

#### CITY OF NANTICOKE

# **WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

### Wednesday, July 17, 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 Rachel Finnegan.

**Mayor Kevin Coughlin** swore in <u>Jared Whittaker</u> as a Full-Time Firefighter and pictures were taken with his fellow firefighters and family.

## **WORK SESSION: New Business: (action Items)**

**A Motion to approve** extension of August 6, 1984 agreement between City of Nanticoke and Newport Township Sewer Authority for a period of eighteen months for use of authority sewer line located in the City of Nanticoke.

**A Motion to approve** Resolution # 10 of 2024, a Resolution of City Council of the City of Nanticoke approving the revision of the FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant Contract. **A Motion to award** the East Union Street 2023 CDBG Street Improvement Project to American Asphalt Paving Co., Inc. in the amount of \$168,667.50 (lowest bidder).

**A Motion to award** the City of Nanticoke Paving & Parking Improvements Project to M&J Excavation, Inc. in the amount of \$163,965.00 (lowest bidder).

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES:**

**Mayor Kevin Coughlin executed** Executive Order # 12 of 2024, the hiring of Jared Whittaker, as a Full Time Firefighter under the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Nanticoke and the Local 2655 of the International Association of Fightfighters AFL-CIO-CLC effective June 24, 2024.

**Mayor Kevin Coughlin** wants to thank the Sponsors, Vendors, Donators, Volunteers, City Employees and Residents who supported and helped at the City's Annual Big Bang. This year's event was another great success!!

**Mayor Kevin Coughlin** has submitted the <u>June 2024 Department Reports</u> for Council's review and Jennifer Polito has posted them on the City's website at <u>www.nanticokecity.com</u>.

**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.

None

## **Old Business**

None

# **New Business**

A Motion to approve the minutes from the <u>June 19, 2024</u> Work Session/Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilmember James seconded by Councilmember Nalepa. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to Ratify the payment of the bills from June 20, 2024 through July 10, 2024 in the total amount of \$572,262.31, (Payrolls) \$121,484.01 (Accounts Payable) \$450,778.30 was made by Councilmember James seconded by Councilmember Dougherty.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve the payment of the bills from July 11, 2024 to July 17, 2024 in the total amount of \$351,754.01, (Payrolls) \$138,591.44 and (Accounts Payable) \$383,025.52 was made by Councilmember O'Connor seconded by Councilmember James. Motion carried unanimously.

**A Motion to approve** extension of August 6, 1984 agreement between City of Nanticoke and Newport Township Sewer Authority for a period of eighteen months for use of authority sewer line located in the City of Nanticoke was made by Councilmember Dougherty seconded by Councilmember Nalepa.

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion to approve Resolution # 10 of 2024, a Resolution of City Council of the City of Nanticoke approving the revision of the FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant Contract was made by Councilmember Nalepa seconded by Councilmember Dougherty. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried unanimously.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –**

**Mr. Tony Saracino** of 119 Alden Road, Nanticoke, stated he has concerns about the corner of Alden Road and Main Street. He stated the signage from Dream Whip and Carol's Floral at the two entrances are just accidents waiting to happen. Mr. Saracino suggests taking down the signs so they do not block the driver's view. Police Chief, Mike Roke, stated he contacted PennDOT and the signs are in compliance. President Brown asked Chief Roke to talk to the owners to see if they would move the signs back from the corner.

Fire Chief Mark Boncal informed Council and Residents that Firehouse Subs will be back July 22 - 27, 2024 as a fundraiser for the fire department. Chief Boncal also stated Ridge Steet from Market to Prospect Streets will be closed in front of the firehouse for pump testing on the apparatus from 9 am to 3 pm

# **Correspondence-**

None

### **Announcements-**

Save the dates and come on out to support the Nanticoke Fire Company. The Volunteers of Pioneer Hook & Ladder Company announced that Firehouse Subs and Ice Cream Rescue will be at Firehouse headquarters the week of July 22, 2024 through July 27, 2024. All proceeds raised will go towards equipment for the fire department.

### SAVE THE DATE - MOVIE NIGHT AT THE PARK

Saturday, August 3, 2024, The City of Nanticoke will be holding a "Movie Night at the Park" featuring Monster's Inc.

Where: Patriot Park, Nanticoke PA

Time: 4 pm Activities and Food Vendors will be in the park and the movie starts at 8:30 pm. The is a free event except for the vendors. Come on out and bring your chairs and blankets and enjoy a fun evening.

#### **Councilmember Comments-**

**Vice President Nalepa** congratulated Jared Whitaker for being hired as a fulltime firefighter and commended the Mayor on another successful Big Bang Event.

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**Councilmember James** congratulated Jared Whitaker for being hired as a fulltime firefighter and commended the Mayor on another successful Big Bang Event.

**Councilmember O'Connor** congratulated Jared Whitaker for being hired as a fulltime firefighter and commended the Mayor on another successful Big Bang Event.

**President William Brown** congratulated Jared Whitaker for being hired as a fulltime firefighter and commended the Mayor on another successful Big Bang Event. President Brown stated the safety of the city is the main concern for Council and the Mayor. President Brown stated we beefed the police department to 18 - 19 police officers and the fire department to 12 firefighters and purchased new equipment for the departments.

## **Meeting Adjournment-**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.	Next Meeting:
	Work Session/Council Meeting Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024 @ 6:00 pm.
City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito	