



CITY OF NANTICOKE

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

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

WORK SESSION-

Motion to approve Resolution #2 of 2021, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke filling the vacancy of John Pietrzyk who passed away on January 2, 2021.

Motion to approve Resolution #3 of 2021, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, designating a Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Nanticoke Non-Uniform Pension Fund.

Motion to approve Ordinance #1 of 2021, (First Reading), an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke amending Section 480-3B of the City of Nanticoke Code of Ordinances relative to the time frame for the removal of vehicles.

Motion to accept the Retirement Letter from Fire Chief, Kevin Hazleton.

Motion to approve the 2021 engineering rates from Pennoni & Associates.

Administrative Updates-

The Mayor has submitted the December 2020 Department reports for review. Jennifer has posted them on the City's website as of Friday, January 15, 2021.

Donna Wall updated Council and residents on the following:

- The Clerical employees, Donna and Jenn completed the training on the new online payment system. Residents will be able to make payments online from our website. This is expected to be implemented by the end of the month.
- The Mayor is starting a Veteran's Banner Program in the City where families can purchase a flag in memory of their loved one and we will hang them throughout the City. Donna will keep everyone updated and she asked to spread the word to make this program a success.

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

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public agenda items only.

Mr. Ron Knapp wanted to express his liking of the Veteran Flag Program by stating it is a good idea. Mr. Ron Knapp congratulated Fire Chief, Kevin Hazleton on his retirement and thanked him for his many years of service and a job well done.

Old Business

A motion to table the purchase of a Kubota UTV, until they explore more options, for the DPW Department from C.H. Waltz Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$18,139.20 (COSTARS Pricing) was made by Councilmember Telencho seconded by Councilmember Marcella'

New Business

A Motion to approve the January 6, 2021 minutes was made by Councilmember Butczynski seconded by Councilmember Telencho.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$633,396.79 (Payroll(s) \$110,166.36 and Payables \$523,230.43) was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve Resolution #2 of 2021, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke filling the vacancy of John Pietrzyk who passed away on January 2, 2021 was made by Councilmember Butczynski seconded by Council President Brown by the nominating Mr. Joseph Nalepa.

Motion carried unanimously.

President Brown thanked everyone who was interested in the vacant Council seat and he was impressed with the applications.

President Brown congratulated Joseph Nalepa and welcomed him to City Council and stated they look forward to working with him.

Motion to approve Resolution #3 of 2021, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, designating a Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Nanticoke Non-Uniform Pension Fund was made by Councilmember Telencho seconded by Councilmember Marcella. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve Ordinance #1 of 2021, (First Reading), an Ordinance of the City Council of the City Nanticoke amending Section 480-3B of the City of Nanticoke Code of Ordinances relative to the time frame for the removal of vehicles was made by Councilmember Butczynski seconded by Councilmember Marcella.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to accept the Retirement Letter from Fire Chief, Kevin Hazleton was made by Councilmember Telencho seconded by Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried unanimously.

President Brown and City Council thanked Chief Hazleton for his years of service and they wished him nothing but the best during his retirement. President Brown commented he has known Chief Hazleton for a long time and it has been a pleasure working with him.

A Motion to table the approval of the 2021 engineering rates from Pennoni & Associates, as Council wants more time to discuss, was made by Councilmember Telencho seconded by Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Ron Knapp congratulated Joseph Nalepa on his election to fill the vacant Council seat.

Mr. Joseph Nalepa thanked Council for selecting him and stated he looks forward to working with everyone and to help keep moving the City forward.

President Brown wished Mr. Nalepa best of luck on Council and informed everyone that District Judge Donald Whitaker will swear him in on Thursday morning in the Mayor’s office.

Councilmember Telencho asked if the swearing in is open or closed to the people and President Brown stated it is closed, only his family and members of Council may attend.

Correspondence-

-None

Announcements-

-None

Councilmember Comments-

Councilmember Telencho congratulated Mr. Nalepa and stated he looks forward to working with him in the future.

Councilmember Butczynski thanked everyone who applied for the empty Council seat and congratulated Mr. Nalepa on becoming a Councilmember and she stated she looks forward to working with him. Councilmember Butczynski also wanted to thank One Stop for their continued support that they give the City. She explained that Rick, owner of One Stop, reimbursed a lady that had her car towed by the Nanticoke Police Department by the request of the Water Company due to a water main break and the car needed to be moved and the resident did not answer her door. It ended up her and her family were in the hospital with COVID and then quarantined and was not able to move the car. She turned a claim into her insurance and they would not reimburse her so she was going to file a civil suit against the City because the Water Company refused to reimburse her. The City explained the situation to One Stop, and they reimbursed the resident the towing fee of \$175.00. President Brown requested a letter to be sent to One Stop thanking them.

Councilmember Marcella thanked Chief Hazleton, wished him best and congratulated Joseph Nalepa. President Brown Congratulated Joseph Nalepa and thanked Chief Hazleton for his years of employment with the City.

Meeting Adjournment-

Councilmember Marcella made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Telencho, roll call. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Next Meeting, Wed, Feb 3, 2021 @ 7:00 pm.

Jennifer W. Polito
City Clerk