

NANTICOKE CITY



WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2019

Nanticoke City Hall 7:00 PM

Call to Order: Vice President of Council, Kevin Coughlin

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer Polito

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

WORK SESSION-

A Motion to approve the revision of the budgeted items within the CDBG 2016 Grant from demolition activity to street improvement activity, West Green Street, in the amount of \$31, 177.90 to cover the street improvements, ADA curbs and engineering.

A Motion to approve Resolution #2 of 2019 appointing Cameron Cox as the new Council member to fill the vacancy of Nicole Colatosti-Mackiewicz who resigned on January 2, 2019.

A Motion to approve the purchase of a F-550 Utility Truck for the DPW Department from Gibbons Ford (Lowest Quote). The new truck is replacing the 2010 F-350 and the total cost after up fitting and trade in of \$12,000 will be \$51,713 to be paid from the Highway Aid Fund in full at time of delivery.

Administrative Updates-

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

1. The streets being paved in 2019 with the remaining funds from the PIB Loan. She stated portions of Market St., Hanover St., E. Grove St., W. Green St., W. Union St., South St. (May be CDBG eligible), Slate St., Bliss St., Oak St., Center St., and W. Field St.
2. The demolition of St. Joseph's Church will be the week of January 20, 2019.
3. The new rules for disposing of a mattress or box spring requires both pieces to be in a sealed plastic bag due to the outbreak of fleas and bed bugs. Instructions are posted on the City's website under the Refuse Department.
4. Reminder that recycling is now by-weekly and a schedule is posted at City Hall and on the website.
5. The Espy Street Alley goes out to bid in a few weeks and will be completed in 2019.
6. New storm drain on Cherry Drive has been installed to help with the drainage issues.
7. Reminded residents that they are not allowed to put anything in the streets to save parking spots like chairs, ironing boards, garbage cans, etc.

-Chief Thomas Wall gave a report on the 2018 financial performance of the police department and if anyone would like a copy, please see Tom and he will provide one for you.

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

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public agenda items only.

Mr. Telencho asked if the roads around St. Joe's will be blocked during demolition and for how long? Donna stated yes and for about 3 days.

Patricia Herring asked if the paving projects are curb to curb and are sidewalks included. Donna stated the paving is curb to curb but not all curbs and sidewalks are being replaced.

Mr. Marks asked Tom about properties that have cars parked on their lawns for long periods of time, why they are not cited. Tom said just because a car sits for more than 48 hours doesn't mean it is always abandoned. Some people park their cars on the lawns and we cannot cite them unless we can prove they have weeds growing through them and/or rodent infestations. Mr. Marks asked if they pay their property taxes and Tom said that is unknown by the City's Police Department.

Old Business

None

New Business

A Motion to approve the January 2, 2019 meeting minutes was made by Mr. Pietrzyk, second by Ms. Butczynski. Motion carried.

A Motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$293,777.84 (Payroll \$106,129.71 and Payables \$187,648.13) was made by Ms. Butczynski, second by Mr. Pietrzyk. Motion carried.

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At this time District Judge Donald Whittaker swore in Cameron Cox as the new Council member and Cameron joined Council to finish the meeting.

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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Ms. Julianna Zarzycki asked Council if a message can be put on the website and or in the newspaper to ask residents not to overfill their garbage cans because on windy days she is constantly out cleaning up her neighborhood streets of other people's garbage. Vice Pres. Coughlin told her we will put it on the website and asked Donna Wall to take care of this matter and Councilor Butczynski thanked Julianna for picking up the garbage on behalf of her neighbors.

Ms. Linda Gullotto asked Council if there is a time stated in the garbage contract with JP Mascaro that states what time they can begin picking up garbage. She has heard their trucks at 2:30 am, 3:00 am then 3:30 am another week and she and her husband are not well and feel that that this is unacceptable. She stated she has called City Hall 5 times and left messages and no one returned her calls. She stated she talked to Patty after stopping in at City Hall and Patty had no idea if a time is in the contract. Attorney Finnegan said there is a time in the contract but he does not have it in front of him but he thinks it is 6:00 am. Linda asked Council who is in charge up at City Hall and said the employees need customer service training. She stated no one could answer my question, they just answered they did not know.

Mr. Stanley Cardinelli asked Council what is going on with the vacant buildings downtown and Donna stated not all are vacant, some still have apartments and residents living in them. Donna also stated the Municipal Authority is responsible for taking ownership of these properties not the City of Nanticoke. Donna stated the Municipal Authority still has not acquired all of the properties. Mr. Cardinelli asked if the nursing home was sold because he heard it fell through. Donna stated she did not hear that and the project is slated to start in March.

Correspondence-

None

Announcements-

Vice President, Kevin Coughlin announced that City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 21, 2019 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Meeting Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Next Meeting, Wed, February 6, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Jennifer W. Polito
City Clerk