

September 27, 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 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 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 5, 2004.

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Sloane

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the minutes of September 13, 2004 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilman Graziani, 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 desired to address Council, on motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

ORDINANCES

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

ORDINANCE ##1979-04 - ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 180 OF THE WOODBURY MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED; TAXICABS

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

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the ordinance was placed on second and final reading.

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

Ayes 8 Brown, Curtis, Louis, Graziani, Schreyer, Grimming, Tierney, President

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Nays	0	
Absent	1	Sloane

RESOLUTIONS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION #04-131 - RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #04-39 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH S.G.C. CONSULTING, INC. FOR COMPUTER CONSULTING SERVICES

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #04-133 - RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY PURSUANT TO N.J.S .40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948)

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.

RESOLUTION #04-134 - RESOLUTION DECLARING EMERGENCY CONDITION AT THE EMERSON STREET LIFT (PUMP) STATION

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Louis inquired as to the status of the pump station.

Michael Walsh explained the situation at the pump station.

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

RESOLUTION #04-135 - RESOLUTION APPROVING A TEMPORARY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR FIRE INSPECTOR SERVICES WITH THE BOROUGH OF WENONAH TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2004

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.

RESOLUTION #04-136 - RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF WATER CHARGES

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #04-137 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE #0822-44-006-004 HELD BY SICKEL'S SHOP-RITE LIQUORS, INC.

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Louis and Councilwoman Tierney both inquired about the plans that were being considered for improvement to this property.

Mr. Siva Kanakamedala came forward to introduce himself as one of four partners who have purchased the entire Sickles's Shopping Center. Mr. Kanakamedala explained that the Liquor Store will be trading as Martin's Liquors, Inc. and renovations to the entire shopping center are being planned for after the new year.

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

RESOLUTION #04-138 - RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL AUTHORITY TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #04-139 - RESOLUTION TO AWARD WEST BARBER AVENUE PARKING LOT PROJECT

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.

RESOLUTION #04-140 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF WREATHS FOR INSTALLATION ON BROAD STREET BETWEEN HUNTER AND CARPENTER STREETS FROM GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE HUD NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE PROGRAM AT AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,275.00

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 Graziani, the vouchers as listed and certified were authorized paid.

Councilman Louis reiterated Reverend Light's reference to the pain and suffering that the Florida residents are experiencing and also reflected on former Councilman Robert Grebb's health. Mr. Grebb is not doing well and Councilman Louis asked that both be remembered in your prayers.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Graziani expressed his appreciation for the funding received so that many worthwhile projects could be accomplished.

PERSONNEL

Councilman Grimming stated that the Policy and Procedure Manuals will have to be reviewed and updated each year. The City will be undertaking this in the very near future.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Brown advised that she has received a complaint from 177 Leeds Place regarding a possum nuisance along with high grass complaints.

RESOLUTION #04-132 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM GRANT

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilwoman Brown thanked Mayor Clark, Councilman Sloane and Councilwoman Schreyer for attending the Family and Friends Day at Bethel AME Church. Councilwoman Brown also thanked the Mayor and Councilman Sloane for attending the Minority Health Day at the Child Development Center; their presence was appreciated by all.

GREEN ACRES

Councilman Curtis advised that the Woodbury Garden Club along with WORC and the tenants of Carolina's Restaurant will all be working together to erect a fence and plant landscaping along the railroad tracks to deter children from using that area as a shortcut.

MAYOR CLARK

Mayor Clark presented the following:

1. Mayor Clark thanked Main Street, Woodbury Merchants Association, Garden Club, Farmers Market, Child Development Center and Underwood Hospital for their outstanding array of community events held last week as well as all free testing that was made available; they are all to be commended;
2. The Mayor also congratulated the Child Development Center on celebrating their 25th Anniversary;
3. Last week Woodbury conducted its annual Colonial Days and attendance was better than ever, each year the crowds get bigger. One of the attractions was the canoe rides at the Wood Street recreation area with special mention going out to the Fire Department for having made available a rescue crew for added safety;
4. Mayor Clark also thanked the Garden Club for holding their annual garden show and also the Farmers Market for holding their Annual Yard Sale;
5. Mayor Clark welcomed a new Art Studio which opened on Sunday and is located on the second floor of the antique store on Broad Street. Local artists are welcoming students to sign up for classes which are being offered;
6. The Mayor reminded everyone that the Jaycees Annual Craft Fair and Fall Festival Parade will be held this Saturday, October 2, 2004;
7. The Chamber of Commerce Auction will be held on October 7th; please contact Shirley Bierbrunner if interested in attending;
8. The Gloucester County Economic Development Office will hold their annual Summit on Saturday, October 15th at Riverwinds from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m.;
9. The Mayor also welcomed the new owners of the Sickel's Shopping Center and stated everyone looks forward to the changes that will be occurring; and
10. Mayor Clark stated that she has asked the Solicitor to look into the possibility of having property owners obtain legal ownership of any alleyways that may abut to their properties. This will not effect all alleyways in Woodbury, only certain ones that are no longer useful for the City.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Bowe stated that he received a correspondence from the Public Works Director, Michael Walsh, indicating that bids were received from two individuals for the used vehicles which had been advertised on two previous dates. Mr. Bowe is requesting Council authorize that the highest offer be accepted on all six (6) vehicles. On motion of Councilman Curtis, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the request to sell the vehicles to the highest bidder was approved.

Mr. Bowe also requested that Council approve a request from the Jaycees for a \$1,000 donation for the fall parade. On motion of Councilman Graziani, seconded by Councilman Louis, the request to donate the \$1,000 was approved. Councilwoman Tierney abstained from the vote.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Bowe presented the Engineer's Report and opened the floor for questions.

Councilman Louis inquired about the lighting on Broad Street. Mr. Schiavo stated that no word has been forthcoming; however, PSE&G is aware that the City would like the project to be completed by the holiday season.

Councilman Grimming inquired regarding the Drainage on Tatum Street and Red Bank Avenue. Mr. Schiavo stated that they are currently speaking with West Deptford and plans are in the works to start the job as early as next week.

Councilman Riskie asked about the Wick Boulevard situation with the sink holes. Mr. Schiavo stated that they are on schedule with the current repairs; however, the entire project would not be done until next spring. Mr. Schiavo advised that the resident who has the most concern about her property seemed satisfied.

Mr. Bowe also explained what had occurred regarding Resolution #04-136 and the Water & Sewer Refund.

TREASURER'S REPORT

President Riskie presented the Treasurer's Report for Water & Sewer and the Current Fund which were received as filed.

President Riskie also presented the Tax Sale Report as given by the Tax Collector; it was received as filed.

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Non-agenda items only.

Jim Lacroix of 302 Edith Avenue came forward to publicly thank Council, Mr. Bowe, Mr. Schiavo and the Public Works Department for correcting the sink hole problem in front of his home.

President Riskie reminded everyone that the Woodbury High School Football Team will be playing the Collingswood High School Football Team this weekend re-establishing an old rivalry. The game will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2004.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Graziani, seconded by Councilman Curtis, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m..

THOMAS B. BOWE
CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor: Roy Duffield
City Engineer: Mr. Schiavo
Deputy City Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler
NPP Coordinator: Virginia Horn
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk
Public Works Director: Michael Walsh
Solicitor: Michael Aimino, Esq.