

## NANTICOKE CITY



### WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2018

Nanticoke City Hall 7:00 PM

Call to Order: President of Council, William Brown

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer Polito

The following were present: Councilors, William Brown, Lesley Butczynski, John Pietrzyk, Kevin Coughlin, Nicole Mackiewicz, Solicitor, Attorney William Finnegan, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer Polito and Interim City Manager, Donna Wall.

#### **WORK SESSION-**

**A Motion** to approve Resolution # 13 of 2018 authorizing the sale of the 1998 Mack Rescue Truck and authorizing the transfer of the proceeds of said sale to the Nanticoke Fire Department Relief Association in exchange for the Relief Association purchasing a newer rescue truck in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 and leasing said truck to the City of Nanticoke for a period of not less than 10 years for the consideration of \$1.00.

**A Motion** to approve the 2019 (MMO's) Minimal Municipal Obligation. President William Brown asked Donna Wall to elaborate on this motion and she stated the MMO's are the City's pension obligations for 2019 and the amounts for each pension. (See attached Pension Calculations prepared by Donna Wall)

#### **Administrative Updates-**

**Donna Wall-** She stated the CDBG Public meeting is scheduled for Sept 28, 2018 at 6pm. She also stated the surveying is being done to correct the Flooding issues on E. Union Street. She also stated Espy Street storm water project is slated to begin soon.

**A Motion** was made by Mr. Pietrzyk, second by Ms. Butczynski to adjourn the work session. Work session adjourned.

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

Patricia Herring questioned the Espy Street storm project and Donna stated not her Espy Street is being worked on but the Espy St Alley will have some storm water improvements done.

#### **Old Business**

President Brown asked Code Officer, Jack Minsavage, to explain to the public the process of condemning a property and what causes a property to be deemed unfit for people to live at their residence. Jack stated he has a printout of the rules and regulations on condemning a property if anyone would like a copy to see him after the meeting. He stated a property can be condemned for many different reasons that may or may not make it suitable for humans to reside at a property. Larry Beck stated a property by him was condemned but people still live there illegally. Jack said if you see this report it to him immediately. Jack stated the town is loaded with tall grass and weeds but the City is getting a

handle on it. Mr. Telencho asked if these people are cited and fined for not following the rules after their property has been condemned and Jack said yes. Jack also said they will not get an occupancy permit until it is inspected by the code office. Jennifer Polito asked Jack to specifically address the property at the corner of Prospect St. and E. South St. because Mr. Telencho inquired about it at the last meeting. Jack stated we need an engineer to say if it is or not safe structurally. The Code Department put a condemn sign on it to keep people out. Jack said he is waiting for permission to enter the house and Attorney Finnegan stated that we will get a search warrant if the property owners do not cooperate with the City. Jack stated that the City's rules and regulations are much stricter than the International Code. Mr. Telencho asked if condemned properties are on the tax rolls and Jack stated yes.

### **New Business**

A **Motion** to approve the September 5, 2018 meeting minutes was made by Mr. Coughlin, second by Mrs. Mackiewicz. Motion carried, President Brown abstained.

A **Motion** to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$492,397.91 was made by Mrs. Mackiewicz, second by Ms. Butczynski. Payroll (\$112,032.74) Payables (\$380,365.17.) Motion carried.

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A **Motion** to approve the 2019 (MMO's) Minimal Municipal Obligation was made by Mr. Coughlin, second by Ms. Butczynski. Motion carried.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –**

President Brown stated there are no sheets filled out and asked if anyone had any comments. Mr. Ed Dalmas of E. Green Street did not fill out a sheet but wanted to commend the City because he had an issue at his residence with paving not finished, he stated he came into City Hall with the problem and Donna Wall and Betsy Cheshinski handled it immediately and that day it was all resolved. He said the City employees are doing their jobs very well and he was happy with the service he got with his matter.

### **Announcements-**

WVIA will be documenting the history and the day in the life of residents in Nanticoke in their 34<sup>th</sup> Edition of Our Town. The second Community meeting will be held on Sept 20, 2018 at 6:30 pm here at City Hall. Please come out and join us to share your stories.

Pocono Mountain/Huntington Creek Recovery Center will be holding free meetings on September 20, 2018 and October 25, 2018, both are at 6:00 – 7:30 pm here at City Hall. These meetings are to educate you on how to have a healthy relationship with yourself and your addicted loved one(s).

### **Meeting Adjournment**

Mrs. Mackiewicz made the motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Pietrzyk, roll call. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Next Meeting, Wed October 3, 2018 at 7:00 PM

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Jennifer W. Polito  
City Clerk