

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 30, 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

Dr. Carla A. Romarate-Knipel, Pastor of Central Baptist Church delivered the Invocation.

Open Public Meeting Statement

The City Clerk read the Open Public Meetings notice.

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 December 10, 2013 were approved as submitted.

Public

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 Agenda Items Only.

Brendon Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, inquired about Res 13-207 and 13-208 for cancelling unpaid taxes less than \$5.00; President Fleming explained.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, inquired about Res 13-211 and the City's procedures for boarding up abandoned properties. Councilman Trovato and President Fleming responded.

Seeing no one else, on motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilwoman Carter, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Finance & Administration

#2196-13 - An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #2187-13 to Fix and Establish Salaries and Rate of Compensation on the Various Officers and Employees of the City of Woodbury in the County of Gloucester, and to Provide the Manner of Payment Thereof and Repealing All Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances Inconsistent Herewith

Councilman Trovato presented the above titled ordinance for second reading, public hearing and final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, and unanimously approved the Public Hearing on the ordinance was opened.

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

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote:

Ayes	9
Nays	0

#13-205 - Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the Premium Account into the General Current Fund re: Block 115, Lot 33.01, TLR-V, LLC Tax Sale Cert # 09-00075 \$6,400.00 Premiums Paid

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 voice vote.

#13-207 - Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of Small Balances on Real Estate Taxes for the Year 2012 in the City of Woodbury

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 voice vote.

#13-208 - Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of Small Balances on Real Estate Taxes for the Year 2013 in the City of Woodbury

Councilman Trovato presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#13-210 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract for Engineering Services for Energy Audit as part of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities Office of Clean Energy, Municipal/Local Government Energy Audit Program

Councilman Trovato presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#13-211 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Imposing Lien(s) for Property Maintenance Pursuant to Municipality Code §162-4

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 voice vote.

Vouchers

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the vouchers as listed and certified were authorized paid. Councilman Swanson voted No on the motion; all others in favor.

Public Safety

Councilwoman Carter had nothing to report for this committee.

Public Works/Utilities

#13-209 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Emergency Repair Contract for Storm Sewer Collapse Repair on Myrtle Avenue

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Economic Development

Councilman Trovato advised that he, Mike Theokas and Randi Woerner met with officials from Inspira Hospital to discuss ways we can work together, and hope to continue with a follow-up meeting.

Parks and Recreation and Community Relations

#13-206 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Vehicle Lending Agreement with the County of Gloucester

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Environmental and Green Acres

Councilwoman Tierney stated the date of the next Green Team Meeting was moved to January 6, 2014, at 8:45 am in City Hall to meet with the contractor about the City Hall energy audit.

Community Development

Councilwoman Brown submitted a letter stating her intention to resign from City Council effective 9:00 pm tonight. She thanked all for her eighteen years of service and for working along with her for the betterment of the City.

President Fleming advised that Council would honor Councilwoman Brown's service to the City at the Reorganizational Meeting on January 6, 2014.

Property

Councilman Lockman had nothing to report for this committee; but offered his congratulations to Councilwoman Brown.

Reports:

Mayor

Mayor Volk had nothing to report this evening.

Clerk

Mr. Duffield stated that the Reorganizational Meeting will be held January 6, 2013 at the Gloucester County Ceremonial Court Room instead of in Council Chambers.

Mr. Duffield advised he received a thank-you letter from Alex Snow, the Eagle Scout who was responsible for the renovations of The Victor statue a/k/a the Doughboy in front of the High School.

Also, he announced that Med Express at the Southwood Shopping Center is offering free flu shots.

Water & Sewer

Lorraine Reeves, Tax and Utility Collector updated Council on our efforts to collect delinquent water/sewer payments. Due to changes in our ordinance and stepped-up enforcement delinquencies are down from \$524,292 a year ago to \$101,392 today. She also thanked her staff of Kate Pierson and Valerie Harris, as well as other who helped them accomplish this task.

Public – Non-Agenda Items

On motion of Councilwoman Carter, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the floor was opened to the Public for any items.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, came forward to inquire on the status of the Woodbury Country Club property. President Fleming advised the Buyer is still working out some details with the County Planning Board.

Mr. Duffield thanked Councilwoman Brown and wished her well in her future endeavors.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business before Council, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Trovato and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD
City Clerk

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

- Administrator: Mike Theokas
- Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
- City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield
- City Engineer: Paul Brier
- Public Works: Rich Leidy, William Lynch
- Tax/Utility Office: Lorraine Reeves, Kate Pierson