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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF
AUGUST 12, 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

Rev. Joseph Coles, Interim Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist 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, Trovato, Lockman, Parker, Johnson, President Fleming and Mayor Volk

Absent: Hock, Carter, Swanson

Approval of Minutes of July 22, 2014

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the minutes of the meeting of July 22, 2014 were approved as submitted. Councilwoman Parker abstained from the vote. All others voted in favor of the motion.

Presentation and Discussions

Proclamation for 100th Birthday

Mr. Duffield read a Proclamation for Kathryn Jones, a Woodbury resident, who will be celebrating her 100th Birthday on August 21st. Mayor Volk and Mr. Hock will attend the birthday celebration and present Mrs. Jones with the Proclamation.

Presentation by Hardenbergh Insurance Group

Bonnie Rick of Hardenbergh Insurance Group made a brief presentation to Council called "Put Safety on Your Agenda". Her purpose was to explain our ongoing safety program to Council with a focus this year on special events such as parades, fireworks, etc. She recognized the work of our JIF personnel including Kelli Marro, Marion Harris and Bob Law. Last year we received a Safety Incentive Award of \$3,575 and we are on track to receive a similar award for 2014.

President Fleming thanked Hardenbergh for the work they do on our behalf and noted that our Community Relations Committee is looking to implement additional safety measures when holding outdoor special events.

Open to Public for Agenda Items

City Clerk Roy A. Duffield announced that the Public Hearings for Ordinances #2208-14, 2209-14 and 2210-14 will be held August 26, 2014. President Fleming advised that Council will not be discussing the property known as the Green Hotel (85-89 Cooper St) at this time.

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On motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Lockman 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 proposed Ordinance #2213-14. His primary concern was that schools, churches, etc. would no longer be permitted to hold fund-raisers which serve alcohol. Mayor Volk clarified that the ordinance's reference to City owned property does not include churches.

Tim Zatzariny, 237 S. Horace St. spoke in opposition to Ord. #2213-14. He feels that these social affairs generate money for non-profits and encourage visitors to come into town. He inquired whether other municipalities have banned alcohol from such events. Mr. Theokas responded that Council wants what is best for Woodbury, not what is best for other municipalities. This situation has been given serious thought with input from our Chief of Police, the Community Relations Committee and others.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Finance/Administration Committee:

Resolution #14-142 – Resolution Authorizing City Architect to Issue Notice to Bidders Regarding Interior Demolition and Construction of Police Department Facility at 220 South Broad Street

In Councilman Swanson's absence Mr. Trovato presented the above-titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Resolution #14-143 – A Resolution of the City of Woodbury Adopting Wellness Policy for the City of Woodbury and Appointing a Wellness Coordinator (Joy Dreyer)

Councilman Trovato presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Ordinance # 2211-14 – An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Amending the Code of the City of Woodbury Chapter 141 Peddling and Solicitor, Creating Section 141-22 "Charitable or Civic Non-Profit Special Events"(first reading)

Councilman Trovato presented the above-titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Trovato, 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 26, 2014.

Vouchers

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

Public Safety Committee:

Ordinance #2212-14 – An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Amending Chapter 190-31 of the Code of the City of Woodbury Prohibiting Parking on the North Side of Hunter Street (first reading)

In Councilwoman Carter's absence Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled ordinance. The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Lockman 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 26, 2014.

Ordinance #2213-14 – An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Amending the Code of the City of Woodbury Amending Chapter 55 “Alcoholic Beverages” Creating Section 55-10 “Social Affairs Permits”

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, 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 26, 2014.

Public Works/Parks and Recreation Committee:

Resolution #14-144 – Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 2 for the North End Storm Sewer – Phase 4 – Storm Sewer Replacement on Crescent Avenue

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.

Councilwoman Parker advised that crosswalks have been re-painted near West End and Walnut Schools and also the parking stripes at the Library and it all looks very good. Work continues on clean-up of lake edges and walking paths in our parks.

Our summer interns from the high school are working in the parks and helping clean-up files in the Construction Office; it seems to be working for both the City and the students who are feeling a sense of pride in helping out their community.

Councilwoman Parker also commented on the Community Gardens and urges everyone to stop by to visit; the area looks beautiful and well worth the visit. Amelie and her other board members have done a great job.

Economic Development Committee:

Resolution Authorizing Execution of Subordination agreement of the City of Woodbury RCA Home Improvement Program Loan Regarding 70 Packard Ave

Councilman Trovato presented the above-titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

Councilman Trovato responded to Mr. Zatzariny's earlier remarks. Mr. Trovato, his wife and son each operate successful businesses in downtown Woodbury and it troubles him to hear negative comments regarding a City which has so much to offer and a history to be proud of. If we want our City to prosper we have to support our businesses and shop local. He encourages all to stay positive and focus on the good things Woodbury has to offer.

Community Relations Committee:

Councilwoman Tierney reported her committee has been reviewing the current ordinance regarding vendor/solicitor licensing. The review was long overdue. Several meetings took place and input was received from the Police Chief, Administrator and Economic Development Director. It became clear that public safety and City liability, and a streamlined process all needed to be considered. Those discussions resulted in Ordinances #2211-14 and 2213-14 which were introduced this evening.

Councilwoman Tierney advised that the Parade Committee is busy preparing for

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the annual Fall Festival Parade on Saturday, October 4th. The theme is “Celebrating our History” and applications are available on our website.

Councilwoman Tierney also noted that she and Dan Redden are involved in “Make a Difference Day” to be held on October 25, 2014. Anyone interested in participating should contact her or Dan.

Environmental and Green Acres Committee:

In Councilman Hock’s absence Councilwoman Tierney stated that the Green Team continues to work on Sustainable Jersey certification.

Community Development Committee:

Councilman Johnson thanked Kenneth Law and Denise Williams for holding the Hopkins Street Block Party and bringing that neighborhood together; we need more events like that. He thanked Councilmembers Swanson, Parker, and Trovato for attending and thanked Shop Rite for donating food for the event

Property Committee:

Councilman Lockman emphasized the Property Committee’s work enforcing the lack of maintenance on vacant/abandoned properties. His Committee works closely with the Police Department to ensure all complaints are investigated. He suggested that we notify the neighbors around those properties so they will know we’re working on it.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Reports:

Police

Captain Ryan gave a report on the property maintenance list, stating that the Police Department is seeing progress in the care of abandoned properties.

Engineer

Paul Breier, PE gave a brief summary of the projects listed on his report.

Economic Development Director

Randi Woerner briefed Council on several items including:
WORC received \$8,000.00 grant to paint the Train Station;
Patients First, 630 Mantua Ave will have Ground Breaking;
Ribbon cuttings coming up for new businesses: Del Buono Bakery, Studio 240, Higher Standards Dance Studio, and the new Main Street/Chamber of Commerce Office;
upcoming project to promote “Shop Woodbury”;
meeting held this morning with Main Street, Merchants Association, and the Chamber of Commerce to discuss ways to work together; the monthly Lunch Munch is tomorrow.

Main Street Woodbury

Mary Carter of Main Street Woodbury reported on their events, including \$1500 grants for facade/signage and their upcoming golf tournament

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Mayor

Mayor Volk announced a Yellow Ribbon Homecoming Parade on August 15 for Penn Street resident Stacy Kowalski who is returning from a tour in Afghanistan. Everyone is invited to show their support.

Clerk

City Clerk, Roy Duffield mentioned that he may be able to assist the Property Committee find names & addresses of property owners as needed.

Open to Public for Any Items

On motion of Councilman Trovato, 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.

Tim Zatzariny of 237 S. Horace Street, responding to Councilman Trovato's remarks, stated that as a reporter for the last fifteen years he observed that successful towns are the ones that have a "viable business district". He also feels that the focus of our Economic Development Director should be to cultivate new businesses and retain existing ones; dealing with abandoned properties should be handled by the Code Enforcement Office. Another suggestion is to utilize interns from Rowan University who are young, enthusiastic and have fresh ideas. He also thinks the City should have a separate website or web page dedicated to economic development.

President Fleming thanked Mr. Zatzariny for his comments; we welcome input from everyone.

Councilman Trovato invited Mr. Zatzariny to meeting with Randi Woerner to discuss some of the topics brought up tonight. Mr. Trovato stated when you live and work in your hometown and see how hard the City is working to improve, you want to hear some good things. Negativity will not accomplish anything, we need to focus and work together on the positive.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy A. Duffield, City Clerk

Other Officials in Attendance

City Administrator: Michael Theokas
City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield
City Engineer: Paul Breier
Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner
Fire Official: Joe Buono
Police: Captain Ryan
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.