



CITY OF NANTICOKE

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday March 1, 2023

Call to Order: President of Council, William Brown

Pledge of Allegiance officiated by Finley Brennan, GNA 5th Grade Student

Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito

ROLL CALL:

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

Excused: City Manager, Donna Wall.

Ron Bruza thanked the members of the Fire and Police Departments for coming to the school and reading to the students.

WORK SESSION

Motion to approve Resolution # 5 of 2023, a Resolution for City Council of the City of Nanticoke, authorizing the filing of a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Grant application with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on behalf of IBEW Local 163 JATC in the amount of \$1,300,000.00.

Motion to approve Ordinance #1 of 2023, (First Reading), an Ordinance of City Council of the City of Nanticoke adopting an Ordinance governing parking restrictions for street sweeping.

Motion to approve the purchase of 12 lights and 4 bollards for Patriot Park with American Rescue Plan Funds estimated at \$120,000.00.

Motion to participate with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act Grant to identify Brownfield Properties.

Motion to transfer \$500,000.00 from the M&T Sewer Account to a High Yield Interest Sewer account at PLGIT.

Motion to transfer \$1,200,000.00 from the M&T Special Revenue Account to a High Yield Interest Special Revenue account at PLGIT.

Motion to approve the Ground Lease Agreement between Luzerne County Community College and the City of Nanticoke, Parcel No. 42K7-00A-004-000, to construct two Department of Public Works buildings to house the City of Nanticoke's Sewer, Water and Public Works Departments.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

- [None](#)

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 **February 15, 2023** minutes was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Butczynski. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve the payment of the bills in the total amount of **\$381,235.42; (Payroll(s)) \$112,926.81 (Accounts Payable) \$268,308.61** was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Telencho. Motion carried unanimously.

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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Ms. Julianna Zarzycki expressed her concern about all the litter throughout the city. She asked Council if they know of any organization or group that would volunteer to pick up the litter. She asked that the city put on their Facebook page a note to residents to at least clean up the litter in front of their homes. Mayor Coughlin stated that the city advertised a group clean-up in the city last Spring and the attendance was very low. Councilmember Marcella suggested organizing an "Adopt a Block" program in the Spring to help clean-up litter. President Brown agreed that the city must do something this Spring to clean-up the city and Mayor Coughlin stated he will address the issue when the weather gets warmer.

Miss Teagan Bruza is also concerned about the litter in the city.

Correspondence-

None

Announcements-

None

Councilmember Comments-

Vice President Telencho had no further comments.

Councilmember Butczynski had no further comments.

Councilmember Marcella had no further comments.

Councilmember Nalepa thanked Teagan for her concerns about the litter on the streets in the city.

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 7:16 pm.

Next Meeting, Wed, Mar 15 2023 at 7:00 pm

City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito