

CITY OF NANTICOKE



**WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**The following were present:** Council Members, William Brown, Joseph Nalepa, Joseph Dougherty, Kenneth James, Mark O'Connor, City Manager, Donna Wall, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito, and Solicitor, Attorney Shannon Crake-Lapsansky.

**WORK SESSION: New Business: (action Items)**

- a. **A motion** to accept the resignation letter from Broc Brown, Department of Public Works, effective March 21, 2025.

**ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES:**

- **Mayor Kevin Coughlin has submitted the February 2025 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 had the following updates for Council:**

1. Donna announced the new sign at city hall has been installed and the stone for the pillars will be delivered on Thursday, March 20, 2025. Donna stated the DPW workers will be doing the masonry work.

**A Motion** was made by Councilmember Dougherty seconded by Councilmember James 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 March 5, 2025 Work Session/Regular Council Meeting** was made by Councilmember Nalepa seconded by Councilmember O'Connor. Motion carried unanimously.

**A Motion to approve** the payment of the bills in the total amount of **\$422,585.96 [(Payrolls) \$143,789.39 (Accounts Payable) \$278,796.57]** was made by Councilmember Dougherty seconded by Councilmember James. Motion carried unanimously.

**A motion** to accept the resignation letter from Broc Brown, Department of Public Works, effective March 21, 2025 was made by Councilmember O'Connor seconded by Councilmember James. Motion carried unanimously.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –**

**Ms. Lynn Knight** of 270 Honey Pot Street asked Council to explain why Leslie was on the prior election ballot when she was unable to run for re-election. President Brown explained that there was a question on the ballot to remove term limits for Council from the City's Home Rule Charter and if it passed, she could run for re-election but it did not pass. So, since the people voted No to remove term limits, Leslie had to drop out of the election for a seat on Council. Ms. Knight asked why was her husband chosen by Council to fill her seat and why didn't the residents have a vote. President Brown explained that per the bylaws of the City's Home Rule Charter, her husband was picked by Council to fill Leslie's seat and she was voted in by Council with a majority vote. Attorney Shannon Crake-Lapsansky confirmed what President Brown had said was correct and further explained the process per the City's Home Rule Charter. Ms. Knight asked Council if all tax payers should be treated equally, Council replied yes. Ms. Knight asked Council if Honey Pot Residents should be treated the same as other residents in the city and Council replied yes. Ms. Knight asked Council if chairs and tables need stickers when put out for garbage, Council replied yes. Ms. Knight stated some residents are not putting stickers on these items and Mascaro take it anyway. Ms. Knight asked if a resident has 30 bags of garbage on the curb, it will all be picked up because there is a law stating all garbage must be removed off the streets and Council replied yes. Ms. Knight stated that many residents are not adhering to the 6 bags limit per week. Ms. Knight asked Council how long can a car with an expired inspection and or registration stay on the street. President Brown said 48 hours and Ms. Knight replied try some have been 7 months and nothing is done about it. Ms. Knight asked Council how long can a car park on a street and not move before it is considered illegal. Chief Roke replied 48 hours if it does not move at least two inches. Ms. Knight asked Council why people are allowed to have trash on public sidewalks 365 days a year and not be fined. She stated Honey Pot is a dump and so is the city. Council strongly disagreed with her statement and President Brown pointed out all the good things the Mayors and Council past and present have done to clean up the city. President Brown will have Jonathan Lang look into the properties Ms. Knight was referring to and possibly cite them under our Quality-of-Life Ordinance.

**Mr. Mike Marcella** of 240 E. Church Street had a question for Attorney Finnegan regarding the City's Home Rule Charter and due to Attorney Finnegan's absence, Mike withdrew his question until the next meeting.

**Mr. Karl Schneikert** of E. Green Street commented on the expired plates and registrations. Chief Roke stated if a vehicle is abandoned for more than 48 hours, under the rules of our ordinance, we can have it towed. Chief Roke stated that if the vehicle does not fall under our ordinance rules, we cannot go onto people's property and tow away vehicles. Chief Roke also said it is illegal to mark tires on vehicles.

**Mr. John Krieger** of 212 S. Hanover Street stated he has talked to the Reps from Mascaro's and they told him they will pick up all garbage. Mr. Krieger thanked Rick for promptly responding to his issues with stolen signs. Mr. Krieger has been calling 911 when he sees tractor trailers illegally traveling through town. Mr. Krieger suggested moving the speed detection signs to Hanover & Church Streets and Hanover & Broad Streets. Mr. Krieger stated peoples are moving too quickly on Main Street and in town and they need to be ticketed. President Brown stated the police cannot issue a ticket unless they are 10 miles per hour over the posted speed limit or 5 in a school zone.

Fire Chief, Mark Boncal announced the new fire engine has arrived and is now in service and anyone who wants to see it can stop over after the meeting. There will be a blessing ceremony on March 27, 2025 at 11:00 am for anyone who wishes to attend. Chief Boncal wants to congratulate Volunteer Lenny Golemb for 55 years with the fire department.

#### **Correspondence-**

Resignation letter from Broc Brown.

#### **Announcements-**

The City of Nanticoke's Annual Big Bang is scheduled for **Saturday, June 28, 2025** (Rain Date Sunday, June 29, 2025). The City is now accepting applications for craft and food vendors. The Vendor Application can be obtained at City Hall during business hours, on the City's Facebook Page and Website or email Jennifer at [jpolito@nanticokecity.com](mailto:jpolito@nanticokecity.com) and she will email you an application.

The City-Wide Yard Sale is Scheduled for **Saturday, May 17, 2025** (Rain Date is Sunday, May 18, 2025). 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 14, 2025.

On **April 26, 2025** the City of Nanticoke and the Nanticoke Conservation Club will be holding an Earth Day Clean Up Day. Anyone who would like to participate, please report to the LCCC Student Parking Lot by Weis Market at 8:00 am. Rain Date is May 3, 2025.

**Councilmember Comments-**

**Vice President Nalepa** stated as the weather gets nicer, have some patience with the Code Officer and DPW. Department. It was a long hard winter and they have to catch up on a lot of work here in town.

**Councilmember** had no further comments this evening.

**Councilmember Dougherty** had no further comments this evening.

**Councilmember O'Connor** had no further comments this evening.

**President William Brown** had no further comments this evening.

**Meeting Adjournment-**

Councilmember James made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Dougherty, roll call.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.**

**Next Meeting:**

Work Session/Council Meeting Wednesday, Apr 2, 2025  
@ 6:00 pm.

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**City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito**