

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 12, 2013**

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, NJ.

Invocation

Reverend Alvin Collins, Jr., Pastor of Spoken Word 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 publication of Resolution #13-05 adopted at the Reorganizational Meeting of Mayor and Council on January 2, 2013.

Roll Call

Present: Tierney, Hock, Swanson, Trovato, Brown, Lockman, Parker, Carter, President Fleming and Mayor Volk

Absent: No One

Minutes

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Carter, the minutes of the meeting of October 22, 2013 were unanimously approved as submitted, along with the minutes of the Executive Sessions of the meetings for May 21, June 11, June 25, August 13, August 29, September 10, and September 24 of 2013.

Council President

President Fleming congratulated the candidates for their wins in the Election held on November 5, 2013: Councilpersons Tierney, Hock, and Trovato; the first ward has yet to be decided.

Public

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Agenda Items Only.

Craig Klayman, President of Main Street Woodbury inquired if Resolution #13-190 is for the funds that in the past have gone to Main Street Woodbury. President Fleming responded that it is; however a final decision has not yet been made for 2014. City Council will ultimately decide where the funding would be best used for the 2014 calendar year.

Mr. Klayman also announced that Talk of the Town will be held at the GG Green Building on December 11th and all are invited to attend.

Brendon Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, also inquired if the funds from the County were primarily used to pay the Director of Main Street Woodbury. At the last Council meeting a statement was made to the effect that Main Street should eventually become financially self-sufficient. President Fleming stated that was accurate and more discussion will take place before any final decisions are made.

Hearing no one else, on motion of Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilman Lockman, and unanimously approved the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Finance & Administration

#2195-13 - Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Temporary Construction Easement to PSE&G

Councilman Trovato presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, and unanimously approved the ordinance was placed on first reading, ordered to be advertising according to law, to come up for public hearing and final adoption at the next meeting of Mayor and Council scheduled to be held on November 26, 2013.

#13-191 - Resolution Authorizing A Purchase Agreement With KME Corporation For One (1) K.M.E. Custom Long Four-Door Chassis 2000 gpm Side-Mount Engine and One (1) K.M.E. Custom Medium Four-Door Chassis 1500 gpm Short Length Engine

Councilman Trovato presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Hock stated he was aware of recent legislation which addressed shared services of joint purchases of fire equipment/vehicles, and asked if we had investigated this possibility. Mayor Volk stated that the intent of that bill is to allow multiple towns who need the same type of truck to order the vehicles at the same time, and that could reduce the cost of the vehicles; but that did not mean multiple towns would share the same truck. More discussion ensued regarding the interpretation of the bill.

Councilman Hock inquired about the costs of the vehicles. Mr. Law, Chief Financial Officer, explained that they are being purchased under a state contract so the price of the vehicles has already been negotiated, with the exception of a \$3,000 bracket that must be installed on each truck.

Councilman Hock inquired if we could table this resolution until looking further into the purchasing options. Councilman Trovato said he would prefer not to wait any longer. Two of our fire trucks are frequently breaking down which is not a safe situation. Any questions could be addressed this evening. Chief Merinuk spoke as the Fire Administrator stating that action should be taken this evening and re-emphasizing the need for the purchase.

Councilwoman Tierney expressed her concerns stating that purchases of this magnitude should be given full attention. She doesn't want to be in a position again next year, we find ourselves in need of additional apparatus. These items are very expensive items and Council should consider all options before making these decisions. There was further discussion regarding prior purchases of trucks and their life expectancy.

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilman Swanson, the resolution was adopted. Councilman Hock abstained from the vote; all others voted in favor.

#13-192 - Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget of the City of Woodbury pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948)

Councilman Trovato presented the above titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#13-194 - Resolution to Reimburse Water/Sewer Payment Maxwell Acct # 36975-1, Block 8, Lot 2

Councilman Trovato presented the above titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

#13-196 - Resolution Authorizing a Closed Session

Councilman Trovato presented the above titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Vouchers

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the vouchers as certified and presented were authorized paid. Councilman Swanson voted against the motion; all other were in favor.

Public Safety

#13-195 - Resolution Amending Resolution #13-117 Authorizing Additional Bus Stops

Councilwoman Carter presented the above titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Public Works/Utilities

#13-193 - Resolution Authorizing the City of Woodbury to Consent to the Treatment Works Approval Permit Application regarding the Burriss Post-Acute Network Woodbury, LLC Project

Councilman Swanson presented the above titled 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.

#13-197 - Resolution Awarding Contract for the FY2013 Local Road Milling & Overlay Project (Courtland Street, Myrtle Avenue, Grant Street, Park Avenue, Watkins Avenue and Cooper Street At Broad St. & Euclid St.)

Councilman Swanson presented the above entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Trovato expressed his concerns that the contractor should be held accountable to complete the project on schedule.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

Councilman Swanson also reported on the following;

1. Public Works demolished the unsafe garages at 59 W. Barber Ave.
2. leaf collection has started - schedule is on the website and in City Hall;
3. Emergency Management Office responded to two environmental calls;
4. Painting of the curbs around West End School being handled in-house by DPW;
5. Lighted crosswalks at Red Bank Ave. and Delaware should be completed by Friday.

Economic Development

#13-190 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Gloucester County Improvement Authority For Economic Development Assistance

Councilman Trovato presented the above titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired if the \$40,000 grant is not used to support Main Street Woodbury, how will it be spent. President Fleming stated either the Economic Development Committee or possibly an Ad-Hoc Committee will meet with Main Street to discuss the matter. The final decision will be made by Council resolution.

On motion of Council Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Carter, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

Parks and Recreation and Community Relations

Councilwoman Parker advised that she attended the recent Veteran's Day Services held at the Victor statue where Eagle Scout candidate Alex Snow unveiled his renovations to the statue. Councilwoman Tierney was also in attendance.

Environmental and Green Acres

Councilwoman Tierney stated the Green Team is preparing a Tree Ordinance and she hopes to have it on the November 26, 2013 agenda for first reading.

The Green Team has received a grant for \$2,000 for the Direct Install Program for commercial property owners to have energy audits performed. If we have at least 14 property owners participate in the Program we will receive additional points for Sustainable Jersey. Randi is also working on the Energy audit for City hall and other municipal buildings.

Next meeting is December 9, 2013 for the Green Team Committee.

Community Development

Councilwoman Brown offered her congratulations to the winners of the elections and reported on the following:

- Represented the City at the Retirement of Gloria Goode, Woodbury Bd. of Education;
- Represented the City at the 117th Anniversary Dinner at Bethlehem Baptist Church;
- Welcomes all to the Boys/Girls Club at Central Baptist Church, Tues. Wed. Thurs. 2:30 - 7:00 pm;

Property

Councilman Lockman attended the Woodbury Community Garden Meeting on October 26th along with Councilwomen Carter, Parker and Brown; they had a good turnout.

He announced there will be two meetings to discuss the proposed Glassboro/Camden Rail Line; one on November 19th at the Pitman High School 6:00 to 8:00 pm ; and the other will be in Camden on November 21, 2013 at the Michael J. Doyle Field House, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

Old Business

None

Reports:

Mayor

Mayor Volk advised that he has met with Westville Administrator Bill Bittner to discuss the Construction Office shared services contract. Since Wenonah has removed themselves from the interlocal contract, it will be necessary for Westville and Woodbury to each contribute more. Westville made it clear, that they do not wish to pay any more. Mr. Theokas has discussed the matter with Code Enforcement Official Robert Kunkle.

Clerk

Mr. Duffield reported on the following:

- Merchants & Professionals Association will have the Santa Parade on December 7th
- Tree Lighting Ceremonies on December 14th at 1:00 in front of City Hall with tree and decorations furnished by the Merchants Association;
- Results of November 5 General Election:
 - 1st Ward** - was tied between Councilwoman Carter and Ronald Riskie, as of today there was one Provisional Vote in Mr. Riskie's favor added to the count
 - 2nd Ward** – Councilman Trovato was the decided winner
 - 3rd Ward** – Councilwoman Tierney was the decided winner
 - Unexpired Term** – Councilman Hock was the decided winner until end of Term 12/31/14
- JIF Elected Officials Training is scheduled for December 10th at Nicolosi's, the same night of a Council Meeting, will see if we can finish in time for Council meeting
- Boys/Girls Club is an asset to our community at a reasonable cost of \$10 per child per year

Economic Development Director

Randi Woerner gave the following report:

1. 13 new business have come into town this year;
2. Still working with GG Green Building to fill retail spaces;
3. Working on a City paper to keep residents/businesses informed of events, grants, etc.;
4. Continuing to work with Main Street, Merchants Association and GWCC;
5. Explains, NJDirect Install Program and County Shop/Dine Local program.

Administrator

Mike Theokas advised that next week he along with several other Department Heads and Council members will be attending the annual League of Municipalities Conference.

Public

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Lockman, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for non-agenda items.

Ted Johnson, 239 S. Barber Avenue, suggested having Bd. of Education Meetings published on electronic sign in front of City Hall. The City Clerk stated he will contact the Librarian who monitors the sign.

Brendan Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, inquired about leaf collection asked whether our new fire trucks would affect our insurance rating.

As no one else came forward, on motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the Public Portion was closed and Council resumed the Regular order of business.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the Regular Order of Business was suspended for a five minutes recess at 8:39 pm after which Council went into Executive Session. President Fleming advised that action may be taken upon returning from Executive Session into the Regular Order of Business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Swanson, Council resumed the Regular Order of Business (approximately 9:22 pm).

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD
City Clerk

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Administrator: Michael Theokas
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
City Clerk: Roy Duffield
City Engineer: Paul Brier
Police: Chief Merinuk
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.