

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF

December 16, 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

Reverend Norwood Cuff, Chaplain of Friendship Fire Co. and Pastor of Campbell AME 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 in South Jersey Times.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: No One

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilwoman Carter, the minutes of the meeting of the Regular Meeting of December 2, 2014 were approved as submitted. Councilman Trovato abstained from the vote; all others voted in favor of the motion.

On motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the Closed Session Minutes of the meeting of December 2, 2014 were approved as submitted. Councilman Trovato abstained from the vote; all others voted in favor of the motion.

Council President Fleming

President Fleming noted that this was the last Council meeting for Councilmen Les Lockman and Rick Hock and thanked them for their service to the City.

Open to the Public

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

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

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Public Safety

Councilwoman Carter had nothing to report for this Committee.

Finance & Administration

#2222-14 - Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Water and Sewer Utility Capital Equipment in the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$90,000 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$90,000; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing (Second Reading)

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled ordinance.

This City Clerk read the title of the Ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved the Public Hearing on this ordinance was ordered opened.

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

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the ordinance was unanimously adopted by a roll call vote:

Ayes	9	Tierney, Hock, Swanson, Trovato, Johnson, Lockman, Parker, Carter, President Fleming
Nays	0	

#14-182 - Resolution Establishing Date for Reorganization Meeting for 2015 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury

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 approved by voice vote.

#14-183 - Resolution Directing the Distribution of the City of Woodbury Net Returned Surplus Funds Held in Trust by the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

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 approved by voice vote.

#14-184 - Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Appropriations in the Local Budget of the City of Woodbury for the year 2014

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 approved by voice vote.

#14-185 - Resolution to Reimburse Tax Payment for Block 102, Lot 8

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 approved by voice vote.

#14-186 - Resolution Authorizing the City Engineer and/or City Architect to Advertise for Bids for the Roof Replacement and Parking/Site Improvements regarding the New Police Station located at 220 South Broad Street

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 approved by voice vote.

#14-187 - Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 3 for the North End Storm Sewer – Phase 4 – Storm Sewer Replacement on Crescent Avenue

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 approved by voice vote.

#14-188 - Resolution Establishing a 5-Year Moratorium on the Issuance of Road Opening Permits for the Portions of the Roads Resurfaced as Part of the FY2014 Local Road Milling & Overlay Project October 29, 2014 through October 29, 2019

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 approved by voice vote.

Vouchers

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Trovato, the Vouchers as presented and certified were authorized paid.

Councilman Swanson stated he attended an Emergency Preparedness Meeting on Dec. 4 with the County and other stakeholders regarding the transport of volatile Bakken Oil crude, which is being transported by rail through Woodbury.

Public Works/Parks and Recreation

Resolution #14-89 – Resolution Authorizing Placement of Memorial Monument for Firefighters at Hendrickson Park

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Chief Randal Gartner, President of Friendship Fire Co came forward to explain how he came upon the information while looking through some old records regarding the only firefighter to date who has lost his life in the City of Woodbury. After giving it some thought he thought it would be very fitting to honor this firefighter and honor those who currently continue to fight fires.

Economic Development

Councilman Trovato stated that work has started at the Woodbury Country Club Redevelopment site and we are happy to see the project moving forward.

Councilman Trovato also advised of the sudden passing of Woodbury Soccer Coach Bob McKinney, a Woodbury resident and an all-around great guy.

Councilman Trovato thanked Les Lockman and Rick Hock for their time spent on Council and wished them well.

Community Relations

Councilwoman Tierney inquired about the Social Affairs Ordinance #2221-14 which was tabled at last meeting. Mr. Pierson, City Solicitor explained that since the ordinance has to be amended, it has to be re-introduced at one meeting and adopted at another meeting. Since the introduction and adoption have to occur in the same year, and this being our last meeting of the year, it cannot be acted upon until next year.

Councilwoman Tierney also thanked Councilmen Hock and Lockman for their time and contributions while performing their duties as Councilmembers.

Environmental and Green Acres

Councilman Hock reported on the Green Team meeting of December 8th. Councilman Hock publicly thanked everyone he has worked with and he will miss them.

Community Development

Councilman Johnson advised he attended the Santa Parade along with Councilwoman Parker and he thanked Lee Weatherby for organizing it.

He also wished Councilmen Hock and Lockman well, stating that much was accomplished this year and Council should be very proud of their achievements.

Property

Councilman Lockman stated his Committee continues to stay focused on abandoned properties. He also stated that he has enjoyed his tenure on Council and will enjoy watching what is going on in Woodbury.

Reports:

Mayor

Mayor Volk thanked both departing Councilmen for their service; he has come to know them not only as Council members but also as friends.

Clerk

Mr. Duffield also extended his well wishes to both Councilman Hock and Councilman Lockman, stating it was his pleasure to work along with both of them.

Main Street

Mary Carter, Director of Main Street advised of the events being scheduled for the holidays, including carriage rides on December 12 and 19th.

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 Any Items.

Tim Zatzariny, 237 S. Horace Street, came forward to advise Council regarding unsightly unemptied trash cans in the front of the empty Walgreen's Building.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, stated that since we have several memorials throughout the City, such as Veterans, Police, Wolfson Memorial and now a Firefighters Memorial, he wonders if the City intends to recognize each of the various categories, such as three public works employees who lost their lives.

Mr. Chiesa also inquired if the City has considered shared service agreements for Police and Fire Departments. President Fleming stated that would definitely be something for consideration in the future.

Mr. Chiesa quoted a 2012 report which shows Woodbury's household income has dropped over \$130 million dollars. This could drastically affects not only municipal budgets but the school budget as well. Of course, these figures if accurate are based on zip codes, which would also include other towns that have the same zip code as Woodbury.

On motion of Councilman Lockman, seconded by Councilman Hock 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 Councilman Lockman, seconded by Councilman Hock and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD
City Clerk

Other Officials Present

Administrator: Michael Theokas
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield
City Engineer: Paul Breier
Fire Dept: Chief Randal Gartner
Main Street: Mary Carter
Police: Captain Tom Ryan
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.