

CITY OF NANTICOKE



WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday February 1, 2023

Call to Order: President of Council, William Brown

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito

ROLL CALL:

The following were present: Council Members, William Brown, John Telencho, Lesley Butczynski, Mike Marcella, Joseph Nalepa, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito, City Manager, Donna Wall and Solicitor, Attorney Finnegan.

WORK SESSION

Motion to approve a Municipal Partnership Agreement between the SPCA of Luzerne County and the City of Nanticoke, Option A for 5 years.

Motion to approve the payment of the electrical improvements for the installation of cameras in Patriot Park to Vishnefski Electrical Inc. in the amount of \$1,285.89 using the American Rescue Plan Funds.

Motion to approve the purchase of a Case Cracker Onyx Interview System from AES in the amount of \$18,956.00 using the American Rescue Plan Funds.

Motion to approve the CDBG CV 2020 Food Bank Electrical Improvements to Vishnefski Electrical Inc. in the amount of \$18,500.00.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

Mayor Kevin Coughlin executed Executive Order # 8 of 2023, re-appointing Nicole Pulju as the 504 Officer for the City of Nanticoke. (For informational purposes only)

City Manager, Donna Wall, informed Council of the following:

- The DPW Foreman, Rick Josefowicz reported that the project at the corners of Ridge St. and Chestnut St. is complete and the overlay will be completed in the Spring of 2023.
- There has been an issue with trucks getting stuck at the entrance of the North Point Development project. DPW Foreman, Rick Josefowicz and Hanover Twp. went over to lock the gates. The truck drivers say their GPS Systems are taking them to that entrance. Chief Roke stated they are using passenger vehicle GPS systems, not Trucking GPS Systems. New signage will be installed to control truck traffic. Chief Roke has options and strategies that he plans on bringing to Council and Mayor's attention at a later date. President Brown asked Chief Roke if trucks are still coming down Alden Mountain Road and Chief Roke replied yes. Chief Roke stated that PennDot and Newport Twp. are dealing with that issue with new signage.

- The demolition and cleanup of the Bowlarama is progressing quickly.
- Congratulations to Fire Chief, Mark Boncal for completing his certification courses as a for Fire & Life Safety Educator; Levels 1 and 2.

A Motion was made by Councilmember Butczynski seconded by Councilmember Telencho 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 **January 18, 2023** minutes was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Telencho.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of **\$309,875.01**, (Payroll(s) \$113,794.38 and Payables \$196,080.63 was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve a Municipal Partnership Agreement between the SPCA of Luzerne County and the City of Nanticoke, Option A for 5 years was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve the payment of the electrical improvements for the installation of cameras in Patriot Park to Vishnefski Electrical Inc. in the amount of \$1,285.89 using the American Rescue Plan Funds was made by Councilmember Telencho seconded by Councilmember Marcella.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve the purchase of a Case Cracker Onyx Interview System from AES in the amount of \$18,956.00 using the American Rescue Plan Funds was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Telencho.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve the **CDBG CV 2020 Food Bank Electrical Improvements** to Vishnefski Electrical Inc. in the amount of \$18,500.00 was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Nalepa.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Ms. Lynn Knight of Honey Pot Street brought to Council’s attention that JP Mascaro is picking up trash at homes that are over the limit of 4 bags in the Honey Pot section and at homes

where no one is living. She asked if the garbage fees were paid on 231, 236, and 261 ½ Honey Pot Street. She stated she filled out a vacancy form saying that she does not live at her residence so she should not have to pay garbage fees and Patty filed a complaint with District Court 11-3-02, Judge Whitaker. She does not think it is fair that one unit can have 30 bags and another may only have 1 per week and pay the same fee. President Brown stated the fee is established by the number of units in town and JP Mascaro is contracted to pick up all trash in town. A resident, Angel Rockman stated she has three units and she pays 3 fees at \$258.00 each.

Mr. James of E. Grand Street commented on the recent overdose in his alley and brought to Council's attention about strange activity of a guy owning a White Chrysler, parking on Grand Street, walking up the alley to Washington Street. Mr James stated he must be up to something. Mr. James stated Washington Street has many troubled properties. One has a shed with a huge hole under it and animals are living under it.

Correspondence-

None

Announcements-

None

Councilmember Comments-

Vice President Telencho congratulated Chief Boncal.

Councilmember Butczynski congratulated Chief Boncal.

Councilmember Marcella congratulated Chief Boncal and stated UGI sent out a letter stating another rate hike in electric costs and people need to call and put in a complaint to the PUC.

Councilmember Nalepa congratulated Chief Boncal.

President Brown congratulated Chief Boncal and thanked the Chief for the excellent care they gave his son Blake.

Meeting Adjournment-

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Next Meeting, Wed, Feb 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm

City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito