

July 28, 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 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 2, 2008.

There was 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 July 14, 2008 were approved as submitted. Councilpersons Belko, Schreyer and Brown abstained from the vote.

PUBLIC

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

Andrew Bain, 104 W. Centre Street, came forward regarding Resolution #08-153 which would cancel our Mutual Aid Agreement with Westville Fire Department and the Borough of National Park.

Mr. Bain continued by saying that along with the agreement we would be cancelling our co-op purchasing privileges which saves the Fire Department a lot of money.

Councilman Louis stated that he was not aware of this happening as Chairman of the Public Safety Committee.

President Sloane apologized stating that he was involved with the conversation and it was an oversight on his part.

Mayor Curtis advised that this was being done at the request of the new Fire Chief, to use the closest facilities near them, Deptford and West Deptford. And as far as the use of their equipment is concerned, it was no where written into the Mutual Aid Agreement.

Mr. Bain explained that the original agreement did mention the equipment but was done some 15 years ago under the reign of Chief Wakemen.

President Sloane stated that he would like to first and foremost make it clear that Mayor and Council do not make the decision as Mr. Bain is indicating. It is the Mayor and Council's intent to do whatever is recommended by those that deal with fire response decisions based on the information provided them.

President Sloane also suggested that if Mr. Bain knows where the said agreement is that he is referencing pertaining to the equipment, then they would implore his help to locating it.

Paul Bunn, 18 E. Packer Avenue, came forward to also address the same resolution and agreed that as a former volunteer fireman he agrees with the decision strictly from a geographical point that it would be in the City's best interest to not be involved with responding and have those fire companies utilize the services of fire companies that are closer to those towns in responding to fire calls.

Mr. Bunn continued that as far as the equipment question, the other companies contributed financially to the purchase of said equipment that they would be entitled to use it.

Mr. Bunn also addressed Resolution #08-150 regarding a new roof and gutters on the City Hall building and Fire Department building. He is suggesting that all the scrap

metal be saved and cashed in because of the high cost of metal now, and that this be included in the bid specification.

Ted Wilkinson, City Engineer, stated that this was a good idea and would include the suggestion in the bid package.

President Sloane thanked Mr. Bunn for his interest and concern on all of the above issues.

Seeing no one else, on motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the floor was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE #2085-08 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES #2067-08 AND #2078-08 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

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

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the ordinance.

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

As no one from the public wished to speak, on motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Louis, the public hearing was ordered closed.

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

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

Nays 0

RESOLUTION #08-147 – RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX PAYMENT

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #08-148 – RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX PAYMENT

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #08-150 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY ENGINEER TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR ROOFING CITY HALL AND THE FIRE HOUSE

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #08-154 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AWARDING BID FOR FRANCES AVENUE BASEBALL FIELD IRRIGATION

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

VOUCHERS

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION #08-153 – RESOLUTION CANCELLING MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT AMONGST THE CITY OF WOODBURY, WESTVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND BOROUGH OF NATIONAL PARK

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Riskie inquired if the City has been approached by other towns other than Westville and National Park.

The Mayor advised that many towns participate in the Mutual Aid Agreement; however many fire departments respond when they can get to a fire quicker than the fire department that the property is located in. As far as the current agreement with National Park and Westville they will not be left high and dry, we have six months to notify them of our intent, so that they are fully aware and can be prepared.

Councilman Louis inquired if this has been clearly understood and discussed with the two towns.

Mayor Curtis stated that he spoke with both Chiefs and they are totally aware.

President Sloane advised that it just makes sense that the closest response department would be the one involved for all fire calls.

Councilman Riskie inquired if this decision was made by the new Chief and was the decision made too quickly.

The Mayor stated that he is totally confident that the new chief is making the right decision. Since he took the leadership role the volunteer membership has increased and the moral of the department has already improved.

President Sloane apologized again stating that he welcomes any questions if Council members see something on the agenda that involves their committee and they are not aware of it, he will advise them prior to the meeting.

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

PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES

Councilman Belko had nothing to report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Villari advised that Bob Leather, Director of Main Street will be providing information to businesses about a one hour training seminar being offered.

There was some brief discussion regarding the \$10,000 Improvement District Grant awarded to Main Street.

PERSONNEL

Councilman Riskie advised that since he has had no feedback from anyone regarding the evaluation forms he will advise Mr. Bowe to distribute them among Department Heads to be completed for all employees by year end.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilwoman Tierney advised she had nothing to report under her Committee. However, she did have a question about when Council intends to adopt the Budget since we have already heard that we will not be receiving Extraordinary Aid.

Mr. Law advised that the Finance Committee is working on preparing some amendments to the budget and hopefully they will be ready for the August 11th Meeting.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #08-149 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE THROUGH THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE PROGRAM

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #08-151 – RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A REVISED FUNDING PERCENTAGE FOR THE SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED RESIDENT TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SCADRTAP)

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #08-152 – RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A HOUSING INSPECTION CONSULTANT AGREEMENT FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM, THE NEIGHBORHOOD

HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM AND THE REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT PROGRAM

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

GREEN ACRES

RESOLUTION #08-155 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AWARDING BID FOR STEWART LAKE PARK LIGHTING INSTALLATION/MIDGET FOOTBALL FIELD

Councilwoman Schreyer presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Schreyer briefed Council on conversations she had with various people involved with the Midget Football League and the High School regarding the lighting situation.

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

MAYOR CURTIS

Mayor Curtis discussed the following:

1. The Mayor reminded everyone that the Annual National Night Out will be held behind City Hall this year on August 5th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm;
2. Also the Mayor referenced a article in the Times on the Woodbury Fire Department which was very complimentary to their services;
3. Mayor Curtis also advised the Woodfest Activities are still going on Friday evenings;
4. The Mayor discussed a subject that was brought up at a Mayors' Association Meetings regarding the Modified Light Rail for Woodbury. The Mayor stated that arrangements will be made for a meeting to be held and he will inform the residents what was discussed.

5. In conclusion the Mayor advised that the Stewart Park area between the St. Stephen's Church and Cooper St. has been mowed and opened to allow people to walk through the park.

DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Law, Deputy Administrator, advised that the City did not receive their request for Extraordinary Aid but did receive an additional \$12,053.00 in CMPTRA Aid which was after we introduced our Municipal Budget, so an amendment will have to be made. This amount will only reduce our taxes minimally.

Mr. Law stated that he attended a two day Retreat last Thursday and Friday held by JIF, where volunteer organizations under our insurance coverage was discussed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The floor was opened to questions regarding the Engineer's Report.

Councilman Belko inquired about the West Centre Street Project.

Mr. Wilkinson, City Engineer advised that the contractor will be coming back to address some minor corrections which will be made sometime next week.

The Mayor commented on the residents who wanted to keep trees on their properties and to make sure that we enter into an agreement whereby they would be responsible for the trees they planted.

There was some discussion regarding drainage questions at various locations along Centre Street and how they would be handled.

Mr. Wilkinson also stated that regarding the roof at City Hall and the Fire Department the City will have to make a decision on the type of gutters they want to use as well as the color. Mr. Wilkinson stated that the copper previously used before would be extremely expensive, so the City should consider using another type of material.

Councilwoman Tierney asked whether the City had to get approval from the Historical Preservation Commission because both buildings were in the Historical District.

Councilman Belko was instructed by President Sloane to look into the question.

Councilman Louis inquired about the electrical connection to the soccer fields.

Ted Wilkinson advised of the status.

PUBLIC

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

Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover Street, approached Council to inquire about where the City stands with Round 3 of the COAH program, referencing an article in the newspaper.

Mayor Curtis explained the terminology of the various rounds.

President Sloane further explained using Harrison Township as an example.

Andrew Bain, 104 W. Centre Street, came forward to thank the Police Department regarding some unkept properties on Lupton Avenue and also for a quick response to a property where there was some drug activity.

Another problem Mr. Bain wanted to address was the lack of handicapped parking spaces in various areas throughout the City, then listed them.

President Sloane responded that some of the areas mentioned are currently being reviewed by the Planning Board.

President Sloane stated that in some of the areas Mr. Bain had a very valid point and instructed Public Works to look into it.

Another issue Mr. Bain wanted to bring up was a bench in front of the Firehouse and when the seniors wait for the shuttle bus they need somewhere to sit.

Also, Mr. Bain suggested including prohibiting a no-smoking policy in areas outside of city buildings.

President Sloane stated that this may be a legal issue and he will have the City Solicitor look into the request.

As no one else desired to address Council, on motion of Councilman Louis, 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 Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

ROBERT LAW
Deputy Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
Deputy City Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler
Emergency Mgmt Officer: Lieutenant Cope
Engineer: Ted Wilkinson, PE
Librarian: Jean Wipf
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.
Public Works: Rich Leidy, Supervisor
William Lynch