

MINUTES
MARCH 25, 2014
7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Meeting was called to order by President Fleming at 7:45 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance in Council Chambers at Woodbury City Hall, 33 Delaware Street. The delay of the opening of the meeting was to await the arrival of Council Members who were attending the JIF Training Seminar.

Invocation

Minister Tanicka Brown, Faith Revival Church delivered the Invocation.

Open Public Meeting Statement

The Deputy Administrator 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.

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

Absent: None

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Lockman, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, and unanimously approved the minutes of both the regular Council Meeting of March 11, 2014 and the Executive Session of March 11, 2014 meeting were approved.

Presentations and Discussions

#14-74 - Resolution Authorizing Promotion of Sergeant Thomas Ryan to Captain in the Woodbury Police Department

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

Mayor Administers the Oath of Office

Mayor Volk administered the Oath of Office to Captain Thomas Ryan.

Captain Ryan thanked Mayor Volk, Council, Chief Merinuk, his family, and his fellow patrolmen for their support and for the opportunity to serve as Captain. He also promised to carry out the responsibilities of that position to the best of his ability.

There was a brief recess before resuming the Regular Order of Business.

Open to the Public for Agenda Items

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Johnson, and unanimously approved the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Agenda Items Only.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place inquired about the sidewalk ordinance; and also the resolution pertaining to the budget. Mr. Pierson responded that the ordinance was going to be removed from the agenda this evening; but explained the purpose of its contents.

Mr. Law responded to the temporary budget question.

Brendon Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place inquired about the in rem foreclosure resolution. President Fleming and James Pierson, Esq. responded.

Seeing no one else, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, 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

#14-66 - Resolution Authorizing The Transfer Of Funds From The Premium Account Into The General Current Fund Re: Block 61 Lot 1 Royal Tax Lien Services, LLC Tax Sale Cert # 09-00026 6-24-09 \$15,100.00 Premium Paid

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

#14-67 - Resolution to Reimburse Subsequent Utility Payment Paid on Incorrect Account #15270

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

#14-68 - Resolution Authorizing Payment Plan on Balance for Water (re: Coleman 409 Prince Street)

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

#14-69 - Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of Balance on Water/Sewer Account # 22320-1, for Block 107 Lot 4, in the City of Woodbury

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

#14-70 Resolution to Adopt Emergency Temporary Appropriations for the Year 2014

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

Ayes 9 Tierney, Hock, Swanson, Trovato, Lockman, Parker, Carter, Johnson,
President Fleming

Nays 0

#14-71 - Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Appropriations in the Local Budget of the City of Woodbury for the Fiscal Year 2013

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

#14-72 - Resolution Authorizing Lincoln Financial Group to Replace VFIS as the Provider for Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP)

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.
The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.
On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

#14-73 - Resolution Establishing Lincoln Financial Group as the Provider for Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) Deferred Compensation Plan

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.
The Deputy Administrator 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 Councilwoman Tierney, and unanimously approved the vouchers as presented and certified were authorized paid.

Public Safety

Councilwoman Carter advised that by the end of the week a final sketch and estimate of proposed costs should be available for the new Police Station at 220 S Broad.

Public Works/Parks and Recreation

#14-75 - Resolution Authorizing City Engineer to Issue Notice to Bidders Regarding Water Main Replacement Aberdeen Place – Broad Street to Railroad Avenue

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.
The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.
On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Swanson, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

#14-76 - Resolution Authorizing City Engineer to Issue Notice to Bidders Regarding Purchase and Installation of Hopper Bin for the 2003 Tymco Street Sweeper

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.
The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.
On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Lockman, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

#14-77 - Resolution Awarding Contract to Insituform Technologies, LLC in the Amount of \$426,668.00 for the FY2014 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Cured-In-Place Pipe Lining – Phase I – Salem Avenue, Carpenter Street And Tatum Street (Base Bid & Alternate A,B&C)

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.
The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.
On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

#14-78 - Resolution Awarding Contract for Disposal of Recyclable Materials

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.
The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilwoman Parker reported on the Banner Program, maintenance of the parks and preparing the athletic fields for spring sports, pothole repairs, paper shredding event on April 5th at the Police Station, and the Community Gardens opening this Saturday.

Economic Development

Councilman Trovato stated that he has met with SORA and the Redevelopment Attorney to discuss their plans for the N Broad St redevelopment.

Community Relations

Councilwoman Tierney reported the Memorial Day Program which will be held on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend will honor NJ POW's from the Viet Nam Era with a candlelight ceremony.

The next meeting of West End Neighborhood Association is April the 15th at the Police Sta.

Environmental and Green Acres

Councilman Hock advised next Green Team Meeting is April 14 at 8:45 am at City Hall.

Community Development

Councilman Johnson stated that he will be meeting tomorrow at the Dave Laverty Football Field with Mr. Theokas to discuss the renovations to the clubhouse.

Property

#14-79 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing Foreclosure Under the In Rem Tax Foreclosure Act of 1948 as amended, and Establishing the Tax Foreclosure List of Liens to be Foreclosed

Councilman Lockman presented the above-titled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilman Lockman referred to a handout prepared by Randi Woerner of the top 15 problem properties in the City.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Reports:

Mayor

Mayor Volk stated that the new Sr. Citizen bus will be arriving next week.

Mayor Volk congratulated Captain Ryan on his promotion.

There will be two ribbon cuttings March 29, one at 4:00 pm at Livesi's Coffee Shop and at 5:00 for Fat Louie's, everyone is welcomed to join them.

Police

Chief Merinuk noted that all five (5) candidates for the Captain's position were very qualified and dedicated officers; it was a tough but thorough process before the final selection was made.

Chief Merinuk stated that the Police Department will be working on high weeds and grass complaints, as well as abandoned vehicles. Also, the department will be working on pedestrian safety.

Public Works

Rich Leidy gave a brief report on park maintenance around our lakes.

Deputy Administrator

Mr. Law advised that the deadline for filing nominating petitions for the June primary is Monday, March 31st at 4:00 pm

Mr. Law thanked all the Councilmembers who attended the JIF Seminar, which results in a rebate towards the City's annual insurance premium.

Open to the Public

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Lockman, and unanimously approved the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to any items.

Ron Wilcox, 250 S. Barber Avenue , came forward to thank Council for all their help in holding the First Vic Brown Basketball Tournament and would like to do the second one this year on July 12th and welcomes all to attend.

Steve Smith, 240 S. Broad Street, inquired if the Landlord who owns the Woodbury Court Apts. will have his license revoked. Mr. Theokas advised the property is still under review and the City has to follow state guidelines because of its multi-unit listing, and no decision has been reached at this time. Mr. Smith stated that the unit still has some issues that have not been addressed.

Seeing no one else, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Swanson, and unanimously approved the floor was closed to the Public and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD
City Clerk

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Administrator: Michael Theokas
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
City Engineer: Paul Brier
Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk
Public Works Supervisor: Rich Leidy
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.