



CITY OF NANTICOKE

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Call to Order: President, William Brown

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito

ROLL CALL:

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

WORK SESSION: New Business: (action Items)

A Motion to approve Ordinance #7 of 2024, Second Reading, an Ordinance of City Council of the City of Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, approving the Budget of the City of Nanticoke for 2025.

A Motion to approve Ordinance #8 of 2024, Second Reading, an Ordinance of City Council of the City of Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, establishing a Millage Rate of Taxation for 2025.

A Motion to approve Ordinance #9 of 2024, Second Reading, an Ordinance of City Council of the City of Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, authorizing and directing the proper City Officials of the City to issue Refuse and Recycling Bills for the City and a Fee for Bulk Item Pick-up.

Motion to approve Ordinance #10 of 2024, Second Reading, an Ordinance of City Council of the City of Nanticoke, amending Chapter 485-52 of the City of Nanticoke Code of Ordinances to add Municipal Building Parking and amending Chapter 485-54(A) to add angle parking in front of the Municipal Building.

A Motion to approve Resolution #15 of 2024, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke approving a Fifteen (15) Year Lease Agreement at the rate of 4.472% for the funding of One (1) New Pierce Enforcer Mid-Mount Tower Truck and One (1) New Pierce Saber Pumper for the City of Nanticoke Fire Department.

A Motion to approve Resolution #16 of 2024, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke approving a Lease Agreement between Hanover Township and the Lower South Valley Council of Governments relative to the use of a Regional Municipal Fueling Station situated in Hanover Township, subject to final solicitor approval.

A Motion to approve the purchase of a LED Sign for the Municipal Building from Bartush Signs in the amount of \$41,094.34 (COSTARS Pricing) including installation except for the Stone Columns which will be constructed by the City's DPW Department.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES:

City Manager, Donna Wall had the following updates for Council:

1. The street lights for the downtown have been installed today.
2. The gas company moved their lines today so the sewer project can be completed.
3. The water company is moving their lines on Monday, Dec. 9, 2024 so the sewer project can be completed.

Vice President Nalepa asked City Manager, Donna Wall, where the money is coming from to pay for the new LED Sign and Donna replied there is money in the project and the rest will come from ARPA Funds.

A Motion was made by Councilmember James seconded by Councilmember Dougherty to adjourn the work session.

Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public agenda items only.

Mr. John Telencho asked when are the new fire trucks being delivered. Fire Chief, Mark Boncal replied the engine is coming in January of 2025 and the ladder truck is coming in June/July of 2025. Mr. Telencho asked what we are doing with the old trucks and Fire Chief, Mark Boncal replied once the new trucks are placed in service the city will sell off the old trucks.

Old Business

None

New Business

A Motion to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2024 Work Session/Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilmember O'Connor seconded by Councilmember Dougherty.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve the payment of the bills in the total amount of **\$295,686.68 [(Payrolls) \$129,415.91 (Accounts Payable) \$133,307.98]** was made by Councilmember James seconded by Councilmember Nalepa.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Larry Beck of 225 E. Green Street had a complaint about his neighbor still not parking properly in front of his handicap sign. Mr. Beck stated the neighbor tries to fit 2 to 3 vehicles in the designated handicap spot which interferes with the other neighbors who park on the street. Mr. Beck spoke to Chief Roke and the Chief advised Mr. Beck to come to the Council meeting

and tell them to modify the current ordinance to prevent this his neighbor from parking illegally in a handicap spot.

Correspondence-

None

Announcements-

The City of Nanticoke's **Annual Christmas Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting** will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 2:00 pm at the Patriot Park. Santa Claus will arrive on a Fire Truck where he will greet the children, you will able to take photos and each child will receive a gift. There will be Free Cookies and Hot Chocolate served. The Christmas Tree Lighting is at 3:30 pm.

Councilmember Comments-

Vice President Nalepa replied stay warm.

Councilmember James also replied stay warm.

Councilmember Dougherty had no further comments.

Councilmember O'Connor had no further comments.

President William Brown had no further comments.

Meeting Adjournment-

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm.

Next Meeting:

Work Session/Council Meeting Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2024
@ 6:00 pm.

City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito