

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF  
JANUARY 28, 2014**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Meeting was opened by President Fleming at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance in Council Chambers at Woodbury City Hall, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury.

**Invocation**

Rev. Robert Moore from Macedonia Baptist Church gave the Invocation.

**Open Public Meeting Statement**

The City Clerk stated that due notice had been given to both the public and the press by posting and publication of Resolution #14-05 adopted at the Reorganizational Meeting of Mayor and Council on January 6, 2014.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Tierney, Hock, Swanson, Trovato, Parker, Carter, Johnson, President Fleming and Mayor Volk

**Absent:** Lockman

**Approval of Minutes**

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Carter, the minutes of the meeting of January 14, 2014 were unanimously approved as submitted.

**Public**

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Swanson, and unanimously approved the floor was opened to the Public for Agenda Items Only.

President Fleming dispensed with the regular order of business and invited Mr. Stephen Gregory to address Council. Mr. Gregory, a Pitman resident and Woodbury landlord questioned Council about the \$100 service charge for restoring water service after it's been shut off for non-payment. Mr. Gregory explained that he supports Woodbury's landlord licensing requirements; however he thinks the \$100 fee is excessive. He doesn't think a municipality's fee should be greater than the actual cost to provide the service. Unless we can prove it actually costs us \$100 to do it he is asking that Council re-visit the ordinance and charge accordingly.

City Solicitor Pierson disagreed with Mr. Gregory's interpretation of the law. Many factors are considered when determining the fee and so long as our fee is not 'patently unreasonable' it is not illegal. Mr. Pierson is aware of at least one town that charges \$150.00 for a similar service.

Hearing from no one else, on motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, and unanimously approved the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

**Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports**

**Finance & Administration**

**#2197-14 - Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Temporary Construction Easement To PSE&G (first reading)**

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Trovato and unanimously approved the ordinance was placed on first reading and ordered to be advertised, to come up for Public Hearing and final adoption at the meeting of Council on February 11, 2014.

**#2198-14 - Calendar Year 2014 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) (first reading)**

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#### **#14-45 - Resolution Approving Chief of Police Contract**

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

#### **Vouchers**

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Trovato, and unanimously approved the vouchers as presented and certified were authorized paid.

Councilman Swanson advised that he attended the Budget Seminar held last week at Bowman & Co. and found it very informative.

#### **Public Safety**

Councilwoman Carter stated that our Administrator and Police Chief met with the Architect to discuss the renovations needed to move the Police Department to 220 S. Broad St. A proposal should be forthcoming and presented for Council's approval possibly by the next regularly scheduled meeting.

#### **Public Works/Parks and Recreation**

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#### **#14-48 - Resolution Authorizing the Administrator to Solicit Bids for the Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials**

President Fleming stated that Resolution # 14-48 will not be presented at this time.

Councilwoman Parker advised that the Public Works Committee met on Jan. 27 and discussed their projects for the coming year, including snow removal, cleanup at Stewart Park, and a pothole hotline for residents to call.

Councilwoman Parker attended the Midget Football League Banquet; the new President of the League will be Bud Noel.

#### **Economic Development**

#### **#14-49 - Resolution Authorizing Issuing Request for Proposals for Developers**

Councilman Trovato presented the above-entitled resolution.

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

Councilman Trovato stated that he and Mike Theokas again met with John Graham from Inspira Hospital and hopes our two entities can work together toward our common goals. They plan to have quarterly meetings to keep the discussion going.

### **Community Relations**

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### **Environmental and Green Acres**

Councilman Hock advised that the Green Team will meet on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 am.

### **Community Development**

Councilman Johnson reported that students from our schools participated in Martin Luther King Day of Service. The next Committee meeting will be February 4 at 7:00 pm.

### **Property**

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### **Old Business**

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In response, Councilwoman Tierney stated that she was the one who made that comment to a newspaper reporter, and she only repeated what the City Administrator and Public Works Director told her, that in 2013 "no meetings were held with all three councilmembers present who sit on that committee".

### **Reports:**

#### **Mayor**

Mayor Volk advised that this past Saturday Senator Cory Booker visited Woodbury to discuss among other things the extending of unemployment benefits and its effect on small businesses. Attendees included Mary Carter, school board member Milton Corsey, business owners Cindi Trovato and Frank Filipec, and Fran Pagmire from Rep. Andrews' Office.

The meeting went very well and the Mayor was very grateful that a US Senator from North Jersey would take the time to visit our town.

The Mayor announced that Patients First has received approval from the Planning/Zoning Board for 630 Mantua Ave and a Bridal Shop is planning to open at 17 S Broad Street.

Mayor Volk announced that Fireworks will be held on Saturday, July 5th.

#### **Clerk**

Mr. Duffield had nothing to report this evening.

### **Open to the Public**

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved the floor was opened to the Public for Non-Agenda Items.

### **Economic Development Office**

Randi Woerner reported on several projects she is working on, including:  
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Jean Wipf, Library Director announced that there will be several programs being offered during February for Black History, and on Jan. 29 the “Growing Up in the ‘50’s” program.

### **Public Works**

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### **Main Street Woodbury**

Interim Director Mary Carter announced that Lunch Munch will be held one Wednesday each month during May thru September; June 1<sup>st</sup> will be the Annual Block Party; and interviewing will start shortly to hire a new Director.

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### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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