

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF
OCTOBER 27, 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 Father Bryan K. Burgess, Pastor of Christ Episcopal 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, Reddin, Carter, President Trovato and Mayor Volk

Absent: No One

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson the minutes of the Council Meeting of October 13, 2015 were unanimously approved as submitted.

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilwoman Carter, the minutes of the Closed Session of October 13, 2015 were unanimously approved as submitted.

Presentations and Discussions:

Best Practices Inventory

CFO Bob Law discussed the State's Best Practices Inventory spreadsheet and gave detailed explanations of each item and how it affects state our aid.

Public Hearing 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 Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the floor was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Administration Committee:

#2239-15 - An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Amending Chapter 162, Solid Waste of the Code of the City of Woodbury

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Council Reddin the ordinance was unanimously approved on first reading, ordered to be advertised according to law to come up for public hearing and final adoption at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council on November 10th, 2015.

#15-187 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Approving the Submission of a Grant Application and to Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the FY2016 Municipal Aid Project hereinafter known as Tatum Street Milling & Overlay

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 adopted by a voice vote.

#15-188 - 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 adopted by a voice vote.

Finance Committee:

Vouchers:

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

Councilman Swanson also announced that FEMA reimbursements for expenses relating to the June 23 storm will soon be issued; that our curb & sidewalk repairs relative to that storm will begin later this week; and that our tree inventory should be updated to account for trees lost and/or damaged in that storm. Lastly, he mentioned that preliminary shared service discussions are ongoing with other municipalities.

Old Business

Councilman Reddin asked when the new Police Department building will be completed. Mr. Theokas said they hope to be in sometime in November.

New Business: None

Other Committee Reports:

Green Team Chairwoman Tierney reported on the success of Make a Difference Day October 24. Volunteers painted the courts at Wing Dickerson Park and cleaned up on Broad Street. Also, our Tree City USA application has been submitted. The next Green Team meeting is scheduled for November 9.

Community Development Chairwoman Floyd reported on the success of these recent events: Friends of Library beer tasting event, Main Street Woodbury Ghost Tour, Woodbury Heights' Geekfest, and FAF's Rock the Woo festival at Bell Lake Park. Administrator Mike Theokas mentioned the assistance our Public Works, Police and Fire Departments provided to FAF's Rock the Woo event.

Parks & Recreation Chairman Johnson complimented Public Works for preparing Bell Lake Park for Rock the Woo. Also, he attended a "Meet the Candidates" event at the School Board Meeting on October 26, and discussed the lack of state aid to the school and stated he is pleased to see our shared services with the school to cut costs.

City Beautification Chairman Reddin stated that Habitat for Humanity recently welcomed a new family to 83 Wallace St. Also, he thanked the Gloucester County Freeholders for the assistance they have provided us in a myriad of ways.

Report of the City Clerk

City Clerk Roy A Duffield reminded everyone to vote on November 3rd. He also informed Council that their mandatory JIF training will be held on Jan. 14, 2016.

Department Heads' Announcements:

Library – Director Jean Wipf announced we were awarded of \$7,500 'Curiosity Creates' grant for \$7,500 and introduced library employee Jessica Ferguson who prepared the grant application. We were one of only 70 grants awarded nationwide. The grant funds will be used for a Story Telling Festival program.

Police – Chief Tom Ryan stated he expects the new Police building will be ready for them sometime next month. He also advised that they are looking to hire SLEO II and part-time cadets, noting that this is a great entry level opportunity to a law enforcement career. The job openings are listed on Facebook, website, and with NAACP, among other places. Lastly, he advises residents to use common sense during Mischief Night and Halloween and to call the police if they have any safety concerns.

CFO: Bob Law said Parade Trophies were presented today and about 60-75 people attended the ceremony. He also announced that Patient's First is offering to screen Halloween Candy if anyone is interested.

Open to the Public for any items:

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, 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.

Lee Weatherby, 303 W. Centre Street was pleased to report on the success of Fall Festival Parade, Ghost Tours and Rock the Woo, stating these types of events keep Woodbury moving in a positive direction and he thanks everyone who helps put them together. Upcoming events include Veteran's Day Memorial on November 15th, Santa Parade, December 5th, and Tree Lighting at City Hall, December 11th. Lee reminded us that the sacrifices made by our soldiers should never be forgotten.

Tim Zatzariny, 237 S. Horace St thanked the Public Works, Police and Fire Departments and Mike Theokas for helping with their Rock the Woo event.

Summer Smith, 456 Griscom Street, thanked everyone for the installation of the traffic signage at West End School.

Hearing no one else, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Johnson 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 Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 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

Library Director: Jean Wipf

Engineer: Paul Breier, PE

Police: Chief Tom Ryan

Solicitor: Jeff Daniel, Esq. of Angelini, Viniar, Freedman, LLP.