



**NANTICOKE CITY
WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL**

7:00PM Wednesday, August 2, 2017

Call to Order: President, William Brown
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation: City Clerk, Mary Cheshinski

The following were present: Councilors, William Brown, Kevin Coughlin, John Pietrzyk, Lesley Butczynski, Nicole Mackiewicz, City Clerk, Mary Cheshinski, Finance Director, Jennifer Polito, Attorney Shannon Lapansky
Excused, Donna Wall & Attorney William Finnegan

WORK SESSION-

Discussion of Council Action-none

Administration Updates- none

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

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public agenda items only- none

OLD BUSINESS (none)

NEW BUSINESS

A motion to approve the July 19, 2017 meeting minutes was made by Mr. Pietrzyk, second by Mr. Coughlin. Motion carried. Mrs. Mackiewicz abstained.

Mr. Coughlin made a motion, second by Ms. Butczynski to pay bills in the amount of \$344,849.31 Payables (\$249,303.29) Payroll (\$95,546.02) Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Brenda Sowa made Council aware that she is receiving phone calls from credit card companies with local phone numbers on the ID. Questioned if others are receiving calls. Jen Polito will ask the Police Chief if he has these complaints and make him aware.

Julianna Zarzycki added she had gone to our State Representative and Senator about such calls and was told the Attorney General cannot keep up with this activity.

John Telencho stated the Municipal Authority purchased a property for \$825,000.00. What did they purchase? Bill Brown isn't sure but it may be the old Villa on Main Street. Mayor Wiaterowski confirmed it is the Villa.

Mr. Telencho stated there are many abandoned properties with over grown weeds. Are we fining these property owners? Jen Polito replied, many of these properties have out

of state owners. Jack Minsavage had a sub-contractor clean up three properties, so far. The owners will be fined and a lien placed on the property. Jack is battling this. Mr. Telencho has several questions on the Storm Water Management but realizes Attorney Finnegan would be the best to answer. Jen Polito informed the WVSA will be doing the billing and the cost will be between \$4.00 and \$7.00 a year. According to what Mr. Telencho learned are the following true? Tax exempt properties will pay, such as LCCC and churches? Yes, Jen replied. What is the fine for non-payment and is this a one year thing? Jen could not answer those questions.

Lesley Kratz stated she did everything right to acquire the property next to her residence, getting permits, for the demolition etc. The property behind her, R186 W. Noble has no running water and people are living there. She was told it was going to be condemned by the Code Official. It is in an unsanitary condition. Jen Polito promised to do a follow up with Jack Minsavage and call her concerning this property.

Juliann Zarzycki thanked City Officials for the recent event at LCCC honoring Doctor Stanley Dudrick. It was great. The Historical Society wishes photos from the evening and will keep a file on this marvelous Nanticoke native. Bill Brown suggested Mrs. Zarzycki contact Donna Wall for photos and possibly the video from the evening. Mrs. Zarzycki was told Nanticoke is the only one charging senior citizens per capita tax. Jen Polito who once worked for Pittston, replied Pittston does not charge seniors. Bill Brown stated it is something to think about.

Correspondence – none

Announcements-

A public meeting will be held at 6:30PM before the August 16th Council meeting to discuss the modification of the CDBG Grant of 2013.

Leadership LCCC Class of 2017 will sponsor its second annual LCCC CARES COMMUNITY EVENT, Saturday, September 16th 10AM-2PM. In Patriot Park. Rain date, Sunday, September 17th. Planned activities include craft vendors, refreshments, games, and health fair.

Meeting Adjournment

Mr. Coughlin made the motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Pietrzyk. Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM. Next meeting August 16th.

Mary Beth Cheshinski, City Clerk