

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury held on the above date was called to order by President Harry R. Riskie at 7:30 p.m.. The meeting was held in Council Chambers located at Woodbury City Hall, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, N.J.. The Clerk/Administrator, Thomas B. Bowe, stated that it was a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Woodbury City Council and due notice had been given to both the press and the public by reason of a resolution for Regular Meetings adopted January 3, 2006

President Riskie requested a Moment of Silence.

ROLL CALL

Present: Brown, Curtis, Louis, Tierney, Sloane, Curtis, Grimming, Belko, President Riskie and Mayor Clark

Absent: No One

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Louis the minutes of the meetings of December 28, 2005 and January 3, 2006 were approved. Councilwoman Brown requested that the meeting of January 3, 2006 be corrected to remove her brother, Jadie Barringer, as being present for her swearing in and the name of Reverend Robert Moore be added in her brother's place.

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilman Curtis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Agenda Items Only.

As no one desired to address Council, on motion of Councilman Curtis, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE #2017-06 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 190 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ENTITLED: VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

Councilman Sloane explained why this ordinance was being introduced.

Councilman Curtis inquired if the four-way stop signs are still being utilized as recommended by Councilman Strout for the same type of problem that existed on South Warner and Myrtle Streets.

Mr. Aimino, City Solicitor, responded he would look into that situation.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the ordinance was placed on first reading.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the ordinance was passed on first reading, to be advertised according to law, come up for second reading, public hearing and final passage at the next regular meeting of Council on February 13, 2006.

RESOLUTIONS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION #06-38 - RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX PAYMENT

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Tierney explained that the tax reimbursements will be picked up by the State and not out of City funds.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #06-39 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH MICHAEL A. AMINO, ESQ. FOR SERVICES AS CITY SOLICITOR FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney advised that there has been no increase in the agreement from last year.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #06-40 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH WILLIAM H. BUCKLEY, III FOR SERVICES AS AUDITOR FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney advised that there has been no increase in the agreement from last year.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #06-41 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH JOSEPH J. SCHIAVO, P.E. FOR SERVICES AS CITY ENGINEER FOR AN AMOUNT TO EXCEED \$80,000

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney advised that there has been no increase in the agreement from last year.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #06-42 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH PARKER, MCCAY & CRISCUOLO FOR SERVICES AS BOND COUNSEL FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney advised that there has been no increase in the agreement from last year.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman. Grimming, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #06-43 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH DAVID STROUT OF CETTEI & CONNELL FOR SERVICES AS INSURANCE AGENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$29,232.00

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney explained that the agreed upon figure was based on 6% of our JIF premium.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #06-44 - RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX PAYMENT

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #06-45 - RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX PAYMENT

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #06-46 - RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX PAYMENT

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Grimming, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #06-47 - RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX PAYMENT

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #06-48 - RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX PAYMENT

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Grimming, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #06-49 - RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX PAYMENT

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #06-50 - RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX PAYMENT

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #06-51 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #84-0018 AT PRIVATE SALE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-113

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney explained the contents of the resolution and the fact that this certificate was from 1984 and also explained how the new Tax Collector was attempting to cleanup all old certificates and any other tax debt that may still be outstanding.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #06-52 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REDUCTION IN SEWER BILLING TO CERTAIN COMMERCIAL USERS FOR THE YEAR 2006

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #06-53 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND COMMITTING THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO PARTICIPATE IN A PARIS GRANT

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution and explained its contents.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

VOUCHERS

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the vouchers as presented were authorized paid.

PUBLIC SAFETY

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO FRIENDSHIP FIRE COMPANY

Councilman Sloane presented an application for membership to the Friendship Fire Company from Joseph R. Soper of 17 Crescent Avenue, Woodbury, N.J.. On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Belko, the application was approved as submitted.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Louis advised that the Economic Development Committee has had their first meeting already this year which was held on January 13th and thanked the Mayor and everyone else who attended. The meeting went very well touching on many topics including: parking, zoning, re-development, the downtown business district and much more. The next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2006 at City Hall. The meeting will be attended by Main Street and City Officials who will attempt to put all their suggestions and visions for Woodbury's future together.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilwoman Schreyer stated that her environmental group is proceeding with the "chemical free lawn program" and all the information that is to be distributed should be completed by March.

President Riskie referenced the new "No Smoking" ban for New Jersey which will become effective in April of this year.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Brown stated that she represented the City of Woodbury in a celebration of Martin Luther King's Birthday at an event sponsored by Deptford Township.

GREEN ACRES

Councilman Curtis stated that he would like to take this opportunity to thank the Woodbury Police and Fire Departments for their quick response after the most recent storm.

BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING

Councilwoman Tierney stated that she would like to remind everyone of a Budget Workshop Meeting which is scheduled to be held in Council Chambers on Saturday, February 18, 2006 at 9:00 AM.

MAYOR CLARK

Mayor Clark invited anyone who may be interested in being a candidate to serve on a Committee that the City will be forming to address such issues as: Safety, Government Relations, and outreach to Main Street for Economic Restructuring.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

The Clerk/Administration opened the floor for any questions pertaining to the Engineer's Report.

Councilwoman Schreyer inquired what exactly the sanitary sewer replacement project was on Red Bank Avenue.

Dwight Weir from Clancy & Associates explained the project and location.

Councilwoman Schreyer also was interested in the status of the reservoir project.

Mr. Weir explained that one of the biggest considerations is the location of the reservoir.

Councilman Louis further explained that the location of the reservoir was crucial because of the City being responsible for supplying water to several customers living outside the City limits.

Mr. Bowe also commented that it would be ideal if each municipality supplied water to only those customers who lived in their own communities.

Councilwoman Brown inquired about item #13 on the Engineer's Report regarding the Hopkins Street Redevelopment Project; she also inquired if permits had been issued to the developer.

Mr. Bowe stated that a meeting would be held tomorrow, 1-14-06, on just that subject matter.

TREASURERS REPORT

President Riskie presented the Treasurer's Report which was received as filed.

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilwoman Schreyer, seconded by Councilman Louis, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public.

Dr. Robert Rogers, 130 Rugby Place, inquired if Councilwoman Schreyer would elaborate on her comments regarding the "chemical free lawn" topic she referenced earlier.

Councilwoman Schreyer explained how a group of concerned citizens got together because of their interest in reducing the use of chemicals on their lawns and what the effects these chemicals had on our storm water run off and the environment.

Councilman Curtis added that this group was established strictly for informational purposes. The topic first surfaced when Bell Lake was being drained and the effects of what chemicals can do became apparent especially regarding the algae that accumulated in that particular lake.

Dr. Rogers stated that he lives along a lake and has not noticed any damage done due to the use of chemicals.

Councilman Curtis stated that damage is not always visible to the naked eye. When studies such as this are done, they consider many factors, even the fish population.

Dr. Rogers expressed some concern that he did not understand the need for Woodbury to start putting up red flags when areas such as this are governed by state regulations.

Again, Councilman Curtis stated that this group has come into existence to merely let people know that there are alternatives to using certain chemicals for greener lawns.

In concluding on this topic, Councilwoman Schreyer advised Dr. Rogers that there has been a lot of interest in this subject, and rest assured, it is not Woodbury's intent to start regulating what people use on their lawns. The Councilwoman's group has for its purpose only to just share their information.

Paul Bunn, 18 E. Packer Street, stated that he forwarded an article to Council from USA Today that addressed fees charged in Wisconsin by municipalities for use of certain services.

On another matter, Mr. Bunn showed pictures he took in his neighborhood exhibiting the lack of interest on the part of some property owners regarding the maintenance of their properties. Mr. Bunn has stated that he has been advised that although there are code guidelines for commercial properties, there are no codes that a private resident must follow for keeping up their private residence. Mr. Bunn then gave an example of a neighbor who has had a old washer on the side of his house for the last four months. He was advised by the Code Enforcement Official that there are no guidelines to enforce the property owner to remove that eyesore.

Mayor Clark commented on the enforcement of the code on commercial properties vs. individual property owners.

Mr. Bunn then commented on starting up an outreach program whereby funding could be available to those individuals who otherwise could not afford to repair their properties.

President Riskie assured Mr. Bunn that his interest is appreciated and if he was not satisfied with future results after contacting the Construction Office and the Police Department, he could follow through with Mr. Bowe.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, approached Council to ask if an article he recently read where there would be an additional 600 parking spaces added by the County for parking in Woodbury was accurate.

Councilman Curtis stated that this was part of the original master plan and not a new idea.

The Clerk/Administrator explained that the site for the additional parking would be at the corner of Broad and Hunter Streets.

Mr. Chiesa then expressed concern about the additional traffic in that area.

Mayor Clark stated this area would probably experience a slight increase, but a traffic light would also be necessary in due time at that corner.

As no one else desired to address Council, on motion of Councilman Curtis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Curtis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor: Roy Duffield
Deputy City Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler
Emergency Management Officer: Lieutenant Steven Cope
Engineer: Dwight Weir, Clancy & Associates
Librarian: Jean Wipf
NPP - Virginia Horn
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk
Solicitor: Michael Aimino, Esq.
Streets: Thomas F. Dukelow, Supervisor