

NANTICOKE CITY



WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 16, 2019

Nanticoke City Hall 7:00 PM

Call to Order: President of Council, William Brown

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito

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

WORK SESSION-

Ordinance # 3 of 2019 (First Reading) - City of Nanticoke requiring reimbursement for Fire Department Expenses incurred in delivering emergency services. Attorney Finnegan explained this ordinance will work with the insurance companies.

Resolution # 11 of 2019 - Amending Resolution #7 of 2019, City Council of the City of Nanticoke authorizing an application for a Multimodel Grant in the amount of \$716,258.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Agency for the Main & Kosciuszko Street Project. Donna Wall explained that she was told by the state agency to amend the prior resolution to ask for money to complete the project.

Administrative Updates-

Donna Wall updated the residents and Council on the following matters:

- The Round-a-bout at Prospect St. was not paved today due to the rain but paving is due to resume this week and the round-a-bout in Hanover Twp. Will be completed by October 31, 2019.
- Donna informed Council and residents that she had a pre-construction meeting with the engineer regarding Phase II of the PIB Loan. We will be starting in Honey Pot first since there are no ADA ramps to be done.
- Penn Dot has stopped the job on W. Main Street due to the original HOP did not include ADA ramps, so a new HOP needs to be completed.
- There was a meeting with Plymouth Twp. to resolve the issues at had and an agreement should be ready for our next meeting.
- The second CDBG meeting for the 2019 grant will be held here at City Hall on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Nicole Colatosti-Mackiewicz has included her September 2019 monthly department reports. The reports are included in Council's packets, posted on the back board in Council Chambers and on the website.

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

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public agenda items only.

Mr. Telencho asked if LCCC will be exempt from the proposed ordinance # 3 that has been presented in this meeting and Chief Hazleton replied No.

Mr. Stachowiak asked when was ordinance #3 ever discussed because this is all new news to the public. President Brown said it had been discussed at a prior meeting and we will have to check the prior minutes to let him know what meeting it was discussed at. Councilor Butczynski and Jennifer Polito told President Brown it was not discussed at a Council meeting. They both said it was brought to their attention by Chief Hazleton in a Department Head's meeting. Chief Hazleton said this is not the first time it was presented; it was presented in an ordinance in 2004 but the ordinance was not executed. Attorney Finnegan said sometimes ordinances are proposed outside of Council meetings. Mr. Stachowiak said usually situations like this are discussed with the public before proposing an ordinance.

Mr. John asked Donna what the grant in the resolution is for and Donna stated it is for the sidewalks on Main Street from Dewey to the intersection of Main & Kosciuszko Streets.

Mr. Knapp is concerned if the proposed ordinance is passed that insurance companies will pull the coverage from their policies. Chief Hazleton said that will not happen.

Old Business

None

New Business

A Motion to approve the October 2, 2019 minutes was made by Mr. Coughlin, second Ms. Butczynski. Motion carried.

A Motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$289,316.40 (Payroll \$103,323.36 and Payables \$185,993.04) was made by Mr. Pietrzyk, second by Ms. Butczynski. Motion Carried.

A Motion to approve **Ordinance # 3 of 2019 (First Reading)** - City of Nanticoke requiring reimbursement for Fire Department Expenses incurred in delivering emergency services **was** made by Ms. Butczynski, second by Mr. Coughlin. Motion Carried.

A Motion to approve **Resolution # 11 of 2019** - Amending Resolution #7 of 2019, City Council of the City of Nanticoke authorizing an application for a Multimodel Grant in the amount of \$716,258.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Agency for the Main & Kosciuszko Street Project was made by Mr. Coughlin, second by Ms. Butczynski. Motion Carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Michael Stachowiak asked for an update on Stell Enterprises that are still using the City's property that the City pays a rain tax on to store their trucks. He asked if a survey has been done and Donna said not yet but she will follow up on it and hopefully have some answers for the next meeting. Mr. Stachowiak asked what is the City going to do with the extra recycle bins now that KM Smith has been sold. President Brown stated we are down to 300 – 400 bins left and we have to the end of year to get them out of the building. Donna said that we are disbursing them. Vice President Kevin Coughlin suggested that on recycling days, the DPW department go around and see who does not have a Blue can and just leave one on the sidewalks for the residents. President Brown said we will keep a few in our inventory for when tenants move out and take the bins.

Mr. Lou Gianuzzi asked for an update on the new sign because he may know someone that will let us use their land for free. President Brown said the Mayor is not here this evening to answer that question and she has not given Council any updates on the new sign.

Mr. Ronald Knapp asked for an update on the safety issues with the Plymouth contract and Chief Hazleton stated we just met with the committee and all safety issues have been addressed. Mr. Knapp suggested getting a train schedule from 911 and Chief Hazleton will look into that. Mr. Knapp asked if the City is going to get a Flat Screen TV like he suggested and President Brown said we decided against it since we have a projector and a large projector screen.

Correspondence-

Notice of Retirement – Betsy Chehinski. President Brown read Betsy's letter and he stated that he and Council wish Betsy the best of luck with retirement and thanked her for her many years of employment with the City.

Announcements-

The 2020 Proposed Budget will be posted for Public Inspection on Thursday, October 31, 2019 at 9:00 am in the Council Chambers at City Hall and on the City's Website.

The 2020 Budget Hearing will be held in Council Chambers on November 6, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting Adjournment-

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Next Meeting, Wed, Nov 6, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Jennifer W. Polito
City Clerk