

## **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 28, 2015**

The Meeting was called to order by President Trovato at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance in Council Chambers at Woodbury City Hall, 33 Delaware St.

### **Invocation**

The Invocation was delivered by Reverend Robert Moore, Macedonia Baptist Church.

### **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 #15-05 adopted at the 2015 Reorganizational Meeting of Mayor and Council on January 3, 2015.

### **Roll Call:**

**Present:** Tierney, Swanson, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Redden, Carter, Trovato; Mayor Volk

**Absent:** No One

### **Approval of Minutes**

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the minutes of the both regular Council Meeting of July 14, 2015 and the Executive Session of July 14, 2015 were approved as submitted. Councilpersons Parker and Johnson abstained from the vote; all others voted Aye.

### **Presentations and Discussions**

President Trovato stated that, in response to questions raised at our July 14 meeting, he directed our Solicitor to investigate our recently enacted Social Affairs and Special Events ordinances, our current practices for issuing these permits, and the issuing of permits for Main Street Woodbury's June 13<sup>th</sup> White Table event.

City Solicitor James Pierson took the floor to explain that Main Street's event was the first to be held subject to our new ordinances. The processes we followed did not perfectly conform to the ordinances; however for the most part we gathered the required information from them. He mentioned some of the items that should be handled differently for future applications including: review of insurance certificates by our Risk Management Consultant; review of liquor license by Solicitor; written recommendations by our Police Dept. and City Administrator; and Council's approval. Mr. Pierson is going to develop a checklist and procedures to be followed for future applications.

### **Open to the Public for Agenda Items**

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

Michelle Carey of 119 Watkins Ave and also a Nurse at Inspira Hospital spoke in support of Res. #15-144.

Seeing no one else, on motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Carter and unanimously approved, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

### **Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports**

#### **Administration Committee:**

**#2234-15 - An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Amending Chapter 89 "Fire Prevention" and Chapter 20 "Fire Department" of the Code of the City of**

**Woodbury (Second Reading)**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved the Public Hearing on this ordinance was opened.

Hearing no one, on motion of Councilman Swanson seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the Public Hearing was closed.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Parker the ordinance was unanimously adopted by a roll call vote:

Ayes 9 Tierney, Swanson, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Redden,  
Carter, Trovato  
Nays 0

**#2235-15 - An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Amending Ordinance #2228-15 (First Reading)**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, 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 Regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council on August 11, 2015.

Ayes 9 Tierney, Swanson, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Redden,  
Carter, Trovato  
Nays 0

**#15-142 - Resolution Confirming the Authorization for Emergency Repairs of City Rights of Way Caused by Downed City Owned Trees as a Result of June 23, 2015 Storm**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Swanson the resolution was approved by voice vote. Councilwoman Tierney abstained from voting; all others voted Aye.

**#15-143 - Resolution Allowing the Woodbury School Board to Disconnect a Water Main Connecting Evergreen Avenue and N. Bayard Avenue as Part of their Parking Lot Project**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Johnson the resolution was unanimously approved by a voice vote. City Engineer Paul Breier explained that this main was probably installed in the 1940's-'50's to loop the water system on North Bayard Ave; however when the water mains were extended for Rugby Place this loop was no longer necessary. This action should not affect pressure or flow.

**#15-144 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Supporting Nurses at Inspira Medical Center in Woodbury**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**Finance Committee:****15-145 - Resolution Authorizing Cancelations of Certain Balances for 2013 Taxes for the City of Woodbury in the County of Gloucester**

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 approved by a voice vote.

**15-146 - Resolution to Extend Grace Period on Third Quarter 2015 (August) as per N.J.S.A. 54:4-67**

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Floyd the Resolution was unanimously approved 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 thanked Mayor and Council for memorializing Resolution 15-142 to provide our residents assistance with storm cleanup.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

President Trovato noted the sudden passing of Don Gill, who was not only a personal friend but a strong advocate for our Vietnam Veterans.

**Reports:**

**Committee Reports**

Councilwoman Floyd of Community Development Committee attended the Road Runners Hot Run on July 25<sup>th</sup>, and the Local Ladies Bazaar on the same date. She also attended a Bike Safety Program held at the Library which was very informative. Our Library should be commended for all the programs they are offering our residents. Councilwoman Floyd also recognized the efforts of the nurses at Inspria Hospital and was happy to see Council support them by approving Res. #15-144.

Councilman Johnson of Parks & Rec Committee thanked the YMCA for offering a place for the Step Team a place to practice their drills out of the heat.

Councilman Reddin of City Beautification Committee thanked Roy Duffield for spearheading the collection of plastic bags for recycling.

Councilwoman Tierney advised that the next Green Team Meeting is scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 am.

Councilwoman Carter of Municipal Maintenance Committee stated she met with Fire Department officials to review and discuss their needs for equipment and facilities.

**Report of the Mayor**

Mayor Volk announced the retirement of Police Chief Reed Merinuk effective August 1, after 27 years of service. The Mayor reminisced about having known Reed since childhood, when their fathers served together as Woodbury Police officers. Our congratulation and thanks go out to Reed and his family. The Mayor named Captain Ryan as Officer in Charge effective August 1 until such time a new Chief is appointed.

Also, the Mayor attended Operation Yellow Ribbon Walk recently in support of our military. He would like to see the same type of event held in Woodbury. Lastly, the Mayor received a thank-you note from a City resident for hosting Bonsal Blues performances at Rotary Park.

**Report of the City Clerk**

Mr. Duffield announced that a Mayoral Proclamation will be presented to Eagle Scout Brandon Christina at his Court of Honor this weekend.

**Department Announcements**

Captain Ryan stated that working under Chief Merinuk's direction has been an honor. Reed cares greatly about our City. Captain Ryan also announced that the Woodbury Police Department met all the standards for re-accreditation and hope for an announcement soon.

### **Open to the Public**

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

Summer Smith, 456 Griscom Drive, enjoyed the Local Ladies Bazaar but asks that they not block the sidewalk.

Tim Zatariny, 237 S. Horace Street, wanted to acknowledge how much our local library has to offer on a limited budget. Mr. Zatariny also thanked President Trovato for addressing his inquiry regarding the Special Events and Social Affairs permits. He feels the two ordinances overlap and that may be causing some confusion. He then suggested that everyone put aside any personal differences amongst organizations and for all to work together for the betterment of the City. He also said the liquor license should not be issued to a 'straw applicant'. Mr. Pierson reiterated the need for the Solicitor to review the application & one-day permit.

Lee Weatherby, 303 W. Centre Street, advised that the Woodbury Merchants & Professionals Association sponsored the Local Ladies Bazaar and considering it was a summer weekend, the business owners were happy with turnout for the event. His organization supports events that bring people to our town; in that sense we are all working for the same cause. Upcoming events include Cruise Night on Aug. 12 at Barlow Buick, and 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. Lee agreed with others' remarks that our Library is a 'hidden gem'. Lastly he announced the Fall Festival Parade will be held on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and the theme will be "Children are our Future".

Angela Rhodes 140 Franklin St. said the 3 way stop sign at Hopkins and Franklin interferes with their on-street parking; and she doesn't want to see Police presence in front of her home when they're enforcing traffic there. She feels the speed bumps on Hopkins St are ineffective. Also she reported squatters living at 146 Franklin Street.

Jacquallynn Knight, 232 Hunter Street thanked Council for their review of the Social Affairs Permit and for rethinking the enforcement and application process. She said Main Street's ABC application for June 13 does not match the City's application.

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

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before Council, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**ROY A. DUFFIELD**  
City Clerk

### **Other Officials Present:**

City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield  
City Engineer: Paul Breier  
Police: Captain Tom Ryan  
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.  
Zoning Official: John Leech