

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF
APRIL 8, 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

Reverend Joseph Coles of Bethlehem 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, Lockman, Parker, Carter, Johnson, President Fleming

Absent: Mayor Volk was not in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Swanson seconded by Councilwoman Tierney and unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of March 25, 2014 were approved as submitted.

Presentations and Discussions

President Fleming acknowledged the 90th birthday of Mr. Richard Brown of Wick Blvd. Mr. Brown frequently attends Council meetings and was presented with a card signed by the entire governing body and more.

Mr. Theokas discussed the SJ Power Cooperative Bidding for Natural Gas Supply. For several years we have been part of a joint purchasing group for the natural gas we use at our City-owned facilities and the time has come to re-bid the contract. On motion of Councilwoman Tierney seconded by Councilman Hock and unanimously approved the Administrator was authorized to prepare and submit the necessary applications to participate in this Co-op.

Public for Agenda Items

On motion of Councilman Trovato seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved the meeting was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Agenda Items Only. Hearing no one, 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

#2201-14 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Woodbury to Amend Chapter 167 of the Code of the City of Woodbury, Entitled "Streets and Sidewalks" (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 Lockman and unanimously approved the ordinance was introduced on first reading and ordered to be advertised according to law to come up for second reading, public hearing and final adoption at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council on April 22, 2014.

#2202-14 - An Ordinance Adopting Personnel Policies for the City of Woodbury (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 Councilwoman Parker, and unanimously approved the ordinance was introduced on first reading and ordered to be advertised according to law to come up for second reading, public hearing and final adoption at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council on April 22, 2014.

14-80 - Resolution to Cancel Old Outstanding Checks

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.

#14-81 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Imposing Lien(s) for Property Maintenance pursuant to Municipality Code §162-4 (344 Glover St)

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#14-82 - Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Duplicate Tax Sale Certificates Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 54:5-52.1

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Trovato 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.

Public Safety

Councilwoman Carter had nothing to report for this committee.

Public Works/Parks and Recreation

Councilwoman Parker reported on the new banners on Broad St; the new Sr. Citizen bus and thanked the County for helping to fund it; the Community Gardens meeting and dinner on April 26; ongoing pothole repairs by our Public Works Dept.; the Shredding Event which was held April 5; and the donation of paver materials by EP Henry which were used to build a table in front of the Library.

Economic Development

Councilman Trovato stated that Council members are invited to a walk-through of the newly renovated apartments at the White House and also of the former Masonic Lodge under renovation at 48 S. Broad.

Community Relations

Resolution # 18-83 – Resolution Acknowledging the Proposed Project of Eagle Scout Candidate, Sean Elliott to Build “Turtle Boats” for Stewart Lake

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Mr. Elliott gave a description of his proposed project.

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

Councilwoman Tierney gave an update on plans for the Memorial Day observance scheduled for Sunday May 25. A solemn ceremony is being planned to honor our Veterans and POW's. She gave a special thank you to Randi Woerner for her involvement and fundraising efforts.

Environmental and Green Acres

Councilman Hock advised there will be a Green Acres Meeting this Monday morning at 8:45 am at City Hall.

Community Development

Councilman Johnson attended the a recent Municipal Alliance meeting and reported on the many programs they are doing for our youth. He is also looking into raising donations for renovations to the concession stands at Dave Laverty Field. He gave a special thank-you to Jean Wipf for all her hard work.

Property

Councilman Lockman mentioned a problem property in Deptford that abuts a home on Mehorter Blvd. The Police in both towns have been notified. He also stated he received an e-mail from the Gloucester County Chamber of Commerce notifying us that display booths are available during the Woodbury Relay Event.

Reports:

Clerk

Mr. Duffield stated that he met this evening with Mrs. Patricia Willever, the granddaughter of Dr. J Harris Underwood, founder of Underwood Hospital.

Also, he said the Shred Event was a success, with over 13,000 lb. of paper shredded, and many tree seedlings and recycling containers distributed to our residents.

Also, the annual Financial Disclosure Statements will be due in the near future.

Administrator

Mr. Theokas advised that the public hearing on the 2014 budget will be held at the next meeting; if anyone has questions contact him or Mr. Law. Also at the next meeting we are expecting to introduce a bond ordinance for the Police Station renovations and the 2014 street paving.

Economic Development Director

Randi Woerner, advised that the first issue of the “Woodbury Wire” newsletter has been sent out and she hopes our residents enjoy it. She also stated she is sending a notice to real estate investors to bring to their attention all our City has to offer.

Library

Jean Wipf advised of upcoming Library events, including April 12 open house and May 3 comic-con (comic book convention). She announced that the County has increased our Municipal Alliance funding because of the good work we're doing.

Main Street Woodbury

Laurel Zarnosky, newly appointed Director of Main Street Woodbury, introduced herself to Council and stated she is looking forward to coming back to her hometown.

Jack Magee, MSW Board Member and Chamber of Commerce member stated the two groups will be sharing office space at 38 S. Broad Street this month. He also welcomed Laurel back to Woodbury.

Open to the Public

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Carter and unanimously approved the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for any items.

Seeing no one, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Swanson, the Public portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

Adjournment

There being no further business before Council, on motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy A. Duffield
City Clerk

Other Officials Present

Administrator: Michael Theokas
City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield
City Engineer: Paul Brier
Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner
Police: Chief Merinuk
Library: Jean Wipf
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.