

August 28, 2003

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury held on the above date was called to order by President Robert Curtis at 7:30 p.m.. The meeting was held in Council Chambers located at Woodbury City Hall, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, N.J.. 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, 2003.

Reverend Warren Light, Chaplain of the Friendship Fire Department, delivered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present: Schrock, Schreyer, Sloane, Louis, Graziani, President Curtis and Mayor Clark

Absent: Riskie, Brown, Grebb

President Curtis stated that Councilwoman Brown and Councilman Grebb were not present due to medical reasons and Councilman Riskie had a personal commitment.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

President Curtis stated that the raffle application for the Women's Club will be deleted and there will be an application for membership to the Friendship Fire Company added.

MAYOR CLARK PRESENTED PROCLAMATION

Mayor Clark introduced Jarred Lewis who recently wrote her and inquired if he could be Mayor for one day in the City of Woodbury. Jarred is a Cub Scout and was present this evening.

Mayor Clark then read a proclamation in honor of a Woodbury High School Student, Christopher Pressley, who won first place for Woodbury High School in the NJ State Track and Field Championship for the Shot Put. Chris Pressley accepted the proclamation.

Mayor Clark also read another proclamation honoring the 100th Graduation ceremony for Woodbury High School. Mayor Clark then introduced Judy Wilson, Superintendent of Woodbury Public Schools and Bill Fleming, President of the Woodbury School Board, who accepted the proclamation.

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Schrock, the minutes of the meeting of July 24, 2003 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilman Graziani, seconded by Councilman Sloane, 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 Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE #1961-03 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1959-03 “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 Sloane presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Schrock, 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 September 11, 2003.

ORDINANCE #1962-03 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE WIDENING OF REID STREET, ADJACENT TO BLOCK 93, LOT 5

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, 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 September 11, 2003.

ORDINANCE #1963-03 – ORDINANCE CORRECTING ORDINANCE 1958-03 TO READ ‘CHAPTER 35-27’

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Graziani, 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 September 11, 2003.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #03-142 – APPLY CERTAIN TAX OVERPAYMENTS PROPERTY TO PROPERTY

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-145 – INSTALLMENT PLAN FOR PAYMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Mr. Law explained the purpose of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-146 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Mr. Uzdavinis introduced himself as Counsel for Mr. Robert Clark, holder of the license and owner of Café Neena. They were present to answer any questions Council might have had.

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

RESOLUTION #03-147 – STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES ENABLING RESOLUTION

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-149 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE SFY04 STATEWIDE LOCAL DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS EQUIPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Mr. Law explained the intended use of this grant.

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

RESOLUTION #03-151 – RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2003 BUDGET (CHAPTER 159) AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION OF THE EXXON MOBIL FOUNDATION VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-153 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40A:11-12a

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Sloane explained the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-154 – RESOLUTION TO AWARD HUNTER STREET PUMP STATION COMMUNOTOR PROJECT

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-155 – RESOLUTION TO AWARD BROAD STREET SIDEWALK RENOVATIONS PROJECT

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-157 – RESOLUTION REFERRING AN AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7 FOR CERTAIN AREAS IN THE CITY OF WOODBURY ZONE 2

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Mr. Hasbrouck, City Solicitor, explained why this resolution was necessary due to the omission of the block and lot on the final plan included in the Redevelopment Ordinance adopted in 1998.

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

VOUCHERS

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

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Sloane advised that two letters were distributed this evening: one from Dalton Agency, and the other from the JIF regarding a seminar which Council should review. Councilman Sloane then explained the contents of the letters.

PUBLIC SAFETY

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO FRIENDSHIP FIRE COMPANY

Councilman Schrock presented an application for membership to Friendship Fire Company. On motion of Councilman Schrock, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the applicant, William E. Rieger, III of Woodbury, was approved for membership.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilwoman Schreyer invited Mr. Tom Dukelow to brief Council on the survey of trees he is currently conducting. Mr. Dukelow advised that the survey was far more involved than anticipated; there apparently are more trees within the City boundaries than originally thought. This means that an additional \$7,000 is needed to complete the survey. Mr. Dukelow along with the Woodbury Garden Club is planning a Fall Foliage Cruise to help raise money to accomplish this task. Mr. Dukelow gave details of the trip and advised anyone interested to call him.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #03-140 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION HOME PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 69 LOT 15 a/k/a 113 WEST BARBER AVENUE

Councilwoman Schreyer presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-141 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 63, LOTS 1, 2 AND 3 a/k/a 163 HIGH STREET

Councilwoman Schreyer presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-143 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 100, LOT 13.01 a/k/a 77 CARPENTER STREET

Councilwoman Schreyer presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-144 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION HOME PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 134, LOT 5 a/k/a 78 PACKARD AVENUE

Councilwoman Schreyer presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-148 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR THE FY 2004 STATEWIDE LIVABLE COMMUNITIES GRANTS PROGRAM

Councilwoman Schreyer presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-150 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE FY 2004 STATEWIDE LIVABLE COMMUNITIES GRANTS PROGRAM

Councilwoman Schreyer presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-152 – RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #03-109 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION HOME PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 106, LOTS 18, 19, 20 AND 21 a/k/a 16 CARPENTER STREET

Councilwoman Schreyer presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

GREEN ACRES

Councilman Graziani advised that bids will be received on September 9th for the Stewart Park Project and hopefully will be able to be awarded at the next Council Meeting on September 11, 2003.

MAYOR CLARK

Mayor Clark advised that on August 1st she attended a Graduation Luncheon for the students who participated in the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office Summer Camp Program. Three Woodbury students were among the graduates, they were: Xavier Keenan, Kian Patterson and Olga El. The students had a variety of experiences especially participating in a mock trial and observing the techniques used in crime scene investigations.

The Mayor advised that there will be another luncheon for the students who participated in the "Seeds to Success" Farm Market Program where the students sold produce at the Old Train Station location.

Mayor Clark complimented Officers Donnell Davis and Nick Danze for their outstanding job in coordinating the "Night Out" on August 5th.

Mayor Clark welcomed Patrolman James Graham to the Woodbury Police Department.

The Mayor advised that Sergeant Steve Cope is taking applications for the newly-formed Senior Citizen Program. This program requires every senior citizen who lives alone to register with the program and then call in on a daily basis.

Mayor Clark advised that she along with Tom Bowe and Bob Law visited Monroe Township to observe their "Skateboard Park" and to get a feel for what is available to better prepare for the time when Woodbury is ready to make its final choices for the planning of our Skateboard Park. Mayor Clark stated that a public meeting was held regarding this future park so that all voices could be heard prior to making final plans. Mayor Clark invited all the teenage skateboarders out to the next meeting so that we could hear their input.

Mayor Clark invited all Council Members to participate in the JIF Training Seminar that would reduce the City's expenses by \$250.00 for each participant.

Mayor Clark then invited sit-in Mayor Lewis to help in her conclusion remarks.

Temporary Mayor Lewis invited everyone to attend the Annual Antique Car Show scheduled to be held this weekend. Mayor Lewis also reminded everyone to drive safely and have a great labor day weekend.

PRESIDENT CURTIS

President Curtis introduced Dermott Kennedy, Esq. who represents the Woodbury Mews Project. Mr. Kennedy referenced a previous meeting held by Council and the Woodbury Mews whereby the purchase of an additional parcel of land was discussed. Mr. Kennedy stated that he was here this evening to ask for a two year extension on the original agreement to purchase. Mr. Hasbrouck stated that if approved this request would have to be done by resolution.

The Mayor inquired that according to her recollection for each additional year of extension there would be an additional \$5,000 increase per year to the purchase price. Mr. Kennedy agreed. His request this evening was just for the extension and not to waive the increase in price.

PUBLIC

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

James Ball, 627 N. Broad Street, came forward to address a problem he is having with TLC, Woodbury's Ambulance Service Provider. Mr. Ball stated that he would like to see a copy of the contract the City has with TLC because of a parking issue adjacent to his property.

Mr. Hasbrouck advised Mr. Ball to get in touch with Mr. Bowe and a copy would be provided him.

Maria Marine, 40 High Street, inquired if Council had a chance to consider a "rent control ordinance" as she previously requested.

Mr. Hasbrouck stated that there are policy procedures that would have to be followed; just because a resident makes a request, this does not guarantee that an item would just be put on the agenda. Mr. Hasbrouck stated that items are put on the agenda after a committee reviews a request and feels the subject matter warrants Council's attention. It could then take the form of either a resolution or an ordinance.

Les Foster, a resident of High Street, stated that he is having a problem with 134-136 High Street and is concerned with the tenants that are renting at that location. He is also having difficulty with the landlord at that

location who ignores issues that have arisen involving local violations. Mr. Foster stated that Council should look into his complaints and take them seriously.

Eileen Turco of 36 N. Girard Street speaking for many other residents sitting in the audience this evening came forward to discuss the water quality in her neighborhood. Mrs. Turco brought with her a sample of the water and stated that this is what the residents in the area has been experiencing for many years, not just during the recent flushing of the hydrants.

Mr. Fleming came forward to discuss the engineering problems that the area is experiencing and why the water quality is as bad as it is.

President Curtis further explained how the proposed new construction of the reservoir in Woodbury Heights would greatly improve the water quality and also how the drought of last year prohibited the flushing of hydrants last year.

More dialogue continued between Mr. Fleming and Mrs. Turco. Mrs. Turco also requested that additional notification be made available in other than the Gloucester County Times in order to prepare the area residents for the flushing of the hydrants.

Mr. Dukelow stated in addition to the advertising in the Times, flyers were distributed and information was posted on the City's web site.

Council had questions which were answered by Mr. Fleming.

Mrs. Eileen Manogue, 53 N. Girard Street. came forward to also direct some questions pertaining to water quality and inquired if the water is tested.

Mr. Fleming replied that the water is tested, but not the residue.

Robert Rogers, 130 Rugby Place, inquired about Ordinance #1959-03 adopted at a prior meeting regarding the increase percentage in wages this year as compared to the last salary ordinance.

Councilman Sloane replied that it varied based on the department and union versus non-union employees.

Mr. Hasbrouck interjected that a percentage figure could be arrived at and Dr. Rogers should contact Mr. Law, the City's Chief Financial Officer.

Dr. Rogers also inquired if the figures included fringe benefits. Mr. Law stated they did not. Mr. Law did, however, invite Dr. Rogers to come to his office one day and he would explain how the figures are derived for both wages and fringe benefits.

As no one else desired to address Council, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Graziani, 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 Councilman Graziani, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m..

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law

Assessor: Roy Duffield

City Engineer: William Fleming

Neighborhood Preservation Director: Virginia Horn

Public Works: Thomas Dukelow

Solicitor: Bruce Hasbrouck, Esq.