



## CITY OF NANTICOKE

### **WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday April 5, 2023

**Prior to the Council Meeting at 6:50 pm, Attorney Finnegan will officiate a Liquor License Transfer Hearing for Weis Markets Inc.**

**Call to Order:** Vice President of Council, John Telencho

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Invocation:** City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito

#### **ROLL CALL:**

**The following were present:** Council Members, John Telencho, Lesley Butczynski, Mike Marcella, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito, and Solicitor, Attorney Finnegan.

**Excused:** Council Members, William Brown, Joseph Nalepa and City Manager, Donna Wall.

#### **WORK SESSION**

**Motion to approve Ordinance #2 of 2023,** (Second Reading), an Ordinance of City Council of the City of Nanticoke amending Article I Chapter 485-2 of the City of Nanticoke Code of Ordinances regarding truck traffic violations and penalties and Article IV Chapter 485-13 of the City of Nanticoke Code of Ordinances which establishes permissible motor vehicle weight limits on certain roads and bridges.

**Motion to approve Ordinance #3 of 2023,** (First Reading), an Ordinance of City Council of the City of Nanticoke adopting an Ordinance requiring certain structures within the City of Nanticoke to have a Knox Box installed on the exterior of the structure for fire safety purposes.

**Motion to approve** the joint purchase of a Tack Buggy with the 7 – 8 members of the Lower South Valley COG costing approximately \$4,300.00 per member. Funds will be used from the City's Liquid Fuels Funds.

**Motion to approve Resolution #6 of 2023,** a Resolution approving the modification to FY 2019 Community Development Block Grant Contract.

**Motion to approve Resolution #7 of 2023,** a Resolution acting on the application of Weis Markets Inc. for the proposed intermunicipal transfer of a Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board Restaurant Liquor License Number R-11386 to the premises at 1 Weis Plaza in the City of Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES**

**Finance Director Jennifer Polito** has updates for Council

- On Saturday April 22, 2023, The City of Naticoke along with the Naticoke Conservation Club will be holding a City Wide Clean Up to keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. Join us as we make a difference in our community. We will be meeting at the LCCC Student Parking Lot on Access Rd by Weis Market at 8 am. Gloves, bags, vests and refreshments will be provided. Rain Date is Saturday, April 29, 2023.
- The Field Street Ramp Project is underway.
- The Lower South Valley COG received \$500,000 in County ARPA Funds to update the ACT 573 Sewer plans mandated by DEP.
- The Lower South Valley Landbank received \$500,000 in County ARPA Funds.

**A Motion** was made by Councilmember Butczynski seconded by Councilmember Marcella to adjourn the work session.

Motion carried unanimously.

**REGULAR MEETING** Comments from the Public agenda items only.

None

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

**A Motion** to approve the **March 15, 2023** minutes was made by Councilmember Butczynski seconded by Councilmember Marcella. Motion carried unanimously.

**A Motion** to approve the **payment of the bills** in the total amount of **\$600,220.03;** **(Payroll(s)) \$125,050.57 (Accounts Payable) \$475,169.46** was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Butczynski. Motion carried unanimously.

**A Motion to approve** **Ordinance #2 of 2023**, (Second Reading), an Ordinance of City Council of the City of Naticoke amending Article I Chapter 485-2 of the City of Naticoke Code of Ordinances regarding truck traffic violations and penalties and Article IV Chapter 485-13 of the City of Naticoke Code of Ordinances which establishes permissible motor vehicle weight limits on certain roads and bridges was made by Councilmember Butczynski seconded by Councilmember Marcella. Motion carried unanimously.

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#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –**

**Ms. Julianna Zarzycki** of 71 Seneca Drive, commented on the cars that did not obey the no parking signs for street sweeping. She also asked how close to the curb are they supposed to sweep. Vice President Telencho stated as close as they can get.

**Ms. Angel Brotman of 405 E. Washington Street**, commented on the cars that did not obey the no parking signs for street sweeping. She also commented on cars leaving the school property on Church Street that are not obeying the Right turn only sign. Many are making a left or shooting across Kosciusko Street to N. Washington Street.

Attorney Finnegan stated the city just passed Ordinance # 1 of 2023 that will allow our police officers to ticket cars after a warning if they do not comply to the ordinance.

City Clerk, Jennifer Polito stated that se will speak to Chief Roke about the sign at Church Street and cars making illegal turns.

#### **Correspondence-**

None

#### **Announcements-**

The City of Nanticoke's Citywide Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2023 with a rain date of Sunday, May 21, 2023. Any resident who wishes to participate and wants to be added to the City's list, please call 570-735-2800 ext. 101 by Wednesday, May 17, 2023. This list will be handed out in the Patriot Park on the morning of the event and posted on our Facebook Page.

The City of Nanticoke's Annual Big Bang is scheduled for Saturday, July 1, 2023 with a rain date of Sunday July 2, 2023. We are now accepting Vendor Applications for Craft Vendors and Food Trucks.

A Vendor application can be emailed to you by contacting Jennifer Polito at [jpolito@nanticokecity.com](mailto:jpolito@nanticokecity.com) or picked up at City Hall, 15 E. Ridge Street, Nanticoke and it is posted on the City's website at [www.nanticokecity.com](http://www.nanticokecity.com). We must receive your application with payment by Thursday, June 1, 2023. Thank you.

City Hall will be closed on Friday, April 7, 2023 in observance of Good Friday. We wish everyone a Happy Easter!!

**Councilmember Comments-**

**Vice President Telencho** wished everyone a Happy Easter.

**Councilmember Butczynski** wished everyone a Happy Easter.

**Councilmember Marcella** thanked Mike Stachowiak Jr. for taking over the maintenance at the park in Honey Pot and he announced that Nanticoke Fitness Center is selling T-shirts for \$20 to support Joey Day Jr. who has been diagnosed with leukemia.

**Meeting Adjournment-**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.**

**Next Meeting, Wed, April 19 2023 at 7:00 pm**

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**City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito**