stated that it was a scary situation that turned out well.

Councilmember O'Connor Congratulated the Firemen who received award this evening. It takes a lot of courage. What you did was incredible. We have a great fire department and police force. Thank you.

Councilmember James I witnessed the finest of great people today. God Bless our first responders. They are out in all kinds of weather. Also, a resident complained to me about people on those motor vehicles, I said I would speak with the police. Chief Roke said he would look into it.

Councilmember Butczynski It was an honor to see all three of these Firemen be presented with the award. I see them as Heroes. Congratulations.

President Dougherty Thank you to the 3 individuals and the entire fire department. I am grateful to have our fire department in our town and also our police department. Thank you Mayor for appointing these three gentlemen to their positions.

Meeting Adjournment-

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Next Meeting:

Work Session/Council Meeting Monday May 20, 2026 @
6:00 pm.

Interim City Clerk, Ann Grzymiski