



NANTICOKE CITY
WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL

7:00PM Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Call to Order: President, William Brown
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation: City Clerk, Mary Cheshinski

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

WORK SESSION

Solicitor William Finnegan questioned if anyone present is interested in purchasing the 66-68 W. Ridge City parcel that was advertised. No one from the audience stated an interest.

Discussion of Council Meeting Action Items

Solicitor Finnegan thanked the public for recent input at two special meetings held to discuss City Ordinances. He summarized each proposed ordinance being considered tonight for adoption as follows:

Ordinance #2, 2017 amends the prior nuisance ordinance to include additional content, concerning high weeds/grass, for chronic offenders, be fined thru easier process.

Ordinance #3, 2017 sets limitations on feeding feral cats and other animals

Ordinance #4, 2017 prohibits painting of any City owned property without permission.

Ordinance #5, 2017 is an anti-clutter ordinance, to clean up junk and prescribing enforcement and penalty provisions for violators.

Ordinance #6 & #7, 2017, begins the process, for a Storm Water Mandate. The City will eventually need to follow MS4 requirements. We are preparing now for the pollution reduction necessity from the government. Thru WVSA we are trying to form a regional approach to share costs, especially high engineering fees. This will be considered the Wyoming Valley Regional Storm Water Management Program and the City will have a one-time \$3000.00 obligation.

Motion to adjourn the work session made by Ms. Butczynski, second by Mr. Pietrzyk, motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public agenda items only.

Mr. Telencho questioned how the City will enforce the new Ordinances. Bill Brown stated they are primarily for Code to enforce and added we need more help in Code. John Telencho stated we never have old business on agenda, yes we do. Where is the Mayor to clarify questions on down town and the difference with the Municipal Authority?

Donna Wall stated the Mayor wanted to attend this evening but is doing the job of two at his regular job and he's on the road right now. Donna Wall stated the Engineers sent letters to property owners in the downtown business district, that surveying and core sample testing in the down town business district will begin.. Until reports tare back we have no further information to report.

Mike Marcella questioned if this is the reason pipes for rain water down spout were placed at this home and others. Will this project be in phases? Solicitor Finnegan stated no, the down spouts are covered under our current Ordinance. The phases will be 1 to 2 years before construction. We have a deadline of this September to submit the start of our plans. Mr. Marcella asked if there will be Grant money. The Solicitor hopes there will be cooperation from the Federal Government since it is their mandate.

Mr. John asked if we will have a fee from this new water system. Yes, replied Attorney Finnegan, monthly or yearly, not sure.

Mr. Gianuzzi questioned if the feeding of feral cats includes the Lower Broadway area where cats are fed? Yes, if it's in the City, it would be a violation, stated Solicitor Finnegan.

OLD BUSINESS (none)

NEW BUSINESS

A motion to approve the April 19, 2017 meeting minutes was made by Mr. Pietrzyk, second by Ms. Butczynski. Motion carried.

Mrs. Coughlin made a motion to pay bills, second by, Mrs. Mackiewicz, in the amount of \$301,437.08 (Payables \$301,437.08) (Payroll \$93,810.17) Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Mackiewicz, second by Mr. Coughlin to adopt Ordinance #2, 2017, amending the Nuisance Ordinance on the first reading. Motion carried.

No motion was made to adopt proposed Ordinance #3, 2017, the feral cat ordinance. Mr. Coughlin made a motion, second by Ms. Butczynski to adopt proposed Ordinance #4, 2017, on the first reading, prohibiting the painting, or defacing of City property. Motion carried.

Mr. Pietrzyk made the motion, second by Ms. Butczynski to adopt on the first reading Ordinance #5, 2017 an ordinance preventing clutter, its enforcement and penalty provisions. Motion carried.

Mr. Coughlin made the motion, second by Mrs. Mackiewicz to adopt on the first reading, Ordinance # 6, 2017 an ordinance approving the amendments to the articles of incorporation of the WVSA to further provide for the WVSA to provide for stormwater system planning, management and implementations, and to extend the term of existence said authority, authorizing said authority and proper officers thereof to execute, verify, and file appropriate articles of amendment and repealing all ordinances inconsistent herewith. Mr. Pietrzyk abstained. Motion carried.

For the record the City Clerk adds, Mr. Pietrzyk is employed at WVSA. Mrs. Mackiewicz made the motion, second by Mr. Coughlin to adopt proposed Ordinance #7, 2017, on the first reading, an ordinance approving an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with the WVSA for the creation and implementation of the Wyoming Valley Regional Stormwater Management Program. Mr. Pietrzyk abstained. Motion carried. Mr. Coughlin made the motion, second by Ms. Butczynski to approve **Resolution # 6, 2017** a resolution establishing a Section 504/ADA Grievance Procedure. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

John Telencho We can feed cats with no ordinance. “Yes, if you want to,” replied Bill Brown. John Telencho continued, what does unfit for human habitation mean? Why are we allowing properties to be sold in town if they are posted unfit? Mr. Telencho gave example of purchasing his own home and inspections done, permits. The average person follows the rules and out of towners are not he said. The City is allowing squatting, nothing done, and nobody cares. Bill Brown replied, Council has no authority about properties. Please meet with Donna, take it to the Mayor. Mr. Telencho suggested a “vigilante committee”, to work free. Bill Brown added 50% of landlords live out of town, yes there is a problem here with absentee landlords.

Leslie Kratz questioned if there’s anything about feeding birds in the City. Her neighbor has five or six feeders attracting invasion of birds and feces everywhere. The pets consuming and it’s on everything. Bill Brown stated it may fall under the general nuisance Ordinance, check with the magistrate.

Mr. Saracino is concerned about the long time tractor trailers at Reilly Plating are idling their engines. Sometimes over an hour on Alden Road. They are not using the parking lot and with this time of years, windows open its annoying and not necessary. Chief Wall questioned the hours the trucks are idling. Mr. Saracino stated the majority of the time is 8:30 AM until noon. The Chief will post in the Police Department to drive by, if not on a call, to the officers. See if warnings can be made to the truck drivers.

Correspondence - none

Announcements- Although Middle Road is closed at Kosciuszko, the businesses there are open. The Grateful Roast, Big Daddy Daycare and the 4U2 Rent Center. Birchwood Nursing Facility is accessible.

Councilor Mackiewicz announced the Boys and Girls Basketball teams will be honored at the next meeting.

Reminder, City Wide Yard Sale May 6th and the Espy Fire Burger Burn, May 6th
The next Council meeting is Wednesday, May 19, 2017.

Ms. Butczynski made the motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Coughlin. Meeting adjourned at 7:41PM.

Mary Beth Cheshinski, City Clerk