

October 9, 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.

President Curtis requested a Moment of Silence.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Grebb, Graziani

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilman Louis, the minutes of the September 25, 2003 meeting were approved as submitted. Councilman Sloane abstained from the vote stating that he never received a copy of the minutes.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

President Curtis stated that Ordinance #1967-03 entitled "Ordinance Amending §190-4 Violations and Penalties of the Code of the City of Woodbury" would be removed from the agenda; added to the agenda would be Resolution #03-175 entitled "Resolution to Refund Subsequent Payment of Water & Sewer Billing".

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 Agenda Items only.

Glenn Stahl, 34 Crescent Avenue, came forward to inquire about Ordinance #1964-03; as he did not understand the contents.

Mr. Robert Law, Chief Financial Officer, stated that Ordinance #1964-03 was a Bond Ordinance and was being used for soccer fields and playground equipment.

Alvin Garlic, 75 Aberdeen Place, inquired if any monies from the above bond ordinance are being considered for use by the Woodbury Midget Football Program. The response was in the negative.

Valerie Harmon, 29 Lupton Avenue, had the same concerns regarding the football program.

There being no one else, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Louis, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

PRESIDENT CURTIS

President Curtis thanked everyone who participated in and attended the Annual Woodbury Jaycees Fall Parade.

President Curtis advised that for those Council Members unable to attend the first meeting, another JIF Meeting will be held on October 30th at the Savoy Inn off Route 55.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE #1964-03 – BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MULTI-PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$500,000 THEREFORE; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$250,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

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

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the public hearing was ordered closed.

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

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

Ayes	7
Nays	0

Absent 2 (Grebb, Graziani)

ORDINANCE #1965-03 – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE KNOWN AS 60 HOPKINS STREET a/k/a BLOCK 114, LOT 33 ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

Councilman Louis inquired is any figures were available at this time.

Mr. Hasbrouck, Esq. explained that two appraisals have been received: one for \$35,000, and the other for \$35,000 to \$40,000. Mr. Hasbrouck stated that the figures quoted are acceptable to the property owner.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, 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 October 23, 2003.

ORDINANCE #1966-03 – ORDINANCE CORRECTING ORDINANCE #1963-03 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO READ CHAPTER 170-4(L)

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled ordinance.

Mr. Hasbrouck explained that the need for this correction was due to a typographical error.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, 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 October 23, 2003.

RESOLUTION

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION #03-170 – RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS FOR STEWART PARK RENOVATION PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2

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 roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #03-171 – INSTALLMENT PLAN FOR PAYMENT OF MUNICIPAL LIEN #980-122

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Louis inquired why we were taking this action.

Mr. Law explained that it is within the Tax Collector's discretion to agree to a payment plan not to exceed a three-year payback period.

Mr. Hasbrouck, City Solicitor, stated that this method is less costly than filing foreclosure proceedings.

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

RESOLUTION #03-173 – RESOLUTION TO REFUND SUBSEQUENT PAYMENT OF WATER AND SEWER BILLING

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 #03-174 - RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE UNDERWOOD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL TWA-1 APPLICATION FOR SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION

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 #03-175 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Mr. Law explained what occurred with this property.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Louis, 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.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #03-172 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM AND NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION HOME PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 109.01 LOT 24 A/K/A 82 CARPENTER STREET

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote. Councilman Riskie abstained from the vote.

Councilwoman Brown complimented Mrs. Horn for doing an excellent job in her capacity as Neighborhood Preservation Program Director.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilwoman Schreyer advised that she attended the recent "Light Rail Meeting" and stated that anyone who had any input should submit their ideas to the Mayor. Councilwoman Schreyer shared the alternatives that were discussed. Councilwoman Schreyer stated that she would inform Council when the next meeting will be held for those who may be interested.

MAYOR CLARK

Mayor Clark discussed the following topics:

1. The Mayor explained that along with "light rail" considerations, there is also a consideration by NJ Transit for making Woodbury a "bus transit hub". Council's participation in these matters is strongly encouraged with hopeful representation at meetings to be held in the future. The Mayor stated that she is also encouraging Scott Hunter, Main Street Director, and Stanley El, Economic Development Director and at least one Council member to attend any future transportation meetings;
2. Mayor Clark stated that two benches and five trees were donated by the Breakfast Rotary to the Police Station/Justice Complex area;
3. Mayor Clark advised that on next Wednesday, October 15, 2003 at Riverwinds, she, Scott Hunter and Stanley El will be attending the Gloucester County Summit Meeting. Woodbury materials will be made available to welcome new businesses;
4. The Mayor reminded everyone that tickets are still available for the Fall Foliage Cruise scheduled for the 18th of October; 35 out of 40 tickets have already been sold;
5. Mayor Clark also advised of a Skateboard Design Meeting being held on Saturday, October 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.;
6. Mayor Clark stated that she prepared two proclamations: one for the Woodbury School System to celebrate "Character Counts Week", and the other for celebrate the 100th birthday of Anna Bell Sears, a Woodbury resident and grandmother of Councilwoman Brown;
7. The Mayor recognized and thanked the Woodbury Jaycees for all their work in putting together another successful craft show and parade. In addition, the Mayor thanked the Police Department

and the Public Works Department and especially President Curtis for supplying umbrellas for parade participants.

President Curtis introduced Lieutenant George McKnight of the Woodbury Police Department who served as the Grand Marshall for the Fall Festival Parade.

Councilwoman Brown thanked President Curtis for his courteous action in providing Council transportation for the parade and coverage from the rain that evening.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Bowe requested authorization to have the Public Works Department prepare specifications and advertise for bids to be received for Uniforms for the employees of the Public Works Department. On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Schrock the request was granted

The Clerk announced on behalf of Councilman Graziani that a meeting has been scheduled for the Green Acres Committee to meet on Wednesday, October 22, 2003, in Council Chambers at 7:15 p.m. to discuss the proposed Stewart Park/Soccer Field Projects.

Mr. Bowe invited Mr. Law to explain the County's proposition to the City to participate in a co-op for the purchase of electricity to be furnished to City buildings. Mr. Law explained that this will not apply to residents. There was some conversation regarding offering this option to City residents. Mr. Law explained that in order to negotiate such an offer the entire community would have to be in agreement. Mr. Law stated that it would be a very time-consuming adventure because probably not everyone would be in agreement relative to choosing their own utility company.

Councilwoman Schreyer then explained how the legislation was written and how the City should proceed regarding the involvement of local residents. President Curtis suggested to Councilwoman Schreyer that the Environmental Committee meet to discuss all the options and come back to Council with their proposal before Council reaches out to the public. Mr. Bowe stated that he also would talk to representatives from PSE&G to discuss the subject and possibly set up a meeting so that the utility company can advise Council at a regular meeting of Council.

PUBLIC

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

Robert Rogers, 130 Rugby Place, approached Council to inquire as to what exactly is being planned for the renovation of Stewart Park. Mr. Bowe explained that all the playing fields will be renovated, upgrading of the play area, renovation of the clubhouse and the addition of a smaller building to house lawn equipment; a canoe ramp and walking paths along the lake are also included in this project.

Theopa Harmon, 29 Lupton Street, inquired why there were no scheduled home games for the football field. Mr. Bowe advised that because the Stewart Park Project was supposed to begin this fall, the fields should have been under reconstruction.

Valerie Harmon, 29 Lupton Avenue, came forward to discuss the problems the Football Program is experiencing with no equipment with which to prepare food at their concession causing a problem in raising money for the program. Mr. Bowe stated that in preparation for the renovation of the fields, all equipment was removed from the clubhouse and all games were scheduled to be played on other fields. Now that the renovation of the fields will not be happening as soon as planned, home games can be rescheduled.

Alvin Garlic, 75 Aberdeen Place, inquired if the Stewart Park Project would go out for rebid for the renovation of the football fields. Mr. Bowe stated that it would be.

Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover Street, referenced Ordinance #1965-03 which authorized the purchase of a property on Hopkins Street and inquired what the time frame would be for the transaction and what will happen to the tenants as a result of the transaction.

Mr. Hasbrouck responded that the City would receive the property free of any tenant responsibilities.

Glen Stahl, 34 Crescent Avenue, came forward to inquire why the Police Department is selectively enforcing the "abandon vehicle" and "parking in the wrong direction" violations on his street.

Mr. Hasbrouck suggested that Mr. Stahl meet with Lt. McKnight after the meeting and give him specific details regarding his inquiry.

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

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Louis, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m..

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor: Roy Duffield
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
Deputy City Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler
Librarian: Jean Wipf
Neighborhood Preservation Office: Virginia Horn
Police: Lieutenant McKnight
Public Works: Rick Middleton
Solicitor: Bruce Hasbrouck, Esq.