

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF
JANUARY 26, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Trovato at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. President Trovato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

The Invocation was delivered by Dr. Michael M. Harriott, Pastor of Kemble UMC.

Open Public Meeting Statement

The City Clerk stated that due notice had been given to both the public and the press by posting of Resolution #16-05 adopted at the 2016 Reorganizational Meeting of Mayor and Council on January 5, 2016.

Roll Call:

Present: Tierney, Swanson, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Reddin, Carter, President Trovato and Mayor Volk

Absent: No One

Minutes

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Johnson the meeting minutes of December 22, 2015 and January 5, 2016 were unanimously approved.

Resolution #16-40 – Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of a Patrolman in the Woodbury Police Department (Joseph Wills)

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 a voice vote.

Mayor Administers the Oath of Office

Mayor Volk administered the Oath of Office to Patrolman Joseph Gerard Wills, Jr. Patrolman Wills thanked Mayor Volk, City Council, Chief Ryan, his fellow officers and family for helping him achieve this opportunity to serve the community. Patrolman Wills stated he could not be more honored and he looks forward to the next chapter with the Woodbury Police Department

Chief Ryan thanked Mayor and Council for the promotion of Patrolman Wills, stating that he could not be more proud of the service of this officer and is an excellent choice. Also Chief Ryan stated that the new Police Station is open and operational and welcomes anyone who wants to come out for a tour of their new headquarters.

Open to the Public

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

Finance Committee:

Resolution #16-41 - Resolution Authorizing the City of Woodbury to Apply for Tonnage Grant to Encourage Local Source Separation and Recycling Programs

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Resolution #16-42 – Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2014-June 2019 (Municipal Alliance)

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 voice vote.

Resolution #16-43 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Professional Contracts

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution authorizing contracts for Auditor, Risk Manager, Solicitor, Labor Counsel, Bond Counsel and Financial Advisor.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Resolution #16-47 - Resolution Authorizing Subordination of City of Woodbury RCA Home Improvement Program Mortgage to Refinance First Mortgage Regarding Block 38, Lot 3.02

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 adopted by voice vote.

Vouchers

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

Councilman Swanson advised he will attend Bowman’s Budget presentation on Jan. 27. He announced that the Emergency Operation Center is now located at 220 S. Broad Street Police Station, and thanked Chief Ryan, Joe Buono, John Leech, Sgt. Palese and Patrolman Anderson, for the long hours they put in during the recent snow storm.

Councilman Swanson reported on the December Cash Receipts Totals: Taxes \$625,990.09 and Water/Sewer \$158,799.97.

Volunteers, Seniors & Veterans Committee:

Resolution #16-44 - Resolution Accepting Volunteer Firefighter Application of Leroy V. Hayes for Membership in the Woodbury Fire Department

Councilman Reddin presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Reddin, seconded by Councilman Johnson the resolution was unanimously adopted by voice vote.

Green Team Committee:

Resolution #16-45 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Appointing Members to the Green Team Advisory Committee for 2016

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilwoman Tierney stated that the Green Team met on January 11 and will be applying for a grant for the tree inventory and are looking for volunteers. The next Shred Event is April 9 and Arbor Day celebration will be April 29.

Public Works Committee:

#16-46 - Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for the FY2015 Municipal Aid Project – West Barber Avenue

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.

Councilwoman Parker referenced the recent snow storm stating that our Public Works Department did a good job. Efforts are in the works to improve communications with our residents for emergency events. Mr. Swanson said residents should first call the Emergency Operation Center or 911.

Other Committee Reports:

Councilman Fleming advised that his committee has received Remington & Vernick's evaluation of our water & sewer utility. They are reviewing the report and will hold a public meeting in the coming months to discuss it.

Councilman Johnson observed that our Downtown Redevelopment Plan was devised in 2008 and it may be time to revisit it. He also suggests that the City have an Entrepreneur Program to offer guidance for anyone wanting to start a new business.

Councilwoman Floyd announced that the Economic Development Committee will meet on the first Monday of each month. Also, a Creative Team has been spearheaded by Jessica Schriver and will meet at a different City venue each month.

Councilwoman Floyd advised that a Policy Committee has been formed to review all our ordinances to make sure everything is up to date. Also, she advised everyone to check out the City's web site for a list of the various Council committees.

Report of the Mayor:

Mayor Volk congratulated Patrolman Wills and predicts he will be an excellent officer. On Jan. 9 he had the honor of swearing in 12 newly appointed Army Recruits at the National Guard Armory. He also attended Coffee with Cops at Fiores Bagels on Jan. 15 and the Grand Openings of the new Police Department on Jan. 20. He will also attend ribbon cutting at Corsi Dental on Jan. 27 and Fire Dept. Banquet on Jan. 29. Lastly Mayor Volk commended the great work of our Emergency Management personnel during the recent snow storm.

Department Heads' Reports:

Bob Law, Chief Financial Officer stated that he is working on the budget and plans to have it ready to introduce at a March Council Meeting.

Randi Woerner announced the grand opening of Corsi Dental Offices at 161 N Broad St. on January 27.

Open to the Public

On motion of Councilman Johnson 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.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, referenced Councilman Johnson's remarks regarding the Redevelopment Plan and feels that we should not spend money on a new Plan. Mr. Johnson explained why he feels it is appropriate to do so.

John Holston, 20 N. Horace Street, a life- long Woodbury resident and a Trustee of WORC gave a history of the WORC and their mission to preserve historic buildings. Referring to the City's acquisition of properties as proposed last month, he implores Council to restore buildings in the historic district instead of demolishing them.

Jacquelyn Knight, 232 Hunter Street, complimented the City for their response to the recent snow storm. With regard to the properties currently being considered for redevelopment, she commends the City for taking action but suggests there are other buildings that should be redeveloped instead. The buildings she suggested are in a better location and are not historically significant. She is opposed to razing historic

buildings and said we should not ignore our history. There are other options to be considered to enhance the corridor along Broad Street. She stated she is all for improving and spending to make changes, just not these buildings that Council is currently considering. She offered to help in any way.

Toni Benecchi, 1108 Tatum Street, inquired about the City's plans for the old Police Building at 200 N. Broad St. Pres. Trovato told her we are investigating ideas for that site, possibly something that would take advantage of its location next to our lake system. Ms. Benecchi inquired if the street leading into the CVS parking lot could be repaved, it is in very poor condition. She also thanked Public Works for the work they did plowing snow. Her final note was to say she is in favor of preserving Woodbury's historic buildings.

Erica Moon, 404 Harding Street, suggested a canoe club for 200 N Broad. She asked if Council intends to move forward with the purchase of the properties on Broad Street. Mr. Theokas and Mr. Pierson, City Solicitor explained the steps the City must follow before purchasing real property. Ms. Moon then inquired what initiated the first thought to purchase these properties. Mayor Volk responded that many residents have asked what Council intends to do with the downtown area and the empty stores. We have to start from somewhere; he feels this is a good first step in the right direction.

Hearing no one else, on motion of Parker seconded by Johnson and unanimously approved the public hearing was closed.

Adjournment

The being no further business before Council, on motion of Parker seconded by Swanson and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD
City Clerk

Other Officials Present:

Administrator: Mike Theokas
Deputy Clerk: Roy A. Duffield
Chief Financial Officer: Bob Law
Economic Development Office: Randi Woerner
Library: Jean Wipf, Librarian
Police: Chief Tom Ryan
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.