

MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2011
7:30 p.m.

The Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Invocation was delivered by Evangelist Samuel Jackson.

The Open Public Meeting statement was read by the Acting Clerk, Gail R. Scheffler.

Roll Call

Present: Pottillo, Carter, Brown, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Trout, Connor, Mayor Riskie

Absent: President Sloane

Minutes

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Trout, the minutes of January 24, 2011 were approved as submitted.

Presentations

Black History Minutes

Mr. William Corsey, III read a story defining the importance of communication between a man and woman in making for a successful relationship.

Landlord Licensing Course

Chief Reed Merinuk first gave statistics on the significance of Patrolman Jeff Pitzo's presence has made in regulating rental properties within the City of Woodbury.

Officer Pitzo distributed a booklet explaining some of the topics that will be addressed during the course that will be available to landlords. Officer Pitzo then explained how the course would benefit the landlord.

Officer Pitzo responded to questions several Council Members had.

Chief Merinuk concluded stating the course will be offered to Landlords by the end of this month.

Public

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

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, inquired about Resolution #11-49 and 11-53, which President Pro-Tempore Fleming responded to.

Brendan Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, inquired about Resolution #11-52. Mr. Law explained that it was just a paperwork transaction needed to be completed prior to the bond ordinance on tonight's agenda.

There being no one else, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Pottillo, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

Resolutions and Ordinances

Finance & Administration

#11-52 - Resolution of the City Council of the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey, Cancelling \$1,818,345.98 of Unfunded Appropriation Balances Heretofore Provided for Funding of the Reconstruction of a City Reservoir

Councilman Pottillo presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Pottillo, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the resolution was approved by a voice motion.

#2130-11 - Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Construction and Installation of a New Water Main System to Replace Existing Water Mains in and for the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$3,587,500 Therefore; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligations Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$3,587,500; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing (1st Reading)

Councilman Pottillo presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired what actually is happening with the project, will the Engineer be available at the next meeting to answer some questions.

Mr. Law responded that this amount should be more than enough to complete the project.

Councilman Louis stated this seems like a very significant amount, considering it took half of that amount to complete the Reservoir Project in Woodbury Heights.

President Pro-Tempore Fleming advised that this would allow the City to put aside the funding for the project. He will make certain that the City Engineer explain the project in more detail at the next Council Meeting.

On motion of Councilman Pottillo, 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 28, 2011.

#11-50 - Municipal Resolution of the City of Woodbury Supporting Historic Preservation Tax Credit Historic Properties Revitalization Act

Councilman Pottillo presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#11-51 - Resolution of the City Council of the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey, Authorizing the Submission of an Application to the New Jersey Local Finance Board Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9(a) and N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26(e)

Councilman Pottillo presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#11-53 - Resolution Awarding Contract for Delaware Street Sanitary Improvements Contract #2 CIPP Rehabilitation – So. Warner to Broad Street

Councilman Pottillo presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#11-54 - Resolution Authorizing Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Real

Estate Purchase Regarding #1 Chinese Restaurant

Councilman Pottillo presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Vouchers

On motion of Councilman Pottillo, seconded by Councilman Louis, the vouchers as presented and certified were authorized paid.

President Pro-Tempore Fleming advised Council we must introduce the 2011 Budget. President Pro Tempore Fleming suggested that a Special Meeting be scheduled for Monday, March 7th, at 7:00 pm in order to have the budget make the State deadline of March 11, 2011.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired when Council will have their Budget Meeting?

President Pro-Tempore Fleming stated he will plan to have the first meeting one day this week

Public Safety

#2129-11 - Ordinance Amending Chapter 114 Landlord Licensing of the Code of the City of Woodbury (2nd Reading)

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled ordinance for final adoption.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Trout, the Public Hearing was ordered closed.

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

Ayes	8	Pottillo, Carter, Brown, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Trout, Connor
Nays	0	
Absent	1	President Sloane

Public Works/Utilities

Councilwoman Tierney stated since the City Engineer was not present, she would to share what she knew regarding on the Delaware Street Project. Construction will begin tomorrow and Delaware Str. will be blocked off from Broad to Harrison Streets. Residents were notified by handouts. Any questions regarding traffic patterns should be directed to the Engineer or Police Department

Economic Development

Councilman Trout provided updates on a meeting he attended classes in Trenton. as well as a meeting held by Woodbury Main Street. Councilman Trout then invited Ronda Abbruzzese, Main Street Director, to further brief Council.

Personnel

Councilman Pottillo stated he will be in contact with his committee to continue our search for the Clerk, Administrator and Economic Development Director.

Mayor Riskie stated he cannot emphasize enough how much he would like to see those positions filled ASAP, especially, the Administrator.

Councilman Louis stated that three meetings ago we first discussed contacting Mr. Cappelli to have his input was that at least accomplished. Councilman Pottillo stated he had not talked with Mr. Capelli.

Mayor Riskie requested that we advertise so that Council can start to review potential candidate resumes.

President Pro-Tempore Fleming stated that Council had not decided on the positions being advertised. He suggest not jumping into accepting resumes until we are certain how the vacant positions will be handled.

Mayor Riskie again asked that the process be speeded up.

Environmental

Councilman Connor had nothing to report.

Community Development

Councilwoman Brown stated that she would like to compliment the Woodbury Police Department on a situation she personally witnessed. Councilwoman Brown stated that motor vehicles were ignoring the crosswalk signs along Broad and Aberdeen Streets. A Police Officer driving by observing this, stopped his vehicle and got out of his vehicle, to stop the traffic so a pedestrian could cross the street. This is just one of the many functions our

Woodbury Police Officers do to ensure the safety of our residents.

Councilwoman Brown thanked Mr. Corsey for his very informative presentation for Black History Month earlier in the meeting.

Green Acres Program

Councilwoman Carter had nothing to report.

Reports:

Mayor

Mayor Riskie referenced a correspondence he received from Brown and Connery regarding the alley behind their building which is in disrepair.

Councilwoman Tierney stated she would address the problem.

The Mayor advised that he has given a copy of the Federal Aviation Report to Lt. Cope for his review and action if warranted.

Mayor Riskie requested that a motion be made to advertise for the position of City Administrator.

President Pro-Tempore stated that he would request that the motion be retracted until such time the Personnel Department review and outline the criteria for each position. The motion was retracted.

Clerk

The Acting Clerk, Gail R. Scheffler presented the Library Report as submitted and invited the Director, Jean Wipf to expand on the contents.

Ms. Scheffler also advised that a Public Hearing will be held before the Planning/Zoning Board on February 22, 2011 at 7:30 pm. The two applicants were: a) Broadway Electric; b) 23 Newton Avenue.

Public

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

Joe Kennedy, 340 South Jackson Street came forward to see if the outside contractor had an opportunity to review his water meter.

President Pro-Tempore Fleming advised that he just received the consultants report at 4:00 pm today. He did review the report prior to the meeting and Mr. Kennedy's meter tested but could not find any problems with the meter itself; however some of the readings were disproportioned for one of the quarters.

Councilman Louis stated that to be fair he would like Council to have the opportunity to review the contents of the report; and consider all the other residents who have come forward who have already paid their bills even though they had high readings.

Marquetta Jackson, 245 South Barber Avenue also came forward to discuss her water bill referencing one bill that went from \$200 on an average to \$659.00.

Councilman Louis inquired if she discussed this with anyone in Public Works. Responding she did not, Mr. Leidy was requested to look into the problem.

Joanne Fitzgerald, 33 Lupton Avenue, stated that she has read up on the new technology and understands that these new meters work by reading pressure; including air in the line. Could this possibly be a problem that the new meters. Ms. Fitzgerald inquired if the public would be involved in the meeting that Council will be conducting to discuss the consultants report.

Councilwoman Tierney stated that she would think that the Public Works committee will probably meet first as a Governing Body. Councilwoman Tierney advised she would make arrangements to have a copy of Mr. Moonies' (Meter Consultant) report made available to Ms. Fitzgerald.

Mr. Pierson, City Solicitor stated that he would have to review the report and advise if it was public record.

Robert Rudder, 446 South Jackson Street stated that he also had a problem advising someone did come out to his property but never received a call back. Mr. Rudder stated that he was given a new meter sometime last summer.

President Pro-Tempore Fleming advised that possibly his first reaction would be that Mr. Rudder was receiving a estimated bills in the past and now that the new meter was installed is receiving an actual meter reading.

Carl Kappler, 608 High Street, stated that he does not understand why his bill jumped higher than usual, which he paid. Now he received a bill with a credit and cannot understand why this happened. Mr. Kappler was instructed to contact Mr. Rich Leidy.

Richard Troyden, 525 Park Drive, advised Council that he would like to know how his last water reading was 9,200 gallons on August 13th and he wasn't even home during that time period, he was in Cape Code. Mr. Troyden stated that there is something drastically wrong with our existing billing system.

In conclusion Councilman Louis advised all who came forward to be just a little more understanding with Council's position while they are diligently trying to resolve the water billing problem.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Trout, there was a five minute recess before going into Executive Session (9:09 PM)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the Regular Order of Business was resumed at 9:43 PM.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Louis, the Tax Assessor was authorized to approach the Bank representing the #1 Chinese property to advise them that them that the City would be agreeable to share the cost of a Phase 2 Study, not to exceed the amount of \$7,500.00.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

GAIL R. SCHEFFLER
Acting Clerk

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Robert Law, Acting Administrator

Roy Duffield, Assessor

Jean Wipf, Director, Woodbury Library

Virginia Horn, NPP Coordinator

Ronda Abbruzzese, Main Street Director

Police: Chief Reed Merinuk, Captain Timothy Sheehan, Lieutenant Cope

Public Works: Richard Leidy, Supervisor

Solicitor, James Pierson, Esquire