

February 13, 2006

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 Deputy Administrator, Robert Law, 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 introduced Elder Samuel Jackson, Associate Pastor of the New Life Christ Ministry, who delivered the Invocation.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** \*Sloane (arrived at 7:38 p.m.)

### **MINUTES**

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the minutes of January 23, 2006 were approved as submitted, and on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer the minutes of January 30, 2006 were approved as submitted.

### **PUBLIC**

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

Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover Street, inquired about the rate of increase specified in the salary ordinance being introduced this evening. Mr. Law responded that the rate was 4% across the board.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Belko, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

### **PRESENTATION BY DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS**

President Riskie introduced Evelyn Scholl of Southwest Council, Inc., who would be presenting a Drug and Alcohol Awareness Program this evening.

Ms. Scholl thanked Council, and especially Councilwoman Brown, for allowing her to make her presentation this evening.

Ms. Scholl spoke on the subject of clean indoor air and commended the City of Woodbury for being one of the first municipalities to address this subject.

**\*COUNCILMAN SLOANE ARRIVED AT 7:38 PM**

Ms. Scholl then listed the things that could be implemented to ensure that even stronger measures be taken to prevent tobacco being used by our young people. Mrs. Scholl advised that Gloucester County had the highest rate of lung cancer in the entire State of New Jersey.

Mr. Andrew Robinson, Youth Coordinator for the Southwest Council, Inc., talked about how young people are being targeted to become long term users of tobacco.

Beatrice Miles-Peterson, a Youth Advisory Board Member also spoke on the same topic sharing a personal story regarding the easy access to tobacco products by minors.

President Riskie advised Ms. Scholl that our City Solicitor would look over our current ordinance as well as the package Ms. Scholl prepared and advise her when something would be introduced at a future Council Meeting.

## **ORDINANCES**

### **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

#### **ORDINANCE #2018-06 - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PUBLIC LANDS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 AND N.J.S.A. 12A-1: BLOCK 115, LOTS 9 AND 11**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the ordinance was ordered opened for public hearing.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Curtis, the public hearing was ordered closed.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the ordinance was placed on second and final reading.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the ordinance was passed by voice vote.

Ayes	9
Nays	0

#### **ORDINANCE #2019-06 - AN ORDINANCE TO FIX AND ESTABLISH SALARIES AND RATE OF COMPENSATION ON THE VARIOUS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, AND TO PROVIDE THE MANNER OF PAYMENT THEREOF AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HERewith**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the ordinance.

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

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, 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 27, 2006.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

#### **RESOLUTION #06-57 - RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND RATIFYING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE SERGEANTS OF THE WOODBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF WOODBURY**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the ordinance.

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

#### **RESOLUTION #06-58 - RESOLUTION APPROVING A TEMPORARY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR FIRE OFFICIAL SERVICES WITH THE BOROUGH OF WENONAH TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2006**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the ordinance.

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

#### **RESOLUTION #06-59 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING/ZONING BOARD TO CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER BLOCK 119, LOTS 8.01, A/K/A EAST CENTRE STREET, WOODBURY, IS A REDEVELOPMENT AREA**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney clarified that the area in question was the parking lot behind the Verizon building.

Mayor Clark stated that Verizon is considering relinquishing the lot to the City, but in order to better fit into the City's plans for usage, it should be in the redevelopment area helping with the redevelopment of the GG Green Building.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Sloane, 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.

Councilwoman Tierney reminded everyone about the Annual Budget Meeting being held on Saturday, February 18, 2006 in Council Chambers at 9:00 am.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired if the position for City Hall has been advertised and posted for public awareness. Mr. Law advised that the Assistant Municipal Finance Officer position has been advertised.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**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 Deputy Administrator read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the ordinance was ordered opened for public hearing.

Seeing no one, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Louis, the public hearing was ordered closed.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the ordinance was placed on second and final reading and passed by a roll call vote.

Ayes	9
Nays	0

**RAFFLE APPLICATION**

Councilman Sloane presented an application from Main Street, Inc. for a raffle to be held on March 5, 2006. On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Curtis, the raffle application was approved as submitted.

Councilman Sloane stated that he would just like to comment on the report distributed by the Woodbury Public Library and congratulated everyone responsible for their outstanding work and by way of their inventory and how they continue to work within their budget restrictions on making the Library as informative as it has become.

Councilman Sloane stated he was concerned with the JIF Report and how the overall ratios have gone up; he is encouraging the Safety Committee to look into this matter more closely.

**PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES**

Councilman Belko complimented the Public Works Department for their quick removal during the recent snowfall.

Councilman Curtis inquired if Councilman Belko was aware that the City was using a rental backhoe and possibly he could look into having the City's equipment back into operation, as it has been down for quite some time.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Councilman Louis stated that the Steering Committee, the Economic Development Committee, the public and Main Street are continuing to meet to further discuss the downtown area. The last meeting was held on January 24th and the next meeting will be February 15th.

**PERSONNEL**

Councilman Grimming advised that he plans to have a Personnel Committee meeting prior to the next Council meeting.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Councilwoman Schreyer stated that her group is still working on their most recent project.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Councilwoman Brown inquired if Council would respect the recent passing of Coretta King with a Moment of Silence, especially since the month of February honors "Black History Month". A Moment of Silence was then observed.

### **MAYOR CLARK**

Mayor Clark advised that the other towns with whom we share interlocal services involving the Construction Office have met and discussed various ways to stay on top of things, as this year was one of the busiest ever. Due to warmer weather conditions the Construction Office has been overwhelmed in issuing permits to accommodate all the towns. Another meeting will take place whereby ways to better serve the public will be discussed.

The Mayor stated that the original proposed draft date for the master plan, which was scheduled for early summer, possibly late June, may be arriving earlier than planned, possibly sometime in April due to the Economic Development Steering Committee working along with them. Mayor Clark stated that part of the Master Plan proposed changes came as a result of public hearings held at various locations in all the City's wards; however, one of the areas totally overlooked were the opinions of our future residents, namely the high school students. So to make up for this oversight we will be holding a public meeting for the junior/senior high school students in the advanced placement government and history classes as well as the student council and honor students on Wednesday, February 15, 2006.

Mayor Clark congratulated the firefighters chosen this year who were named "Firefighters of the Year", they were former Chiefs Bill Wakemen, Greg Schaeffer, and Ray Sweeney.

The Mayor than wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Councilwoman Brown inquired if the meeting with the high school students was open to all.

Mayor Clark stated it was not and that the high school personnel were arranging who would be in attendance along with the Ragan Design Group.

President Riskie suggested that during the "Students In Government" week, which Councilwoman Schreyer arranges each year, Council should invite some of these young people who participated in that meeting to share their opinions.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

## **PUBLIC**

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Non-Agenda Items only.

Jon Baptiste, 128 Lupton Avenue, came forward representing the Senior Citizens Club as their President for the last ten (10) years. Mr. Baptiste explained how the group takes frequent trips and for the last nine (9) years were using the Old Sickles Shopping parking lot. As of April 1st, he has been advised that they can not longer use this area as a parking area when boarding the buses for their trips. Mr. Baptiste is asking for Council's help in finding another area that may be made available for cars parked in the lot overnight.

President Riskie stated that the Baptist Church on Broad Street in North Woodbury may be agreeable as many years ago they accommodated such a request.

Mr. Baptiste made several suggestions such as Rotary Park, the Armory on S. Evergreen Avenue, and possibly a City parking lot.

Chief Merinuk advised that he has already been in contact with a representative from the Armory. As of this date, the request is still under consideration but the Armory is checking into dates as they utilize their parking area for drills on certain days.

Mr. Baptiste indicated that very often his group will take spur of the moment day trips and do not always have planned days in advance, unless they are going on an overnight trip.

Brian Ward, 423 Hemloch Terrace, came forward to complain about the impact the lack of parking has on his neighborhood because of the Gianina's Pizza Shop. Mr. Ward stated that the pizza shop employees take up many parking spaces and he has heard that the owners were expanding their premises. This would only create more of a parking problem.

Another issue Mr. Ward talked about was the alley way behind his property that he has been maintaining and which he would like the City to consider deeding to him so he can do further maintenance, such as tree removal, etc.. Mr. Ward stated that he has heard of other towns doing the same, but he would need approval from Council.

Mayor Clark first advised Mr. Ward that the Pizza Shop has withdrawn their application to the Planning Board to expand their premises. They only plan to extend their kitchen area.

Regarding the parking issues the Mayor suggested that in some other areas where parking is an issue, some neighborhoods had to resort to issuing parking stickers to residents.

Councilman Louis suggested calling the Police Department whenever there was a parking problem so the incident could be documented if needed for future action.

Councilman Curtis inquired if other homes were affected with the alley situation in the same way as Mr. Ward, and if so, could we address the issue all at the same time.

Jennifer Armiger, 36 Lupton Avenue, inquired if the speed limit could be lowered on the first block of Lupton Avenue as well as doing something about the street being used as a short cut avoiding Broad Street. Ms. Armiger is here tonight with a petition from the residents on the first block of Lupton Avenue

to implore Council's help to help with the speeding problem, parking issues, and traffic pattern demographics. Ms. Armiger provided the petition to President Riskie to be filed in the Clerk's Office.

Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover Street, came forward to inquire about the incident where a individual was found dead on the basketball court behind the Child Development Center asking if the cause of death was ever determined.

Chief Merinuk responded that it was a suicide.

Mr. Jenkins inquired if it would be possible if the Planning Board Members could have name plates at their seating area so that the public could identify a face with the proper name.

Mr. Jenkins referred to the comments made by Ms. Armiger stating that he has lived on that street for 23 years and advised that he does not feel as though the area is any more of a problem than many other streets are in Woodbury.

Paul Bunn, 18 E. Packer Street, advised that he gave pictures to Mr. Bowe along with addresses and hopes that this will help the property owners become aware that there are programs out there that may help them repair their properties.

Mr. Bunn inquired if the Master Plan includes the program currently being done by the County for drainage problems.

Councilman Louis advised that it did not and that that was a stormwater management program being conducted by the County to make sure that the inlets are efficient to accommodate the water runoff.

Mr. Bunn stated that he was concerned with the lack of water going into an inlet in North Woodbury.

Mr. Bunn inquired how many self-service tobacco stores were located in Woodbury?

The response was about 6 or 7 stores, as per Ms. Sholl's report earlier tonight.

The Mayor advised that she approached one business owner, who, although being very courteous to her request, did state that unless he was legally bound to do so he would not remove his display.

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

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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THOMAS B. BOWE  
Clerk/Administrator

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Assessor: Roy Duffield  
Deputy City Clerk: Gail Scheffler  
Emergency Management Director: Sergeant Cope  
NPP Coordinator: Virginia Horn  
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk  
Public Works: Rich Leidy, Supervisor  
Solicitor: Mike Aimino