

June 9, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury held on the above date was called to order by President C. Barry E. Sloane at 7:30 pm. The meeting was held in Council Chambers located at Woodbury City Hall, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, NJ. 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 2, 2008.

President Sloane opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Sloane requested a Moment of Silence.

ROLL CALL

Present: Riskie, Schreyer, Villari, Brown, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Belko, President Sloane and Mayor Curtis

Absent: No One

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the minutes of the meeting of May 27, 2008 were approved as submitted. President Sloane and Councilwoman Schreyer abstained from the voting process.

PUBLIC

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

As no one approached Council, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

ORDINANCE

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

ORDINANCE #2082-08 – BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PIECES OF EQUIPMENT AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$563,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$534,850; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

Councilman Fleming explained some of the purchases listed in the ordinance and welcomed questions.

Mr. Rich Leidy, Supervisor from Public Works, discussed why there were some problems with existing vehicles and the need to purchase smaller vehicles listing the advantages.

Councilman Fleming also advised that other projects that will be addressed will be some repairs to municipal buildings and the overlay of certain streets in the City.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, 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 June 23, 2008.

ORDINANCE #2083-08 – BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$500,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$500,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

Mayor Curtis inquired about the quality of water on Delaware Street because of the age of the water mains.

Rich Leidy, Water and Sewer Supervisor, responded to the concerns of the Mayor advising that currently the City is doing more flushing to help with the problem.

Ted Wilkinson, City Engineer, discussed future plans for the reconstruction of some of the water mains in that area and also talked about receiving funding from the state to help defray some of the costs.

Councilwoman Tierney had some concerns regarding the financing.

Councilman Louis had some questions about particular areas that were worse than others along Delaware Street.

Mr. Wilkinson advised what the state would pay for and what the municipality is responsible for, as well as his knowledge of certain street corners and the ones he was not familiar with he stated that he would go out and look at their condition.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, 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 June 23, 2008.

ORDINANCE #2084-08 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$6,000 IN FUNDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SPRINKLER SYSTEM AT FRANCES AVENUE FIELD #2

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

Councilman Louis inquired why this was being done as an ordinance rather than a resolution.

Mr. Law explained that funding has to be appropriated from our capital improvement fund and the auditor has suggested we do it this way so it has the least effect on our budget.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, 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 June 23, 2008.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #08-124 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WOODBURY TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL ESTIMATED TAX BILLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L. 1994, C.72

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #08-125 – RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF WATER CHARGES

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #08-128 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERMIT FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH PYRO ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY PUBLIC FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #08-129 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF PERMIT FEE TO THE CITY OF WOODBURY

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #08-132 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,000,000; MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS TO EFFECT AND MAINTAIN THE EXEMPTION OF INTEREST ON SAID NOTES FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION; AND AUTHORIZING SUCH FURTHER ACTIONS AND MAKING SUCH DETERMINATIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO EFFECTUATE THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE NOTES

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

VOUCHERS

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the vouchers as presented were authorized paid.

Councilman Fleming reminded everyone that there will be a Special Meeting held on Wednesday evening, June 11, 2008 at 7:30 in Council Chambers to discuss the Redevelopment of the downtown business area. Councilman Fleming also thanked the Historic Preservation Committee for their willingness to move their regularly-scheduled meeting from Council Chambers to the Library on that same evening to accommodate the Redevelopment Meeting. All are welcomed to attend.

PUBLIC SAFETY

ORDINANCE #2081-08 – AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE PLACEMENT OF GRAFFITI ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF WOODBURY

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City 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 Councilwoman Tierney, the public hearing was ordered closed.

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

Ayes	9	Riskie, Schreyer, Villari, Brown, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Belko, President Sloane
Nays	0	

Mayor Curtis thanked Council for this much needed ordinance and is confident that the County Prosecutor’s Office will welcome the adoption as well.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Belko advised Council that two Saturday’s ago there was an accident involving pedestrians trying to cross Broad Street at Curtis Ave.; they were hit. Councilman Belko is requesting that the State be made aware of such situations so that the right decision is made regarding the four lane highway. Fortunately, this family is doing OK.

Councilman Fleming referred to the crosswalk at Broad and Hunter Streets stating that the vehicles are not stopping there as they should be either.

Councilman Louis stated that he too is very disturbed with the lack of response and Council has made several attempts to bring their opinions of safety to the forefront. One of the biggest problems with keeping the four lanes is that all too often even if one vehicle stops to allow a pedestrian to cross, the vehicle in the outside lane may not be aware that someone is crossing and continues moving. The only way to guarantee vehicles to stop is to have a traffic light at the crosswalks that are designated.

President Sloane agreed with all the comments.

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #08-126 – RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR WATER METER REPLACEMENT

Councilman Belko presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Louis inquired if this would be a city-wide process or are we doing a certain number of homes each time.

Mr. Leidy explained how the process will be handled.

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

RESOLUTION #08-130 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH WARNOCK AUTOMOTIVE, INC. FOR ONE 2008 OR NEWER DODGE DURANGO

Councilman Belko presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #08-131 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REQUESTS FOR BIDS FOR A SEWER CAMERA TRAILER

Councilman Belko presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Belko, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #08-133 – RESOLUTION FOR NJDOT LOCAL APPLICATION FISCAL YEAR 2009 ROADWAY PROJECTS – DELAWARE STREET

Councilman Belko presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Belko, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Villari commented on the pedestrian walkways advising that he spoke with someone from NJDOT and they assured him that they would have a decision made within the next six (6) months.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired if the City could have some of our local officials at the State level who represent Woodbury call the State to see if they could hasten the six (6) month wait.

Mr. Bowe advised that he called Mr. Reilly, an NJDOT Representative, and left a message and has not received a return call back from him.

Mr. Wilkinson, City Engineer, stated that if we had a certified design plan and sent it up to the State, advising of the need, that would hasten our request.

Chief Merinuk stated that on the day of the accident discussed earlier someone who works for the Department of Transportation witnessed the accident advising the Sergeant on the scene that we needed additional signage; he also gave him his card. The Chief advised that he has called the gentleman and has yet to receive a call back.

PERSONNEL

RESOLUTION #08-127 – RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL, BUILDING SUBCODE OFFICIAL AND BUILDING INSPECTOR

Councilman Riskie presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilman Riskie stated that he would be meeting Mr. Bowe to discuss the evaluation forms for the first 6 month evaluation to be scheduled.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilwoman Tierney had nothing to report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Brown thanked Mr. Richard Leidy for making sure she was accommodated on the day of the Memorial Day Parade; she truly appreciated it.

GREEN ACRES

Councilwoman Schreyer advised that they are currently working on drilling the well at the Soccer Fields, then the bathrooms and refreshment stands will be completed and lastly, we will apply again for funding to do the bike trail.

Councilwoman Schreyer also advised that the Student's In Government Program will not be done this spring because of the lateness of the year; so we are now looking at a fall date.

Councilman Belko reminded everyone about Woodfest this Friday and encouraged all the City Officials to come out and join in the fun.

Mr. Wilkinson, City Engineer, stated that the Bike Away Application the City submitted was denied; however, he would like to re-apply under the Safety Program for the same work.

On motion of Councilwoman Schreyer, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the City Engineer was authorized to resubmit the application for the Bike Away under the Safety Program.

MAYOR CURTIS

Mayor Curtis spoke on the following subjects:

1. The Mayor announced that on Monday, June 16, 2008 at Rotary Park, the Bonsal Blues will be performing;
2. On Wednesday, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, there will be a car show called "Cruise Night" sponsored by the Merchants Association;
3. Mayor Curtis advised that the Woodbury Breakfast Rotary held a fundraiser for needy families. It was held at Stewart Park with a kayak race and they raised \$21,000; the Mayor thanked the Fire Department for their presence for safety reasons;
4. The Mayor advised that the Annual Fireworks display will be taking place at

our Frances Avenue fields, and he wanted to thank the Fire Official, Joe Buono, for his preparation for the event;

5. Mayor Curtis stated that he attended the Interlocal Code Meeting with all the Mayors and there was some conversation concerning the time period of the permits being issued. He advised them that this is because of the paperwork involved due to state requirements. The other point brought up was we need better communication between the contractors and the property owners to make them aware of all the requirements;

6. The Mayor stated he also talked to someone from DOT regarding the crosswalk issue after the accident to alert them; they stated that they were considering our request and we would hear back shortly from them; and

7. Mayor Curtis instructed Mr. Dukelow to look into having a shallow well installed at Frances Avenue.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Bowe, Clerk/Administrator, advised that three (3) quotes were received for electrical work at the Soccer Fields. The lowest quote received was from Kelly Electrical Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$4,635.00.

On motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, Kelly Electrical Contractors was awarded the contract to proceed with the electrical work at the Soccer Fields for the amount specified.

Mr. Bowe advised that parts of West Deptford will lose the source of their drinking water because of the work being done on the Delaware Street Bridge. During the time of reconstruction of the bridge Woodbury will be providing those residents affected with water. When and how Woodbury will be compensated will be up to Council when Council has more detailed information.

The City Engineer advised that this project should last from July to about February. Councilwoman Tierney inquired if the bridge would be closed.

The Engineer advised it would not.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, it was approved that water be supplied to West Deptford during this period subject to State Approval.

Mr. Pierson advised that there would be a resolution on the agenda at the next meeting concerning this action.

PUBLIC

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

Jean Wipf, 220 Briar Hill Lane, came forward to speak about how well the Kids Fest went during the last Block Party. The event was a success and this was due to the efforts of Virginia Horn. Mrs. Wipf wanted to publicly thank Mrs. Horn and tell Council what a wonderful job she did. Unfortunately, Mrs. Horn was not at the meeting tonight to hear the accolades on her behalf.

Andrew Alexander, 37 Penn Street, who was representing the Woodbury Midget Football League wanted to come forward to express how much the future lighting of the fields will benefit the program, and how appreciative the program is.

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

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law

Deputy Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler

Emergency Mgmt Officer: Lieutenant Cope

Engineer: Ted Wilkinson, PE

Librarian: Jean Wipf

Police: Chief Reed Merinuk

Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.

Streets: Rich Leidy, Supv. and Thomas Dukelow, Supv.