

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF  
JUNE 24, 2014**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Invocation**

Mr. Jared Hunter of Gethsemane Church delivered 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, Pres. Pro Tempore Trovato, Carter, Johnson and Mayor Volk

**Absent:** President Fleming, Councilpersons Lockman and Parker

**Approval of Minutes**

On motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Carter, the minutes of the meeting of June 10, 2014 were unanimously approved as submitted.

**Presentations and Discussions**

Administrator Michael Theokas read a Proclamation Supporting Research for Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (F.O.P.).

**Open to the Public for Agenda Items**

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

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

**Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports**

**Finance & Administration**

**#14-117 - Resolution Approving a Collective Negotiations Agreement between the City and the Sergeants of the Woodbury Police Department PBA Local 122**

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, and unanimously approved the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

**#14-118 - Resolution Authorizing Reimbursement of Tax Overpayment for Block 122, Lot 9 in the City of Woodbury**

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, and unanimously approved the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

**#14-119 - Resolution Authorizing Reimbursement of Tax Overpayment for Block 108, Lot 7 in the City of Woodbury**

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, and unanimously approved the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

**#14-120 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing Release of the Performance Guarantee of Senior Green Urban Renewal Associates regarding 16 Aberdeen Place Block 113, Lots 1, 15, 16 & 17 (G.G. Green Block Building)**

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, and unanimously approved the resolution was 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.

Councilman Swanson reported that the Emergency Management Office continues to respond to complaints regarding abandoned properties. The office received seven (7) calls in the last two weeks; more and more residents are becoming pro-active in reaching out to notify the City regarding abandoned properties.

**Public Safety**

**#14-121 - Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses with the City of Woodbury Beginning July 1, 2014 and Ending June 30, 2015**

Councilwoman Carter presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Mayor Volk and Councilpersons Johnson and Tierney had questions for the Solicitor.

Mayor Volk asked Captain Ryan of the Police Department to track the number of calls received regarding issues from all licensed locations.

On motion of Councilwoman Carter, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the resolution was adopted by voice vote. Councilman Swanson voted No; all others voted in favor of the motion.

**Public Works/Parks and Recreation**

**#2207-14 - An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Amending Chapter 156 "Sewers" and Chapter 197 "Water" of the Code of the City of Woodbury**

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the ordinance was unanimously approved 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 Mayor and Council on July 8, 2014.

## **Economic Development**

Councilwoman Tierney asked Randi Woerner, Director of Economic Development to give the report for this committee later in the meeting.

## **Community Relations**

Councilwoman Tierney invited everyone to Fireworks on July 5.

## **Environmental and Green Acres**

### **#14-122 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Adopting a Land Use Pledge**

Councilman Hock presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Hock, seconded by Councilman Johnson, and unanimously approved the resolution was adopted by voice vote.

### **#14-123 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Adopting an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy (Green Purchasing Policy)**

Councilman Hock presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Hock, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, and unanimously approved the resolution was adopted by voice vote.

### **#14-124 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Adopting a Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy**

Councilman Hock presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Hock, seconded by Councilman Johnson, and unanimously approved the resolution was adopted by voice vote.

In regards to a tree on the edge of the lake at Village Green condo which was mentioned at a previous meeting; Councilman Hock advised that Public Works Manager Rich Leidy placed a bio-block at the base of the tree to prevent further undermining of the tree. He also advised that the Green Team continues to move forward toward meeting their goals.

## **Community Development**

Councilman Johnson advised of a clothing drive and other fund raisers being held for the Midget Football Team to raise money for the purchase of helmets. President Pro-Tempore Trovato noted that he is seeking donations from McDonald's, Woodbury Nissan and other local businesses.

Mr. Johnson also mentioned that he attended and enjoyed the Juneteenth Celebration last weekend.

Councilman Johnson inquired if the State's Green Acres grants could be used for the renovations needed at the concession stand and restrooms at the football field.

## **Property**

In Councilman Lockman's absence Councilman Johnson had nothing to report.

## **Reports:**

### **Economic Development**

President Pro-Tempore Trovato publicly acknowledged Randi Woerner's work in bringing Del Buono's Bakery to Woodbury.

Ms. Woerner reported the Property Committee is diligently working to address abandoned and un-kept properties. She is looking into a program being implemented by Camden where the mortgage companies are responsible for maintaining the properties until sold. If we had a similar program it could take some of the burden off of City workers in maintaining these properties.

She continues to seek out larger companies to bring their business to town; but in some cases we do not meet the demographic criteria they are looking for.

There will be a Dedication on June 27 at the Inspira Hospital parking garage which was previously the site of the Colored People Civil War Burial Grounds was located on Red Bank Avenue, which was spearheaded by Gloria Holmes.

Ms. Woerner also announced two upcoming seminars for business owners which are being sponsored by Main Street Woodbury.

She along with our Engineer and Grants Consultant met with officials from Green Acres to discuss which of our projects are best suited for any grants they have available.

### **Police**

Captain Ryan urged residents to notify the Police Dept. when they see something that needs to be addressed.

### **Mayor**

Mayor Volk announced that the Woodbury Country Club property was sold to Burriss Acute Network on June 16, 2014. We are all looking forward to this project and he thanks everyone who worked to get this accomplished.

Mayor and Mr. Theokas attended a WORC meeting on June 12; we are looking forward to working with them in the future.

Mayor congratulates the graduates of the class of 2014 of the Woodbury High School.

The Mayor has received complaints from residents who live near the Evergreen Avenue, because of paving work being done by the County during the evening hours. We were not aware that the work would be conducted after hours but he has asked Mr. Theokas to contact the County to look into this matter.

Fireworks will be held on July 5, 2014; performances by two bands will begin at 7:00 pm, followed by the fireworks.

16 of our firefighters participated in the ALS Bike Ride Event took place last weekend from Camden County College to Wildwood, a 75+ mile ride to raise funds for ALS research.

### **Clerk**

Roy Duffield advised that Tanyard Road will be closed June 25-27 because of work being done on the Turnpike overpass;

Virtua Hospital is offering seminars on concussions in youth sports; he has notified the sports teams of the dates and times.

Bowman & Co. began the City's 2013 audit today.

### **Open to the Public**

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the Regular Order of Business was suspended, and the floor was opened to the public for any items.

Mr. John Campbell, Executive Director of the Greater Woodbury Chamber of Commerce, came forward to request that the parking garage be open for the overflow of parking during the Fireworks Event; so hopefully visitors to the event could create foot traffic for our businesses. Mayor Volk stated that he has already spoken with the Chief of Police and it will be addressed with proper signage.

Ron Wilcox, 250 S Barber Ave came forward to discuss the property at 259 S. Barber Avenue. He said the yard was cleaned up by Public Works but still needs more work.

Mr. Wilcox also mentioned the upcoming Victor Browne Basketball Tournament on July 12.

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

### **City Administrator**

Michael Theokas, City Administrator informed Council that the 2014 Overlay paving is scheduled to start next month.

Two water mains had to be repaired along N. Woodland and S. Evergreen Avenue.

Mr. Theokas had meetings with PSE&G regarding upgrades to their existing towers near the Frances Avenue fields.

Also, Verizon was doing work along Delaware Street causing some residents to temporarily lose power.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**ROY A. DUFFIELD**  
City Clerk

**Others in Attendance**

Administrator: Michael Theokas

City Clerk: Roy Duffield

City Engineer: Paul Breier, PE

Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner

Police: Captain Tom Ryan

Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.