

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 13, 2012

Pledge of Allegiance

The Meeting was opened by President Tierney at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance in Council Chambers in Woodbury City Hall.

Invocation

The Invocation was delivered by the Rev. 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 publication of Resolution #12-05 adopted at the Reorganizational Meeting of Mayor and Council on January 3, 2012.

Roll Call

Present: Connor, Sloane, Fleming, Louis, President Tierney, Mayor Riskie

Absent: Carter, Brown, Trout, Lockman

Minutes:

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Connor, the minutes of the meeting of July 23, 2012 were approved as submitted.

Council members Sloane and Fleming abstained from the vote.

Presentation by the Merchants Association

Mr. Lee Weatherby, President of the Merchants Association gave a brief history of the Annual Woodbury Car Show. This past year the organization celebrated their twenty-fifth Anniversary and they presented a trophy to Mayor and Council in appreciation for all their support over the years.

Mr. Weatherby stated that the Car Show will be held on Saturday, September 1st and will also be broadcasted live by a local radio station. Each year the show gets more participants and draws bigger crowds, and is one of the longest running events in town.

Mayor Riskie graciously accepted the trophy along with President Tierney, stating how much the Car Show means to the City of Woodbury.

MAIN STREET

Mr. Larry Geiger, Main Street Director, stated that one of the events at the Fall Arts Festival will be a competition among the food vendors. In order to encourage more food vendors to attend, he is requesting that Council consider waiving the City's Food License Fee of \$25.00.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Fleming, Council unanimously approved waiving the Food License Fee of \$25.00 for this year's Fall Arts Festival on September 29, 2012.

Mayor Riskie commented on his anticipation of this event.

Public for Agenda Items

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Louis, 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 Fleming, seconded by Councilman Connor, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

PUBLIC SESSION ON ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinances

#2167-12 - An Ordinance Establishing Regulations for Dealers in Precious Metals, Gem and Gemstones *(Second Reading)*

Councilman Connor presented the above-entitled ordinance for public hearing, final reading and adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Connor, seconded by Councilman Louis, the ordinance was ordered open for Public Hearing.

Seeing no one, on motion of Councilman Connor, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the public hearing was closed.

On motion of Councilman Connor, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote.

Ayes	5	Connor, Sloane, Fleming, Louis, President Tierney
Nays	0	
Absent	4	Carter, Lockman, Brown, Trout

Resolutions

Finance & Administration

#12-131 - Resolution Appointing a Temporary Plumbing Sub-Code Official for the City of Woodbury (Jack McMichael)

Councilman Louis presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#12-132 - Resolution to Reimburse Tax Payment

Councilman Louis presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#12-133 - Resolution Authorizing Cancellations of Balances on Water/Sewer Accounts in the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#12-134 - Resolution Authorizing Cancellations of Water/Sewer Account #44940-4 in the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester

Councilman Louis presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#12-135 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Harry Haushalter for Services as Tax Counsel for an Amount Not to Exceed an Aggregate Amount of \$40,000.00

Councilman Louis presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Louis stated that due to the high number of appeals because of the recent re-assessment, additional hours were required by the Tax Appeal Attorney.

Councilman Sloane questioned why the County was not paying the legal fees as part of the re-assessment process, as they initially indicated they would do.

Mr. Aimino, City Solicitor, advised that many towns have been experiencing the same reaction, and the county was not absorbing the legal fees.

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

#12-136 - Resolution to Cancel Taxes for Property Located at 122 S. Broad Street (Block 113, Lot 15)

Councilman Louis presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Vouchers

Councilman Louis stated that just prior to the meeting Mr. Law informed him that there was an error on the vouchers list on Mr. Harry Haushalter's bill. The vouchers list gives the amount of \$37,508.60; but it should be \$22,289.60.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Connor, the vouchers as presented and certified were authorized paid as amended.

Public Safety

Councilman Connor had nothing to report.

Public Works/Utilities

Councilman Fleming stated that he and Mr. Leidy have met to discuss the changing of yard debris pick-up from a Friday to a Monday, which would then bump everyone one day later from their original pick-up schedule. This suggestion goes as far back as when Mike Walsh was Public Works Director, and it seems to make more sense to Mr. Fleming.

President Tierney stated when she was Chairperson of Public Works, the reason it never occurred was because, if a holiday were to fall on other than a Monday, i.e. Wednesday it would affect the homeowner and cause more confusion than a remedy. There will be further discussion on this matter.

#12-137 - Resolution Rejecting Bids for the Water Treatment Plant Renovations Project in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Economic Development

In Councilman Trout's absence, Mr. Louis had nothing to report.

Personnel

Councilman Sloane had nothing to report.

Property Maintenance

In Councilman Lockman's absence, Councilman Sloane had nothing to report.

Community Development

No one from the Committee was present to report.

Parks and Recreation/Environmental

No one from the Committee was present to report.

Old Business

President Tierney advised that the appeal of the Planning/Zoning Board's denial for the Certificate of Appropriateness for the Demolition of the Holy Angels Parish has been rescheduled to October 22, 2012

Reports

Mayor

Mayor Riskie spoke on the following items:

1. Mayor Riskie advised he attended the Underwood-Memorial Hospital Public Hearing where he urged the Members to not change their name, when they go forward with their merger;
2. There will be a Greater Woodbury Chamber of Conference Coffee Clatch on Wednesday, August 29th, which will be hosted by the Woodbury Public Library at 8:00 am;
3. The Mayor thanked the Lee Weatherby, Lynn Stambaugh, John Beal, who have been involved with the Woodbury Car Show; as well as Larry Geiger, Tara Rea and Milton Corsey who are working very hard with the Arts Festival. In addition, the Fall Parade will be held on Saturday, October 6th;
4. Also, the Mayor thanked Roy Duffield for swearing in the two newly appointed Police Officers at the last meeting, which the Mayor was not able to attend.

In conclusion, Mayor Riskie wished all the upcoming events great success and thanked everyone who helped to make them happen.

Clerk

Mr. Duffield announced that Bethlehem's Baptist Church's Annual Friends and Family Day will be held on Sunday, September 9th beginning at 10:00 am.

Engineer's Report

President Tierney requested an update on the Bikeway Project, Phase I.

Mr. Clancy, City Engineer stated that he has been reaching out to the State to find out the status of our application; however the gentleman handling Woodbury is on vacation for three (3) weeks. We cannot move forward until we hear back from the State.

Rather than delay the project any further, President Tierney suggest getting approval now to proceed immediately upon approval from the State.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Connor, authorization was granted to have the City Engineer, draw up specifications, advertise and go out to bid for Phase I of the Bikeway Project, upon the Department of Transportation's approval of the City's application.

Councilman Louis inquired what was going on down at Bell Lake as he has seen some construction equipment there. Mr. Clancy stated there was an emergency situation with replacing storm drain piping on a homeowners property on Girard Street. Mr. Clancy received 3 quotes and Pioneer Pipe came in with an acceptable quote; work is expected to start in the next couple of weeks.

Public

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Louis, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Non-Agenda Items.

Paul Bunn, 18 E. Packard Street, inquired if the waiving of the food license fee would apply to in-state vendors as well as out-of town vendors.

Councilman Sloane stated that the intent was to extend the waiving of the fee across the board to all vendors.

Mr. Bunn advised that he has given some thought to Woodbury considering a "food court" at some of the areas, such as Veteran's Plaza or the parking lot behind it, to bring some foot traffic in.

On motion of Councilman Connor, seconded by Councilman Louis, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Karl Kinkler, City Administrator, announced a Public Showing of the movie "Karate Kid" which is going to be held at the Library on Friday, August 24th at 8:00 pm in the parking lot.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Louis, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD
City Clerk

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Administrator/Deputy Clerk: Karl J. Kinkler
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
City Clerk: Roy Duffield
City Engineer: James Clancy, PE
Librarian: Jean Wipf
Main Street: Larry Geiger
Police: Reed Merinuk
Solicitor: Michael Aimino, Esq.