



CITY OF NANTICOKE

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

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 via telephone, Joseph Dougherty, Kenneth James, Mark O'Connor, City Manager, Donna Wall, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito, and Solicitor, Attorney William Finnegan via telephone.

WORK SESSION: New Business: (action Items)

A Motion to approve Ordinance #6 of 2024, First Reading, an Ordinance of City Council of the City of Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, amending Section 8.2(b) of Ordinance NO. 16 of 2007, The Police Pension Ordinance, to revise the composition of the Pension Board.

A Motion to approve the 2024/2025 Snow Removal Bids from contractors. See attached Bid Sheet.

A Motion to approve to have an Act 305 Study to amend Pension Ordinance for COLAs to include those on disability pensions.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES:

City Manager, Donna Wall had the following updates for Council:

1. The parking project in front of City Hall will be completed by Friday 11/8/2024.
2. The DPW Building construction has begun.

A Motion was made by Councilmember James seconded by Councilmember Dougherty 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 October 16, 2024 Work Session/Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilmember James seconded by Councilmember O'Connor. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve the payment of the bills in the total amount of **\$776,759.78, [(Payrolls) \$252,103.69 (Accounts Payable) \$524,656.09]** was made by Councilmember Dougherty seconded by Councilmember James. Motion carried unanimously.

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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Fire Chief Mark Boncal, thanked John Sidari of M&J Construction who assisted with helping to transport the Brush Truck to get repaired. Chief Boncal updated Council on the progress of the new fire engine and ariel ladder truck and stated there are pictures of the fire engine almost completed on the Fire Department's Facebook page.

Mr. Jim Kaszowicz and the residents of the Hanlin Terrace wanted to thank the Mayor, Council and Donna Wall for their support in rejecting the proposed Solar Farm project in that section of Nanticoke.

Correspondence-

None

Announcements-

The City of Nanticoke's **2025 Proposed Budget** is posted for Public Inspection in the Council Chambers at 15 E. Ridge St. and on the City's website at www.nanticokecity.com as of Thursday, October 31, 2024. The **2025 Budget Hearing** will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 5:30 pm. (Prior to the Council Meeting). The First Reading of the budget Ordinance will be at the November 20, 2024 Council Meeting.

City Hall will be closed on Monday, November 11, 2024 in observance of Veteran's Day.

The City of Nanticoke's **Annual Christmas Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting** will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 2:00 pm at the Patriot Park. Santa Claus will arrive on a Fire Truck where he will greet the children, you will be able to take photos and each child will receive a gift. There will be Free Cookies and Hot Chocolate served. The Christmas Tree Lighting is at 3:30 pm. Anyone or group who would like to participate in the parade, please email Jennifer Polito at jpolito@nanticokecity.com. Parade starts at 2 pm at the GNA High School and set up begins at 1 pm.

Councilmember Comments-

Vice President Nalepa had no other comments.

Councilmember James thanked all who participated in the Trunk or Treat and made it a huge success. Mr. James stated the contractors did a great job on the first phase of the streetscape. Mr. James thanked the Fire Department for their great response to Lexington Village.

Councilmember Dougherty stated the Halloween event in the park was wonderful and thanked the Mayor and all who were involved; there had to be over 500 children that attended. Mr. Dougherty requested that the Municipal Authority and the Planning Commission submit their minutes to the city so the Councilmembers know what is going on in case a resident approaches them on an issue.

Councilmember O'Connor thanked all who participated in the Trunk or Treat; he was not there but heard it was a great event. Mr. O'Connor commended the Fire Department for their quick response to the fire at Lexington Village. Mr. O'Connor agrees with Mr. James that the Streetscape looks great.

President William Brown thanked all who participated in the Trunk or Treat and said everyone had a great time. Mr. Brown was happy to hear that there was no mist jiff night on Halloween. Mr. Brown asked City Manager Donna Wall when the new lights were being installed downtown. Mrs. Wall replied November 11, 2024 and the parking lot at the old carwash will also have lighting installed. Mr. James asked why the need for that parking lot? Mrs. Wall replied it is a project with UGI since that land is in a flood zone and can not be used for anything else; the city thought a parking lot would be a good idea for extra parking after the downtown is completed.

Meeting Adjournment-

Councilmember Dougherty made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember O'Connor, roll call.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm.

Next Meeting:

Work Session/Council Meeting Wednesday, Nov 20, 2024
@ 6:00 pm.

City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito