

August 9, 2004

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury held on the above date was called to order by President Pro-Tempore Louis 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 5, 2004.

President Pro-Tempore Louis requested a Moment Of Silence.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Curtis, Louis, Graziani, Sloane, Schreyer, Tierney, Mayor Clark

**Absent:** Brown, Grimming, Riskie

**MINUTES**

On motion of Councilwoman Schreyer, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the minutes of July 26, 2004 were approved as submitted.

**MAYOR SWEARS IN PATROLMAN**

Mayor Clark read a letter from Chief Merinuk listing background information on Matthew Porter. Mayor Clark administered the Oath of Office to Patrolman 4th Class Matthew Porter.

**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 Tierney, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

**ORDINANCES**

**PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES**

**ORDINANCE #1977-04 - ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 197 OF THE WOODBURY MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED: WATER**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Sloane, 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 13, 2004.

**ORDINANCE ##19787-04 - ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 156 OF THE WOODBURY MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED: SEWER**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Sloane, 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 13, 2004.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

#### **RESOLUTION #04-114 - RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX OVERPAYMENTS**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

### **VOUCHERS**

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the vouchers as listed and certified were authorized paid.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

#### **APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Councilman Sloane presented two applications for membership to Friendship Fire Company; the first applicant was John Bolton of 228 Queen Street, Woodbury; and Brent Stanley of 428 Prince Street, Woodbury. On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Graziani, both applications were approved as submitted.

Mayor Clark stated that she is pleased to announce that both of these applicants have come up through the Woodbury Fire Explorers Program which has also produced other firefighters to join the ranks of becoming volunteer firefighters.

### **RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

Councilman Sloane presented two raffle applications from Main Street. On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Graziani, both applications were approved as submitted.

Councilman Sloane referenced a letter from Chief Drew Bain of the Woodbury Fire Department advising that in order to bring the Fire Department in line with fair labor standards effective immediately no full or part-time paid firefighters can serve as volunteer firefighters any longer. This situation currently affects three of our firefighters and they have been notified of such.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilwoman Tierney reminded all Public Works Committee Members that they will be meeting on Wednesday, August 11th at 7:30 in the Mayor's Office.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Councilwoman Schreyer advised that she has been working along with Tom Dukelow regarding a program for the distribution of fluorescent light bulbs, when all the details become available she will advise the public.

Councilman Curtis inquired about a purple flower that is around all our lake areas which is an invasion weed. Apparently there is a program that involves the release of certain beetles that deter the growth of this plant which the state is involved in. Mr. Dukelow stated that he will be in touch with the State tomorrow.

## **MAYOR CLARK**

Mayor Clark thanked the Woodbury Police Department and especially Patrolman Donnell Davis for all the work that went into putting National Night Out together. A special thank to the Woodbury Public Works Department and Tom Dukelow and everyone else who participated in helping make the event such a success. Just to mention a few things there was wrestling, moon bounce, petting zoo, pony rides, face painting, dunk tank and much more and could not have been such a success without much hard work, please remember to join us next year.

The Mayor advised that the Woodbury Soccer registration will be beginning soon to ensure a spot in the program please remember to sign up early.

## **DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Law requested a motion to reject the bids that were received for the Resurfacing of the Tennis Courts. Bids were received on July 12, 2004 and all over the projected price. On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer all bids were rejected.

Mr. Law then requested authorization to go out to re-bid the project for the Resurfacing of the Tennis Courts with the changes of deleting drainage and fencing from the specifications. On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the request was granted to rebid the project.

Mr. Law also advised that the tax bills were mailed out last week with a extension due date of August 30, 2004 with no additional grace period.

## **PUBLIC**

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

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, what the City intended to do about the new Wal Mart coming to Deptford and how the impact of traffic was going to affect Woodbury.

Mayor Clark answered the question by informing Mr. Chiesa stated that she is in contact with a group of concerned residents who are attempting to make sure that proper traffic lights are installed as part of the approval process. They have become extremely active and are working with an attorney to prevent the opening of the store.

Mr. Chiesa stated that he is concerned that Woodbury is not being represented strongly enough.

Mayor Clark urged Mr. Chiesa to join the team of objectors and offer whatever suggestions to help prevent the store from opening.

Mr. Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover Street, again inquired if anyone talked to West Deptford regarding the poor condition of the roadway at Tatum Street and Red Bank Avenue. President Pro-Tempore Louis instructed Tom Dukelow to follow up on this request.

Mr. Jenkins reflected on National Night Out and although he attended it and it went well, in his opinion he thought the original concept was being lost because of the “block party” atmosphere and there should be more focus on educational and instructional messages to keep a “crime watch” component into the theme.

Dr. Robert Rogers, 130 Rugby Place, stated that he was unable to attend the recent Budget Meeting recently held and he had a few questions. Mr. Rogers inquired if the City could possibly get involved in more privatizing of services so more could be saved by the municipality and what else the City could do to decrease as he has talked to many other residents who are equally as discouraged as he is with the raising costs of taxes.

President Pro-Tempore Louis advised Mr. Rogers that each department worked very hard to make cuts in their departments and did so by 10%. President Pro-Tempore also advised Dr. Rogers that the City has looked into privatization and in some areas it is just not beneficial to join with other communities and where it has we have done so.

Larissa La Russo, 58 N. Columbia Street, who did attend the Deptford Planning Board meeting that addressed the Wal Mart opening, stated that aside from the traffic this will have a big impact on our business district.

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

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m..

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ROBERT LAW  
Deputy Administrator

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Assessor: Roy Duffield  
Deputy City Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler  
Neighborhood Preservation Director: Virginia Horn  
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk  
Public Works: Thomas F. Dukelow  
Solicitor: Michael Aimino, Esq.

