

August 8, 2005

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 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 5, 2005.

President Riskie requested a Moment of Silence.

ROLL CALL

Present: Brown, Louis, Graziani, Sloane, Schreyer, Grimming, Tierney, President Riskie, Mayor Clark

Absent: Curtis

SPECIAL MEETING

President Riskie advised that a Special Council Meeting will be necessary on Monday, August 15, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of adopting three resolutions that pertain to:

- 1) Awarding the bid for the Reconstruction of Park Avenue;
- 2) Water and Storm Sewer Replacement on Wick Blvd.; and
- 3) Implementation of the City's Safe Street Program.

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the minutes of the meeting of July 25, 2005 were approved as submitted.

MAYOR SWEARS IN NEW SERGEANT

Mayor Clark read a Letter of Recommendation from Chief Reed Merinuk in appointing Patrolman Kevin Outten to fill the position of Sergeant. The Mayor also stated that this task was not as easy as previous replacements, as this time there were fourteen (14) qualified applicants. The Mayor then gave details on how the selection took place.

Mayor Clark administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Kevin Outten.

Sergeant Outten introduced his family who were present.

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Agenda Items Only

Seeing no one, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

PUBLIC SAFETY

ORDINANCE #2007-05 - AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 142 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ENTITLED: POLLUTION

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

Councilman Louis inquired regarding who made the recommendations that appeared in the ordinance.

President Riskie advised that the City Solicitor, Mike Aimino, made recommendations after doing research.

Councilman Sloane stated that he was familiar with the topic not only through personal experience but also referenced a resident who came before Council several meetings ago to explain her problems regarding a neighbor.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the ordinance was placed 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 September 12, 2005.

FINANCE

RESOLUTION #05-132 - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF OFFERING DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF THE CITY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2005; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND AWARD OF SAID BONDS; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATED THERETO

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Mr. Law explained that the purpose of the resolution was to go out to bid for interest rates on the sale of our local bond. Mr. Law then explained the benefits of obtaining the lowest interest rate and how the City of Woodbury saves money over a long period of time.

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

RESOLUTION #05-133 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN INTERIM TAX COLLECTOR AND TAX SEARCH OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

VOUCHERS

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

APPLICATION FOR RAFFLE LICENSE

Councilman Sloane presented a application for a raffle license from the Women's Club of Woodbury; raffle to be held on May 1, 2006 at the Woodbury Country Club. On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Louis the raffle application was approved as submitted.

MAYOR CLARK

Mayor Clark discussed the following:

1. The Mayor advised that Richard Kramer, the person suing the City, has decided to drop his law suit;
2. Mayor Clark thanked the City Police Department, but especially Patrolman Donnell Davis for planning all the festivities that took place on National Night Out. It was a great turn-out and each year it gets better with something for everyone;
3. Mayor Clark advised that the Prosecutor's Summer Intern Program had its graduation ceremony last Friday. The Mayor stated that she along with Councilwoman Brown attended a luncheon in honor of the event. All those graduating should be congratulated for completing such a tough program;
4. The Mayor reminded everyone that the final concert by the Bonsal Blues will be held next Monday, August 15th at 7:30 p.m. at Rotary Park;
5. The Mayor also announced that the Annual Car Show will be held on September 3, 2005. Last year the number of entries was 130 and this year they are expecting 200 entries; and
6. Mayor Clark stated that on Saturday, September 10th at 10:00 a.m. the City's newest monument will be dedicated on S. Evergreen Avenue near the site of former Camp Stockton. This dedication has been arranged by the Sons of the Union Veterans.

PRESIDENT RISKIE

President Riskie advised Council that if they were not able to attend the Special Meeting scheduled for Monday, August 15, 2005 to advise Mr. Bowe, Clerk/Administrator, as no action can be taken if there is not a quorum present.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PUBLIC

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

Barbara Hannan, 520 Hunter Street, approached Council to inquire what was going on in her neighborhood last week with cables running across her street.

Chief Reed Merinuk stated they were for monitoring of traffic.

Mike Campbell, 305 Kirkland Drive, Wenonah, NJ, came forward to discuss his involvement with a group comprised of concerned residents to prevent the opening of a Walmart in Deptford. Mr. Campbell stated that he was appreciative that our Mayor, Leslie Clark, was courageous enough to publicly discuss her concerns regarding the proposed Walmart site at Cooper Str. and Delsea Drive.

Mr. Campbell advised that another potential Walmart site at the former RCA property is currently being considered and will go before the Deptford Planning Board sometime in September. Mr. Campbell requested the support of this City's Governing Body to prevent this construction from beginning. Mr. Campbell went on to explain that currently the site at Cooper Str. and Delsea Drive has not been approved because of a law suit involving the creation of traffic lights being approved in the area, and if anyone has any contact with State representatives to implore their help as well, specifically Senators Roberts and Bryant.

Mayor Clark responded to Mr. Campbell's request advising that he can depend on Woodbury's support especially concerning the Cooper Street and Delsea Drive location. Mayor Clark assured him that she would personally call Senators Roberts and Bryant asking for their support.

Mike Della Polla, 534 Hunter Street, stated that he has a problem with the overgrowth of grass and weeds in the area behind his home. Mr. Della Polla stated that he had contacted Mr. Dukelow who was quite cooperative; there was a problem, however, whereby the City's cutting equipment broke down and they were not able to complete the job. Mr. Della Polla over the years attempted to also work on this area, but he does not feel this is his responsibility.

President Riskie advised Mr. Della Polla that Mr. Walsh, the Public Works Director, will come out to look at this problem and advise him accordingly.

As no one else desired to address Council, on motion of Councilwoman Schreyer, 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 8:00 p.m..

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
Deputy City Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk
Public Works: Michael Walsh, Director

