



CITY OF NANTICOKE

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Via Teleconference 1-800-201-3962 Code 349057

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 via telephone: 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.

WORK SESSION-

Ordinance 12 of 2020, (Second Reading) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NANTICOKE, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF NANTICOKE FOR 2021.

Ordinance #13 of 2020, (Second Reading) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NANTICOKE, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ESTABLISHING A MILLAGE RATE OF TAXATION FOR 2021.

Administrative Updates-

The Mayor has has executed Executive Order # 13 of 2020 promoting the following three Police Officers:

Detective Sergeant Joseph Guydosh to Captain Detective
Sergeant Brian Williams to Lieutenant
Patrolman Chadwick Southern to Detective Sergeant

President Brown and Council congratulated the Police Officers that were promoted and wished them their best.

Donna Wall updated Council and residents on the following:

- The City is still in the process of being audited by the Auditor General on the City's three Pension Plans. She stated it is now being done remotely due to the rise in COVID-19 cases.
- The County COVID-19 grant that was due at the end of the year is now due on Thursday, December 3, 2020. Donna reassured Council it will be submitted by end of the day on Thursday.

- Donna stated with the rise in the COVID-19 cases, City will be closed to the public until January 4, 2021. She stated all Employees are working and can be reached by telephone or email. Donna stated she and the Mayor are following all directives issued by the CDC and Governor Wolf.

Mayor, Kevin Coughlin, wanted to thank the Fire Department, the Police Officers, and Jack and Andy from the Code Department for the great job with the auto accident in Honey Pot that crashed into a house. The Fire Department and Code Department did a great job securing and shoring the home in order to remove the car safely.

A Motion was made by Councilmember Telencho seconded by Councilmember Marcella to adjourn the work session. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public agenda items only.

Mr. Knapp congratulated all of the Police Officers that were promoted.

Old Business

None

New Business

A Motion to approve the November 18, 2020 minutes was made by Councilmember Pietrzyk seconded by Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of **\$417,422.88** (Payroll(s) \$162,915.19 and Payables \$254,507.69) was made by Councilmember Telencho seconded by Councilmember Marcella.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve Ordinance 12 of 2020, (Second Reading) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NANTICOKE, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF NANTICOKE FOR 2021 was made by Councilmember Pietrzyk seconded by Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve Ordinance #13 of 2020, (Second Reading) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NANTICOKE, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ESTABLISHING A MILLAGE RATE OF TAXATION FOR 2021 was made by Councilmember Telencho seconded by Councilmember Marcella.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Ron Knapp has a safety issue concerning two sidewalks in Nanticoke. Mr. Knapp referred to Kosciuszko Street in front of the GNA High School between E. Ridge and E. Noble Streets. Mr Knapp stated the sidewalk is cracked and needs to be replaced. Mr. Knapp also brought up Main Street pass

Burger King; he stated the tree roots from the trees in the tree lawn have raised and broken up the sidewalk by Hanover Street. Mr. Knapp is concerned someone may trip and fall and get hurt which could also cause law suits for the City. Mr. Knapp said the sidewalk is painted green for safety but he suggested the sidewalk to be dug up and redone.

Donna Wall reminded Mr. Knapp that the homeowners are responsible for the sidewalks in front of their homes.

President Brown asked Donna Wall to have the Code Officer, Jack, go look at this issue and she replied she will talk to Jack and she will email the School District concerning their sidewalk in the morning.

DPW Foreman, Rick Josefowicz had a last minute update for Council concerning the Main Street Paving project. He stated with cooperation from the weather, the sidewalks will be done by end of week and the street paving will be completed next week.

Correspondence-

-None

Announcements-

The City of Nanticoke is planning a Christmas Parade and tree lighting that will start at the GNA High School ending at the park on Broad Street. There will be **No Festivities** in the Park due to the COVID-19 pandemic. City Officials want to remind all who are watching the parade to please follow all CDC Guidelines for social distancing and you must wear a mask if you are outside your homes. The date is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, December 5, 2020; time is at 1 pm. Please watch our Website and Facebook pages for updates.

Councilmember Comments-

All Councilmembers present had no further comments.

Meeting Adjournment-

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Next Meeting, Wed, Dec 16, 2020 @ 7:00 pm.

Jennifer W. Polito
City Clerk