



NANTICOKE CITY

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 5, 2018

Nanticoke City Hall 7:00 PM

Call to Order: President of Council, William Brown
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer Polito

The following were present: Councilors, William Brown, Lesley Butczynski, John Pietrzyk, Kevin Coughlin, Nicole Mackiewicz, Solicitor, Attorney William Finnegan, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer Polito and Interim City Manager, Donna Wall.

For the record, Attorney Finnegan announced in the work session that the meeting was delayed due to a brief executive session regarding a personnel matter.

WORK SESSION-

A Motion to approve Resolution 18 of 2018 to award the Refuse & Recycling contract to the low bidder, Mascaro from 2019-2021.

A Motion to approve Ordinance #2 of 2018 (on the second reading) approving the City's Budget for 2019.

A Motion to approve Ordinance #3 of 2018 (on the second reading) establishing a Millage Rate of Taxation for 2019.

Administrative Updates-

Donna Wall updated Council and residents about Main Street in downtown Nanticoke. She stated she spoke with Jim Hoover from PAWC and a base milling and restoration of the trenches will be completed this year to smooth out the road and final restoration will be done next year.

Mr. Marks wanted to know how long the Refuse/Recycling contract was for and the amounts. President William Brown stated it is a 3 year contract with the option of two 1 year extensions. Attorney Finnegan stated the City went with Option F – weekly refuse pick up with bi-weekly single stream recycling and the 1st year is \$948,572, the 2nd year is \$969,692, and the 3rd year is \$990,932. Mr. Telencho asked why are going bi-weekly with the recycling and Mr. Brown stated to save the City money. Mr. Telencho replied how are we saving by spending more for less? He asked what we paid in the last contract and Jennifer stated she does not know the exact amounts in her head but she will get them and email them to him. Mr. Telencho asked how will we know which week is the week for recyclables? Donna stated a schedule will be made and posted in the chambers and our website.

Mr. Marks wanted to know why the 2019 budget amounts were not on the agenda and Jennifer stated that they have been posted on the back wall since October 31, 2019, we held a budget hearing prior to a meeting which he attended, it is on our website, the ordinances are on the back board and at any time he could come see Donna or Jennifer to discuss and has not. This is the 2nd reading of the ordinances she replied.

A Motion was made by Mr. Coughlin, second by Ms. Butczynski to adjourn the work session. Work session adjourned.

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public agenda items only.

Old Business

None

New Business

A **Motion** to approve the November 20, 2018 meeting minutes was made by Ms. Butczynski, second by Mrs. Mackiewicz. Motion carried.

A **Motion** to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$380,305.88 (Payroll \$147,321.52 and Payables \$232,984.36) was made by Mrs. Mackiewicz, second by Mr. Pietrzyk. Motion carried.

A **Motion** to approve Resolution 18 of 2018 to award the 2019-2021 Refuse/Recycling Contract to the lowest bidder, Mascaro was made by Mrs. Mackiewicz, second by Mr. Pietrzyk. Motion carried.

A **Motion** to approve Ordinance # 2 of 2018 approving the 2019 City's Budget on the 2nd reading was made by Mr. Pietrzyk, second by Ms. Butczynski. Motion carried.

A **Motion** to approve Ordinance # 3 of 2018 approving the 2019 City's Millage Rates on the 2nd reading was made by Ms. Butczynski, second by Mr. Coughlin. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Telencho asked for an update on the Grant list and if it was completed. Jennifer stated, it will not be done until early next year, he asked what takes so long and she replied, there are some before her time and she needs to pull all blue books and award letters and that has to wait until she gets through closing out the books and completing filings for 2018.

Mr. Marks commented on the Fireman's wage reopener and wanted to know the status. Donna replied it was awarded in November at a meeting and they got 3% for 2019 & 2020. Mr. Marks expresses his disapproval of the 3% wage increases for the fireman. He stated that we are a poor town that cannot afford 3% increases on salaries of \$70,000.00. Donna replied the 3% is not on \$70,000.00 that is not their base rates. Mr. Marks wanted to know who awarded the project for downtown and Donna replied it was not our project, it was the water company. Mr. Brown replied that no one of them are happy with the way the roads are downtown.

Mr. Mackiewicz wanted to say thank you on behalf of Council to the Fire Dept. for doing an excavation drill of 120 residents in the nursing home she works at (Guarding Eldercare and Rehabilitation Center). She stated they did a great job. She also thanked the DPW and the Fire departments for the great work done to make the parade a success by decorating in the park, it looked great.

Correspondence-

None

Announcements-

President of Council, William Brown made the following announcement this evening:

- The Nanticoke City's Annual Christmas Parade is going to be held on Sunday, December 9, 2018. The Parade leaves GNA High School, to Kosciusko St. to Green St. & concludes at Patriot Park, where there will be complimentary Horse Carriage Rides, Cookies, Hot Chocolate and Santa Claus! Please join us for a fun, family afternoon!

Meeting Adjournment

Mr. Pietrzyk made the motion to adjourn, second by Ms. Butczynski, roll call. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Next Meeting, Wed, December 19, 2018 at 7:00 PM

Jennifer W. Polito
City Clerk