

CITY OF NANTICOKE



**WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Work Session/Council Meeting 7:00 pm

**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, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito and Solicitor, Attorney Finnegan. Excused: Interim City Manager, Donna Wall.

**WORK SESSION-**

None

**Administrative Updates-**

- **Mayor Kevin Coughlin** has submitted the May 2021 Department Reports for Council's review and Jennifer has the reports posted on the City's website.

- **Solicitor's Update:** Attorney Finnegan explained that there was an error on a 2012 Ordinance and the January 2, 2013 minutes where dates were stated incorrectly. City Council passed Ordinance No. 3 of 2021, Correction of Scrivener's Errors, that allows the Solicitor to correct the 2012 Ordinance and minutes to reflect the necessary corrections.

**A Motion** was made by Councilmember Nalepa 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 June 2, 2021 minutes was made by Councilmember Telencho seconded by Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried unanimously.

**A Motion** to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$150,496.57 (Payroll(s) \$109,300.46 and Payables \$41,196.11) was made by Councilmember Nalepa seconded by Councilmember Marcella. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC -**

**Mr. Lou Gianuzzi** asked Council for an update on the demolition of the Villa property and the Bowlarama. President Brown stated they have no updates at this time but the City's Municipal

Authority is meeting on Monday evening. President Brown stated they will try to get some updates on these two properties for the July 7, 2021 Council meeting.

**Mr. Ron Knapp** commented on the suggestions he made for the W. Main Street project by saying the contractors did a great job. However, he still has concerns for public safety because the contractors left a trench along the sidewalk along Main Street near Burger King. Mr. Kanpp feels the City should have made the contractors back fill the trench with soil.

**Mr. Hank Marks** commented on the statement made at the last meeting that the City is doing the best they can with infrastructure and blighted properties in town by saying he disagrees. Mr. Marks stated the residents deserve better. He commented on that most of the budget goes to salaries and benefits and he has stated in the past on how to correct this issue and he hopes that Council remembers what he had said in the past. Mr. Marks thanked Council for his time to speak.

#### **Correspondence-**

President Brown read a Letter of Retirement from the City's Code Officer, Jack Minsavage. (See Attached) President Brown thanked Jack for his years of employment with the City.

#### **Announcements-**

Annual Big Bang is BACK!!! The Big Bang will be held on Saturday, June 26, 2021 from 4 pm to dusk with a Fireworks Display. (Rain Date is Sunday June 27, 2021.)

The City of Nanticoke will be closed on Monday, July 5, 2021 in observance of Independence Day. The Mayor, Council and Administration wishes everyone a safe and Happy Fourth of July.

#### **Councilmember Comments-**

**Vice President John Telencho** wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Councilmember Butczynski** thanked Jack Minsavage for all his hard work while employed by the City.

**Councilmember Marcella** thanked, on behalf of the 2021 graduating class of the GNA High School, the Nanticoke and Newport Twp. Fire and Police Departments for their help assisting the Seniors with safely directing them through their parade route.

**Councilmember Nalepa** commented on the number of abandoned vehicles that were tagged and removed in town last month and he thanked the Code and Police departments for efforts in taking care of this issue.

**President Brown** Congratulated Jack Minsavage on his retirements and hopes he enjoys his years during retirement.

#### **Meeting Adjournment-**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.**

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

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**City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito**