



CITY OF NANTICOKE

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

15 E. Ridge Street, Nanticoke, PA 18634

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, John Pietrzyk via telephone, Mike Marcella, Interim City Manager, Donna Wall, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer Polito and Solicitor, Attorney Finnegan via telephone.

WORK SESSION-

None

Administrative Updates-

Mayor Kevin Coughlin executed Executive Order 12 of 2020 Re-appointing Jack Minsavage as the City's Section 504 Officer.

Mayor Kevin Coughlin thanked the Nanticoke Conservation Club and everyone that participated in the second cleanup on Lower Broadway on Sunday, November 1, 2020. Councilmember Butczynski thanked the Mayor for being there to assist with the clean-up.

Donna Wall updated Council and residents on the following:

- Minden Ct paving and the ADA Ramps are completed.
- State Street and Main Street ADA ramps are completed.
- The punch list of problems with the PIB work done by M&J Excavating is now complete.
- Signage to direct warehouse traffic has been installed on Prospect and Kosciuszko Streets. Mr. Ron Knapp asked if signs were installed on Routes 29 & 81 and Chief Roke explained where the signs were installed at the City's expense.

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.

Mr. Ron Knapp asked if he could comment on the resolution concerning the Hazard Mitigation Plan and President Brown allowed him to proceed. Mr. Knapp expressed his concerns about the mine water becoming an issue and tagged onto the rain tax. Mr. Knapp stated he was told the rain tax is the

tip of the iceberg and he wants it on record that he brought this up to Council in the event it becomes an issue later. Vice President Telencho asked Mr. Knapp if he mentioned his concerns at the County meeting like he said he was going to do and Mr. Knapp said he was not able to ask that question because they were consumed with other issues on their agenda. Vice President Telencho stated he heard that the mine water will not be an issue because by the time it reaches the river, all the hazardous elements will be filtered out as the water has to go through the plains then to the river. Vice President Telencho stated there are 31 municipalities that are to go along with this plan, if the City does not comply, there will be additional fines issued against the City.

Old Business

A Motion to approve Resolution #15 of 2020, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke adopting the Luzerne County 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Pietrzyk.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ghost Police Car – Mr. Ron Knapp suggested using an empty police cruiser to control speeding and it was discussed with Chief Roke and Chief Roke commented that he will take up Mr. Knapp's suggestion. Chief Roke thanked Mr. Knapp for suggesting the idea and he agrees it will help slow down traffic.

Refuse Clerk, Patricia Zendarski called JP Mascaro regarding Mr. Larry Beck's complaint on the garbage men on his route throwing the pales and leaving garbage on the street. JP Mascaro will address this issue with the garbage men.

New Business

A Motion to approve the October 21, 2020 minutes was made by Councilmember Telencho seconded by Councilmember Marcella.

Motion carried; President Brown abstained.

A Motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$254,177.11 (Payroll(s) \$104,824.35 and Payables \$149,352.76) was made by Councilmember Butczynski seconded by Councilmember Pietrzyk.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Hank Marks opened by commenting on the results or lack of results in the 2020 Election and reminded the City's Officials that they are elected to serve the Citizens of Nanticoke and not to be self-serving and out for personal gain. Mr. Marks commented that they are being watched and they will be rewarded or pay; all depends on how they carry out their duties as elected officials.

Mr. Ron Knapp suggested the next time WVSA has a street sweeping, a letter should go out to all residents stating when their street is going to be swept and to remove all cars that day from the street. President Brown agreed by stating he agrees because it defeats the purpose if they have to maneuver around cars and can't get close to the sidewalks. President Brown stated that Donna Wall will try to get with WVSA and coordinate the next street sweeping better. Vice President Telencho stated DPW Foreman, Rick, was told they were going to come on one date and the WVSA performed the street sweeping a week earlier than what he was told. Ms. Julianna Zarzycki commented that when they

swept her street, the were not getting close to the curb leaving debris on the sides of the street. Mr. Ron Knapp asked Council to remind the people running for offices in the election to please remove their signs quickly after the election and not to have them out there a week later. President Brown asked Jennifer to post a message on the City's website and Facebook pages.

Correspondence-

-None

Announcements-

The 2021 City of Nanticoke Budgets is posted on the website and posted on the back-bulletin board for Public Inspection.

The 2021 Budget Hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 6:30 pm (prior to the regular scheduled Council Meeting).

The City of Nanticoke will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 in observance of Veteran's Day.

Councilmember Comments-

Vice President Telencho inquired about the City holding a Document Shredding Event for the Public after he was approached by a resident. Donna Wall stated we never held one before but State Rep. Gerald Mullery usually holds one every year. Vice President Telencho asked for a concerned resident, if the City has a plan to deal with any Civil unrest and Chief Roke said we are but there is only so much we can do when there is only 2 Officers on per shift.

All other Councilmembers present had no further comments.

Meeting Adjournment-

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Next Meeting, Wed, Nov 18, 2020 @ 7:00 pm.

Jennifer W. Polito
City Clerk