



## CITY OF NANTICOKE

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

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Work Session/Council Meeting 7:00 pm

At 6:55 pm, prior to the Council meeting, Attorney Finnegan held a 2<sup>nd</sup> Bid Meeting for the sale of 150 W. Church Street. There were no bids submitted, Attorney Finnegan stated if Council chooses to do so, they can retain a realtor and sell this property on their own.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

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

Mayor Kevin Coughlin swore in Kylie Tausendfreundt and Anthony Waitkus as Full-Time Police Officers. President Brown congratulated the new hires and wished them good luck with their careers.

#### **WORK SESSION-**

**A Motion to authorize** the sale of City of Nanticoke vacant parcel, being described in DB 1458 at Page 320, and following, for the consideration of \$5,700.00 upon the expiration of 30 days from Council approval.

**A Motion to approve Ordinance #9 of 2021, (First Reading)** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NANTICOKE, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF NANTICOKE FOR 2022.

**A motion to approve Ordinance #10 of 2021, (First Reading)** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NANTICOKE, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ESTABLISHING A MILLAGE RATE OF TAXATION FOR 2022.

#### **Administrative Updates-**

Mayor Kevin Coughlin has submitted the October 2021 Department reports for Council's review and Jennifer has posted them on the City's website.

**Donna Wall** updated Council and residents on the following:

- City Hall will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 25, 2021 and Friday, November 26, 2021.
- The members of the safety committee completed their refresher course and are now certified so the City can receive the discount on their worker's compensation policy. The discount comes out to 8,500 to 9,00 per year.
- Donna attended a teleconference with the Landbank steering committee and everything is moving forward.
- The pot holes in the alley that Carl Karge brought to our attention at the last meeting has been addressed.
- The issues at the Housing Authority that Julianna Zarzycki brought to our attention have been passed on to Mr. Verazin, the Housing Director.

**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.

No comments from the public.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**A Motion** to approve the November 3, 2021 minutes was made by Councilmember Butczynski seconded by Councilmember Marcella.

Motion carried unanimously.

**A Motion** to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$384,320.11, (Payroll(s) \$101,143.70 and Payables \$283,176.41) was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Nalepa.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –**  
**None**

**Correspondence-**  
None

**Announcements-**

The City of Nanticoke's Annual Christmas Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 3:00 pm at the Patriot Park. Santa Claus will arrive on a Fire Truck where he will greet the children and give them a gift. Free Cookies and Hot Chocolate will be served. More details to follow soon.

The City of Nanticoke would like to remind all residents that the last day for Yard Waste pick up in 2021 is Tuesday, November 30, 2021.

**Councilmember Comments-**

**Vice President Telencho** welcomes Kylie and Anthony to the Police Department and wished everyone a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

**Councilmember Butczynski** congratulated the new Police officers.

**Councilmember Marcella** congratulated the new Police officers.

**Councilmember Nalepa** congratulated the new hired Police officers and stated to stay safe.

Councilmember Nalepa thanked Jennifer Polito on her job well done and hard work preparing the annual budget. Councilmember Butczynski also thanked Jennifer.

**President Brown** congratulated the new hired Police officers and also thanked Jennifer for a great job with the budget.

**Meeting Adjournment-**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.**

**Next Meeting, Wed, Dec 1, 2021 @ 7:00 pm.**

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**City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito**