

## **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 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 Dr. Carla Romarate-Knipel, Pastor of Central 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:** Swanson, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Reddin, Carter, Trovato, Mayor Volk

**Absent:** Tierney, Floyd

### **Approval of Minutes**

On motion of Parker, seconded by Johnson the minutes of the Council Meeting of July 28, 2015 were unanimously approved as submitted.

### **Presentations and Discussions**

#### **Proclamation Honoring Eagle Scout Brandon Christina**

Councilman Redden read the proclamation which was presented to for Brandon Christina August 3 at his Eagle Scout Ceremony. He was congratulated by Council.

#### **#15-147 - Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Thomas Ryan to Chief of Police of the City of Woodbury Police Department**

Councilman Swanson presented the above entitled 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.

#### **Swearing in of Chief of Police**

Mayor Volk Administered the Oath of Office to Chief of Police Thomas Ryan. Chief Ryan thanked the Mayor, Council and former Chief Reed Merinuk for this opportunity to serve the City as their Police Chief. Chief Ryan spoke on his experience working with Chief Merinuk and hopes to continue his passion to make Woodbury a better place. Chief Ryan also thanked his fellow officers and Lt. Pitzo. He then introduced his family and friends who were present.

Mayor Volk, President Trovato and Sheriff Carmel Morina welcomed Chief Ryan.

There was a brief recess before the regular meeting was resumed.

#### **Presentation "Safety on the Agenda" from the JIF Risk Management Coordinator**

Joe Henry of Hardenbergh Insurance discussed our Safety Program with Council and gave a presentation regarding the risks of Cyber Attack.

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

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

Gloria Holmes, 19 Nelson Avenue, asked for explanations of Ordinances #2235-15 and 2236-15 and Resolutions 15-148, 15-151, 15-155, and 15-156. President

Trovato, Mayor Volk, Mr. Theokas and Mr. Pierson answered her questions. Ms. Holmes suggested that a local resident be considered for the Fire Administrator job.

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

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

### **Administration Committee:**

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

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled ordinance for final adoption. The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

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

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

Ayes	7	Swanson, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Redden, Carter, President Trovato
Nays	0	
Absent	2	Tierney, Floyd

#### **#2236-15 - An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Amending Chapter 190-34, Schedule IV: Time Limit Parking of the Code of the City of Woodbury Regarding North and South Broad Street (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 Councilwoman Parker, 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 September 1, 2015.

#### **#15-148 - Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 7 for the Renovations to the New Woodbury Police Station**

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 approved by voice vote:

Ayes	5	Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Carter, President Trovato
Nays	1	Reddin
Abstain	1	Swanson
Absent	2	Tierney, Floyd

#### **#15-149 - Resolution Authorizing Reimbursement of \$3,256.97 for Taxes Paid at Tax Sale held on June 24, 2015 for Block 99, Lot 20 - Certificate # 15-00047**

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 voice vote.

#### **#15-150 - Resolution Authorizing Reimbursement of \$2,059.22 in Overpaid Taxes on Block 177.03 Lot 23**

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 voice vote.

#### **#15-151- Resolution Appointing Michael Theokas Fire Administrator of the City of 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 voice vote:

**#15-152 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Imposing Lien(s) for Property Maintenance Pursuant to Municipality Code §162-4**

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 voice vote.

• **Finance Committee:**

**#15-153 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Certification of the Annual Audit**

Councilman Swanson 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 approved by voice vote.

Ayes: 7 Swanson, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Redden, Carter, President Trovato

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Tierney, Floyd

**#15-154 - Resolution Approving Submission of Corrective Action Plan for 2014 Audit**

Councilman Swanson 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 approved by voice vote:

Ayes: 7 Swanson, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Redden, Carter, President Trovato

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Tierney, Floyd

**#15-155 - Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Police Body Cameras and Police Vehicle Cameras under State Contract from Wireless Communications & Electronics for the City of Woodbury Police Department Under State Contract**

Councilman Swanson 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 voice vote.

**#15-156 - Resolution Authorizing a Change in Custodian of the Petty Cash Fund**

Councilman Swanson 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 voice vote.

**Vouchers**

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

Councilman Swanson stated he received the Tax & Utility Collector's cash receipts report for the month of July. Taxes collected were \$766,770.21; Water and Sewer collected were \$457,642.44. Mr. Swanson also stated he received FEMA guidelines for reimbursement of our expenses related to the June 23 storm.

• **Public Works Committee:**

**#15-157 - Resolution Authorizing City Engineer to Issue Notice to Bidders Regarding the 2015 NJDOT Municipal Aid Project for the Resurfacing of West Barber Avenue - South Broad Street to Jackson Street**

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**#15-158 - Resolution Awarding a Contract under a Fair and Open Process to Remington & Vernick for Engineering/Independent Financial Advisor Services to Evaluate the Woodbury Water and Sewer Infrastructure and Operation Pursuant to the Water Infrastructure Protection Act**

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Fleming and Mr. Theokas explained the purpose for this contract and the selection of R&V for this contract.

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

**#15-159 - Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 2 Submitted by Bud Concrete, Inc. for FY 2009 NJDOT Municipal Aid – Woodbury Bikeway – Phase 2**

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**Old Business, New Business: none**

**Other Committee Reports**

Councilman Johnson advised he attended the Hopkins Street Block Party on August 8 and would like to thank Shop Rite for the food donations and the other sponsors, Woodbury Democratic Club and Teds Solutions who helped make it possible. He also attended the Larry Gains Stop the Violence Basketball Tournament held at Wing-Dickerson Park August 7-8-9th.

Councilman Reddin's City Beautification committee met tonight to discuss future projects within city parks. He also reported that he attended Brandon Christina's Eagle Scout ceremony on August 3, and he attended the Nurse's breakfast meeting at Inspira with Councilmembers Floyd & Parker.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Volk expressed his support for Chief Ryan and is looking forward to a smooth transition. He is pleased that the new Chief will increase foot patrols in our neighborhoods. He believes Chief Ryan and Lieutenant Pitzo will make a great management team for our Police Department.

**Department Announcements**

Jean Wipf, Woodbury Library Director gave an update on Library's Suumer and Fall programs.

Robert Law, CFO explained the FEMA reimbursement pilot program.

Administrator Mike Theokas offered congratulations to Reed Merinuk and Tom Ryan. He also mentioned several of the street paving projects that are currently underway, and announced the County will be paving E Barber and S Barber Aves, which will complement our paving of W Barber Ave. Lastly, he will be meeting with Councilwoman Carter to discuss City Municipal Maintenance matters.

**Open to the Public**

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the regular order of business was suspended and the floor was open to the public for any Items.

Gloria Holmes of 19 Nelson Ave remarked that Allen Street in the vicinity of Carpenter Street needs repair, and that Suiter-Baptiste Park should have benches and a name sign. She was at Art in the Street at Wing-Dickerson Park and did not see any minority participants.

Municipal Alliance Director Jean Wipf interjected that many of the participants were from Woodbury Child Development Center, and that notices of this program were

given to every student in Woodbury's schools. Ms. Holmes volunteered to go house to house to deliver notices of these programs to every family in her neighborhood. She also thinks Suiter-Baptiste Park would be a good location for that program. She was not aware that a basketball tournament was scheduled for last weekend at Wing-Dickerson; she thought their music was too loud and sanitary facilities for food & restrooms were not provided to the attendees.

Angela Rhodes of 140 Franklin St. and Jackie Robinson of 921 N. Broad spoke at length about accountability. Ms. Robinson was unhappy that the organizers of the Larry Haines Basketball Tournament were not held accountable for their actions. Although there were no altercations, they did not provide portable restrooms nor did they obtain permission to cook with propane. President Trovato suggested that we send them a letter outlining their violations and possibly deny them from obtaining park permits in the future. Ms. Rhodes said the Hopkins St block party was supposed to be about unity, but there seemed to be divisions in the crowd.

Jared Hunter of 128 High St stated that his earliest interest in local City government was from attending Student in Government while in high school. He listed some of his intern and volunteer activities and hopes to make an even greater impact on our City in the near future. He feels that City Council has made significant achievements over the past few years.

Rhonda Hunter of 128 High St spoke proudly of her son's remarks and accomplishments. Echoing Ms. Robinson's remarks, she feels we should all be held accountable. She asked questions about our housing ordinance, which Mr. Theokas answered. She asked Mr. Duffield to see if NJ Transit will provide bus service from here to our joint municipal court in E. Greenwich Twp. She asked why the bus stops were removed from our downtown; Mayor Volk explained that those benches & shelters invited loitering which detracted from our shopping district.

Cheryl Reifsteck of 205 South Barber was dismayed to see trees removed from the 220 S Broad St property. Mr. Theokas explained that the site work is underway for the new Police Station and the property will be nicely landscaped when completed.

Hearing no one else, on motion of Councilwoman Parker seconded by Councilman Swanson, the public hearing was closed.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before Council, on motion of Councilwoman Parker seconded by Councilman Swanson and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**ROY A. DUFFIELD**  
City Clerk

### **Other Officials in Attendance**

Administrator: Mike Theokas  
Chief Financial Officer: Robert law  
City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield  
Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner  
Librarian: Jean Wipf  
Police: Chief Tom Ryan  
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.  
Zoning Officer: John Leech  
Fire Marshal: Joe Buono