

CITY OF NANTICOKE



WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

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 via telephone, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito, City Manager, Donna Wall and Solicitor, Attorney Finnegan.

WORK SESSION

- a. **A Motion** to approve Ordinance #5 of 2022, Second Reading, an Ordinance of the City of Nanticoke, County of Luzerne, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with other participating parties of Luzerne County for the purpose of forming, establishing, and joining a Land Bank to be known as the Lower South Valley Land Bank.
- b. **A Motion** to approve Ordinance #6 of 2022, Second Reading an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke, amending Chapter 485 Section 48 of the Code of Ordinances prohibiting parking on Maple Street in certain locations.
- c. **A Motion** to approve Ordinance #7 of 2022, Second Reading an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke, adopting a Quality-of-Life Ordinance, establishing a ticket process, authorizing enforcement and setting penalties.
- d. **A Motion** to approve sale of unimproved parcel of land located at 66-68 Ridge Street to Jason Joseph Percival, Sr. and Sara Marie Landmesser Percival, his wife for \$4,000.00.
- e. **A Motion** to approve transfer of property at location commonly known as 35 E. Main Street and 23 East Main Street, Nanticoke, to the First National Bank of Pennsylvania for the consideration of \$1.00. The City is conveying this property as successor to the City of Nanticoke Industrial Development Authority, which is now no longer in legal existence, in accordance with a certain Installment Sales Agreement dated November 14, 1984.
- f. **A Motion** to approve the Cooperation Agreement between the City of Nanticoke, a Home Rule municipality, duly organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, (the "Grantee") and the General Municipality Authority of the City of Nanticoke, a duly organized authority organized and existing under the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act of 1945, as amended (the "Sub-Grantee").
- g. **A Motion** to award the Field Street Wall Replacement Project to Mar-Allen Concrete Products, Inc in the amount of \$479,955.00.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

Mayor Kevin Coughlin submitted the July 2022 Department Reports for Council's review and Jennifer Polito has posted the reports on the City's website.

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

- The City gave out its first "1st Time Home Buyer's grant".
- City Council will be traveling to different locations for the October 5th & November 2nd Council meetings. Oct 5th will be at the Hanover Fire Department and the November 2nd meeting will be at the Honey Pot Fire Department. The meeting times are the same, 7:00 pm.

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

A Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 16 of 2022, a Resolution of the Unit of Local Government, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the modification to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for funding through the Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Program, as part of the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act [P.L. 116-136], and further certifying compliance with the requirements of said program was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

A Motion to approve the **August 3, 2022** minutes was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of **\$530,049.93**, (Payroll(s) \$118,948.40 and Payables \$411,101.53) was made by Councilmember Telencho seconded by Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried unanimously.

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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Ms. Donna Turkas Rear 588 East Main Street brought to Council's attention another frightening disturbance by her neighbor on Loomis Street. Ms. Donna Turkas stated her neighbor lit a fire in the alley between his shed and her house that could have easily become a serious and dangerous situation for her and her son. Ms. Donna Turkas also stated she called the City's Police and Fire departments to help with the situation and replied that the resident of interest has no regard for his neighbors around him. Ms. Donna Turkas stated he is a dangerous individual and something needs to be done about this individual ASAP. President Brown replied that he will have a discussion about this incident with the Police and Fire Chiefs after the meeting.

Correspondence-

None

Announcements-

The City of Nanticoke will be holding a 🍁 Fall 🍂 City-Wide Yard Sale on Saturday September 17, 2022 (Rain date is Sunday, September 18, 2022). Please call City Hall at 570-735-2800 ext. 101 if you are interested in being added to the list by Wednesday, September 14, 2022. The list of participating residents will be posted on the City's Facebook Page or a copy can be picked up at City Hall on Friday September 16, 2022.

City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2022 in observance of Labor Day.

Councilmember Comments-

Vice President Telencho stated good things are coming. There is no excitement now but the Bowlarama (Ellis Building) is coming down this year.

Councilmember Marcella had no further comments.

Councilmember Butczynski had no further comments.

Councilmember Nalepa had no further comments.

President Brown had no further comments.

Meeting Adjournment-

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Next Meeting, Wed Sept. 7, 2022, at 7:00 pm

City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito