

Minutes of Council Meeting of September 22, 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 Alvin Collins, Jr., Pastor of Spoken Word Evangelistic 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, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Reddin, Carter,
President Trovato

Absent: Floyd, Mayor Volk

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Fleming the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 1, 2015 and the Closed Session Minutes of September 1, 2015 were approved as submitted. Councilwoman Carter abstained from voting; all others voted in favor of the motion.

Presentations and Discussions

Proposed Butterfly Garden Presentation

Sue Bowe of the Woodbury Garden Club asked for Council's approval to create a Butterfly Garden at Hendrickson Park. The purpose is to support the Monarch butterfly population by providing habitat and food for them, and by presenting an example that other gardeners can follow. The garden will be dedicated to Diane Walsh who was a Garden Club member, educator and butterfly enthusiast. The Garden Club will engage city employee Keith Long as an independent contractor, outside of his City employment, to design and install the garden on his own time. The Garden Club will pay him directly and provide the plants and will maintain the area in question.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, her request was approved as described above.

Proclamation Honoring Richard Kurtz, Organist of Christ Church

Councilwoman Tierney read a Proclamation recognizing Mr. Kurtz's four decades of service to Christ Church and our community.

Mr. Kurtz graciously accepted the Proclamation and addressed Council thanking them for the recognition.

Swearing-In of Patrolman David Andrews

Roy Duffield, City Clerk Administered the Oath of Office to Patrolman David Andrews.

Patrolman Andrews thanked Council for the opportunity to serve our City.

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 opened to the Public for Agenda Items Only.

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

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Administration Committee:

#2237-15 - An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury to Mandate Direct Deposit for Municipal Employees pursuant to c. 52:14-15f et seq.

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 Reddin and unanimously approved, the Public Hearing for this ordinance was opened.

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

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

Ayes 8 Tierney, Swanson, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Reddin, Carter,
Trovato

Nays 0

Absent 1 Floyd

#15-167 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Employment Agreement with Captain Jeffrey Pitzo, Woodbury Police Department

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.

#15-168 - Resolution Authorizing an Award of Contract (Bid A-44/2015), by and between the City of Woodbury and South Jersey Energy Solutions, for Retail Electric Supply Services, under the South Jersey Power Cooperative

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.

#15-169 - 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 a voice vote.

Finance Committee:

#15-170 - Resolution Authorizing Reimburse for Water/Sewer Overpayment of \$1,620.95 For Block 83, Lot 27.05

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, the resolution was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

#15-171 - Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Special Items of Revenue in the Budget of the City of Woodbury pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948)

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Carter, the

resolution was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

#15-172 - Resolution Waiving Interest on Woodbury Board of Education Accounts Paid After the Thirty Day Grace Period

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, the resolution was approved by a voice vote. Councilman Reddin voted Nay; all others voted in favor of the motion.

Vouchers

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the vouchers as presented and certified were unanimously approved for payment.

Councilman Swanson gave the Tax & Utility Collector's report of revenues collected for the month of August: Taxes \$5,389,075.23; Water & Sewer \$597,158.78.

Public Works Committee:

#15-173 - Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 8 for the Renovations to the New Woodbury Police Station

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 approved by voice vote. Councilman Swanson voted Nay; all others voted in favor of the motion.

#15-174 - Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for the Wood Street Water Main Extension Project

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Reddin, the resolution was approved by voice vote. Councilman Swanson voted Nay; all others voted in favor of the motion.

Community Development Committee:

#15-175 - Resolution Accepting Volunteer Firefighter Application of Gregory M. Sweeney, Sr. for Membership in the Woodbury Fire Department

In Councilwoman Floyd's absence, Councilman Johnson presented the above-titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilwoman Tierney reported that Councilwoman Floyd will be more closely involved in coordinating the activities of the various civic and neighborhood watch organizations, and hopes to establish more neighborhood watch groups in each Ward. She will be assisted by Jessica Schriver, the new Economic Development employee.

Old Business, New Business: None

Other Committee Reports:

Councilwoman Tierney reported on the Green Team Meeting of September 21: Make a Difference Day will be October 24 to continue work on the hardscaping around the tree beds and general cleanup on Broad St; more details to follow. Other topics included the pending approval of our Community Forestry and Tree City USA programs

Report of the City Clerk

Mr. Duffield stated that the City is sponsoring another paper shredding event on September 30, and on September 26 the County is having a household special waste collection for items such as pesticides, acid, lead based paint, etc.

Department Heads' Announcements

Jean Wipf reported on the Library's programs for the Fall season and recommends everyone review their website for a full listing of events.

Police Chief Thomas Ryan thanked Council for appointing Patrolman Andrews and provided more background information on his qualifications.

Rich Leidy, Public Works Manager, advised that Hydrant Flushing will occur during the week of September 27th.

Bob Law, speaking as JIF Chairperson advised that the City has earned a 5% decrease in their premiums.

President Trovato announced a Harvest Fest at the Community Garden on October 3rd.

Open to the Public

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

Sam Ferraino, 537 Prince Street came forward to say he was very happy to see that property taxes did not increase much this year.

Tara Rea, 61 N. Childs Street, announced that the FAF Coalition is hosting "Rock the Woo" on October 17th at Bell Lake Park. The event will feature craft vendors, food and live music.

Lee Weatherby, 313 Centre Street, President of the Merchants Association stated that the 29th Car Show was a success and gave a thank you to all the sponsors who made it possible, and to the police and public works employees for doing a great job as well. There will be several events in the City on October 3rd, including Antique Fair, Community Garden's Harvest Fest, Rotary's Duck Race, and the Fall Festival Parade. Please come out and enjoy all Woodbury has to offer.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Carter and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD
City Clerk

Other Officials in Attendance

Deputy Administrator/CFO: Robert Law

City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield

Engineer: Paul Breier, PE

Police: Chief Tom Ryan

Public Works Manager: Rich Leidy

Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.

Library Director: Jean Wipf