



CITY OF NANTICOKE

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 6, 2025

Call to Order: President, William Brown

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito

ROLL CALL:

The following were present: Council Members, President, William Brown, Vice President, Joseph Nalepa, Joseph Dougherty, Kenneth James, Mark O'Connor, City Manager, Donna Wall, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito and Solicitor, Attorney William Finnegan.

Mayor Kevin Coughlin swore in Mitchell Smith and Walker Yale as Police Officers.

WORK SESSION: New Business: (action Items)

A Motion to approve Ordinance #10 of 2025, (Second Reading), an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke establishing a Food Truck, Food Cart and Food Stand Ordinance in the City of Nanticoke.

A Motion to approve Ordinance #11 of 2025, (Second Reading), an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke repealing and replacing the current BYOB Ordinance to provide for definitions, permitting requirements, insurance requirements, rules and regulations and violations and penalties relative to BYOB facilities within the City of Nanticoke.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES:

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

1. Donna informed residents that the Mayor, Council and herself have received numerous complaints about the tall grass and weeds at the old Salt N Pepper property and the owner has been notified by the Code Officer and it will be taken care of this week. Donna also mentioned that Auto Zone did purchase the property, so it is just a rumor that they backed out of acquiring the property because the bridge is closed. Donna stated Auto Zone should be open for business sometime in November of 2025.

A Motion was made by Councilmember Dougherty seconded by Councilmember Nalepa to adjourn the work session.

Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public agenda items only.

Mr. John Telencho stated that in the paper there was an ad stating that there are no prospective buyers for Dundee Gardens but in the city's minutes from the last meeting it mentions the SPCA is moving in there, so is the paper wrong or the city? Donna Wall stated that from a very good source, she knows for a fact that the SPCA is interested in that property and if the property is sub-divided possibly a crematory. Donna Wall mentioned that she is getting a lot of calls regarding the property coming into town with the pile of dirt and the trailer with a homeless person living in it. Even though this is Hanover Township, many people think it is Nanticoke, so we contacted the owner and he was told he had to clean up that area coming into town immediately. This is the same person who was just arrested for scamming the Small Business Association of COVID Relief Funds, so it may take longer than we would like for the property to be cleaned up. Mr. Telencho also asked is it true that Wendy's or McDonalds in coming into the Rite Aid property or is this a rumor too? President Brown stated we are just discussing agenda items only right now. Donna Wall replied that is just a rumor.

Old Business

None

New Business

A Motion to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2025 Work Session/Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilmember O'Connor seconded by Councilmember James. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve the payment of the bills in the total amount of **\$349,287.16 [(Payrolls) \$141,546.42 (Accounts Payable) \$207,740.74]** was made by Councilmember Nalepa seconded by Councilmember Dougherty. Motion carried unanimously.

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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Michael Caban of 325 Railroad Street presented a packet with a ruling from Judge Gartley turning over a piece of property on Railroad Street to a man who claims it is his because it runs adjacent to his daughter's house. This man is causing issues for many of us who park in that area replied Mr. Caban and we all maintained that area now it is going to be overgrown with weeds. Mr. Caban believes this is an adverse possession of property that he and other residents are contesting and they are requesting that the city officials step in to stop this fraudulent takeover. President Brown stated this is we are hearing of this issue and Attorney Finnegan will look it over to see if we can do anything. Mr. Caban also asked if something can be done about the speeding on Railroad Street, Chief Roke stated we can put up some signage.

Mr. Mike Marcella of 240 E. Church Street asked if the city received the grant to add additional lighting to Patriot Park and Donna replied no, we did not get the Multimodal grant. Mr. Marcella asked if there is any ARPA Funds left to put towards new lighting in the park and Donna Wall stated we need more than what is leftover, so we are in the process of applying for other grants for that purpose. Mr. Marcella suggested that if the city does not have one, to invest in a pressure washer to clean the new benches and garbage cans in the park because they are starting to look dirty. President Brown asked DPW Foreman, Rick Josefowicz to take care of this issue. Mr. Marcella asked if the old fire trucks are being sold and will the proceeds go towards the loan payments. Chief Boncal stated we are in the process of selling both trucks and Jennifer Polito stated the proceeds will go towards the loan payments.

Mr. Larry Beck of 225 E. Green Street stated his questions on the fire trucks have been answered and he would like to know if the alley behind his house is going to be paved this year. Donna Wall replied yes, it is.

Fire Chief Mark Boncal informed everyone that on August 14th & 15th, Ridge Street from Prospect Street to Market Street will be closed for annual hose testing on our trucks as well as Newport Twp. Chief Boncal announce on September 6, 2025 at 11:00 am there will be an Open House and a Blessing at the Firehouse for the new Ladder Truck #1.

Correspondence-

None

Announcements-

The City of Nanticoke is now accepting Food and Craft Vendors for its Fall Festival that will be held at Patriot Park, Nanticoke on Saturday, October 11, 2025, 12 - 8 pm. A Vendor Application can be printed off our website at www.nanticokecity.com or picked up at City Hall at 15 E. Ridge Street, Nanticoke.

Councilmember Comments-

Vice President Nalepa wished the two new Police Officers a long and safe career with the city.

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Meeting Adjournment-

Councilmember Dougherty made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Nalepa, roll call.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Next Meeting:

Work Session/Council Meeting Wednesday, Aug 20, 2025
@ 6:00 pm.

City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito