



CITY OF NANTICOKE

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2025

Call to Order: Vice President, Joseph Nalepa

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito

ROLL CALL:

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

Excused: City Manager, Donna Wall.

WORK SESSION: New Business: (action Items)

A motion to approve Resolution #20 of 2025, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke authorizing and directing the proper Nanticoke City Officials to apply for an LSA Grant in the amount of \$837,110.60 for the North Market Street Bridge Improvements.

A motion to approve Resolution #21 of 2025, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke amending Resolution #8 of 2025 to establish fees for the review and issuance of certificates of non-conformance and certificates of compliance.

A motion to approve Resolution #22 of 2025, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke approving the revision of the FY 2022 Community Development Block Grant.

A Motion to approve the receipt of the funding requirements as required for the City's 2026 Minimal Municipal Obligation (MMO). **Non-Uniformed** \$98,846, **Fire** \$267,602, and **Police** \$544,257.

A Motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement (Effective January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2028) for the White Collar, Non – Professional Employees between the City of Nanticoke and the Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 401.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES:

Mayor Kevin Coughlin has submitted the August 2025 Department Reports for Council's review and Jennifer Polito has posted them on the City's website at www.nanticokecity.com.

A Motion was made by Councilmember Dougherty seconded by Councilmember O'Connor to adjourn the work session.

Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public agenda items only.

No comments.

Old Business

None

New Business

A Motion to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2025 Work Session/Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilmember Nalepa seconded by Councilmember Dougherty. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve the payment of the bills in the total amount of **\$1,505,011.68 [(Payrolls) \$144,725.87 (Accounts Payable) \$1,360,285.81]** was made by Councilmember O'Connor seconded by Councilmember Dougherty.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Director, Jennifer Polito stated the accounts payable figure is higher than usual due to a disbursement to IBEW Local 163 JATC in the amount of \$585,000 which was for a reimbursement of a grant funds written and received by the city.

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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mr. John Zendarski of 170 W. Ridge Street inquired about holding a “Meet and Greet” for the new candidates running for election after an upcoming meeting at City Hall and Vice President Nalepa replied he cannot hold a meeting on City property. Mr. Zendarski asked where did Vice President Nalepa get that statement from; he would like to see it in writing. Attorney Rachel Finnegan replied she just came across that information recently for a different municipality, so she will look into getting Mr. Zendarski the information he has requested.

Ms. Audrey Williams of 523 Jones Street has concerns of public safety and extreme noise from a neighbor on her street. Ms. Williams stated a neighbor is constantly ripping and tearing up and down her street with a quad and he is going to hurt someone. Vice President Nalepa asked what time of day does this go on and is it a kid or an adult. Ms. Williams replied 8 am to midnight and it is an adult. Ms. Williams stated he has a Mustang with a very loud muffler and she wanted to know if the city had a noise ordinance. Chief Roke stated the city does not have a noise ordinance. Chief Roke will have the Police Officers patrol more frequently on her street. Ms. Williams has footage on her ring camera of his actions at 1:30 today and Chief Roke asked that she bring the footage on a thumb drive to him on Thursday or email it to me and will issue a citation. Sandra, a city resident, stated the police will not do anything about the noise, she called the police about a loud party that was 72 decibels late one evening and the cop told her to go to bed.

Mr. Mike Marcella of 240 E. Church Street asked who in the city is responsible for tracking the repairing of the potholes done by the utilities? Mr. Marcella stated there are a lot of patches in the roads that are sinking and need to be fixed. Vice President Nalepa stated Rick is contacted when the pothole is going to be done but he is not sure who follows up on the repairs. Mr. Marcella stated the city should have a log tracking the potholes from the time the utilities cut up our roads to when the road is fixed and someone should be following up on it. Ann Gryzmski stated the Utilities fill out a pothole application with the code office and if a patch is sinking, please call Rick. Jennifer Polito stated the Utilities patch their potholes until they are done with the entire project then come back into town to repave the streets that have potholes.

Correspondence-

None

Announcements-

The City of Nanticoke is holding a Fall Festival on October 11, 2025 from 12 pm to 8 pm at Patriot Park in Nanticoke. Come join us for some Live Music by Toasted, The Rip Offs and Strawberry Jam, Food Trucks and Refreshments by Susquehanna Brewing Company and Craft Vendors

Councilmember Comments-

Vice President Nalepa had no addition comments this evening.

Councilmember James had no addition comments this evening.

Councilmember Dougherty stated this is not the first time he is hearing of loud noise complaints and he thinks it is time to get a noise ordinance on the books.

Councilmember O'Connor had no addition comments this evening.

President Brown had no addition comments this evening.

Meeting Adjournment-

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.

Next Meeting:

Work Session/Council Meeting Wednesday, Oct 1, 2025 @ 6:00 pm.

City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito