

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 23, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President David Trovato at Council Chambers, 33 Delaware St. President Trovato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

The Invocation was delivered by Rev. Dr. William J. King of Living Word 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 #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

Absent: Mayor Volk

Minutes of February 9, 2016:

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Johnson the minutes of both the Regular Meeting and the Closed Session of February 9, 2016 were approved as submitted. Councilwoman Floyd abstained from voting; all others voted in favor.

Changes to Agenda

Mr. Duffield, City Clerk advised that the Public Hearing for Ordinance #2242-16 has been postponed until further notice.

Presentations and Discussions

Councilman Fleming gave a report from the Water and Sewer Utility Investigative Committee. The Committee met last month with the consultant that conducted the study. The study was intended to make an inventory of our Utility's assets; calculate its value; estimate our future costs to operate and maintain the systems; and estimate the impact these costs will have on the rates our residents pay. Although we have made substantial capital investments recently, much of our infrastructure is beyond its expected life. If we decide to go out for RFP's for our system, we must first obtain multiple approvals from various state agencies to do so. He recommends that we hold a public meeting in the near future with Council, the consultant, and the public so anyone can ask questions. If we later decide to solicit proposals, we can reject them at any time if we decide against it. Mr. Theokas added that we are following the required procedures as laid out by the State for this process.

Public for Agenda Items

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

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place asked who actually owns the water in our wells, and does our system have lead pipes or lead in the water? Councilman Fleming answered that whoever owns our water system will hold the permit to pump water from our wells. He does not know whether we have lead pipes, but our water is tested regularly.

Jessica Ferguson of S. American Street, regarding Ordinance #2243-16, asked to serve on the Chicken Advisory Board.

Mike Graziani, 400 Harding Street, stated he supports Ordinance #2243-16. Also, he asked how many bidders would be likely to respond to an RFP for providing water supply to the City. Mr. Theokas responded there are 5-6 companies throughout the State who could potentially qualify to bid on our system. And, he asked whether Ord. 2242-16 was approved on first reading; it was, on February 9.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

#16-55 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract for Green Acres Application

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 Councilwoman Parker the vouchers as presented and certified were unanimously approved for payment.

Councilman Swanson advised that the Emergency Management Office received 80 calls in response to the February 16 wind storm. He cautioned the public that if they see downed poles & wires they should call 911 with the number of a nearby utility pole; they should not approach the downed wires themselves.

Economic Development Committee:

2244-16 - Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Establishing Chapter 137 Entitled "Pawnshops, Dealers in Precious Metals, Gems, Gemstones And Secondhand Goods" of the Code of the City of Woodbury (First Reading)

Councilwoman Floyd presented the above titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

Police Chief Ryan gave a brief overview of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilwoman Floyd, seconded by Councilman Swanson the ordinance was unanimously approved on first reading, authorized to be advertised according to law, to come up for public hearing and final adoption at the next Meeting of Mayor and Council on March 8, 2016.

Councilwoman Floyd also reported on the Creative Team meeting of Feb. 17 which was attended by Heidi Louis of WORC, Librarian Jean Wipf, Lee Weatherby of Merchants & Professionals Association, Tara Rea of FAF, Selena Williams of Boys & Girls Club, Jessica Ferguson of Economic Dev. Office and Council Members Floyd and Reddin.

Among the upcoming events discussed were:

- 1) Rock the Woo – October 8th at Bell Lake Park
- 2) Vacation Bible School July 25-29 at Holy Angels Church;
- 3) Woodbury Relays April 15-16th
- 4) Municipal Alliance – May 7th – Woodbury Police Station
- 5) Rotary Duck Race – May 20

Mrs. Floyd also mentioned plans are being made for Students in Government night.

Parks and Recreation Committee:

#2243-16 - An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey Amending the Code of the City of Woodbury, Entitled “Animals”

(Second Reading)

Councilman Johnson presented the above-titled ordinance for final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved the public hearing on this ordinance was ordered open.

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

On motion of Johnson, seconded by Swanson the ord. was adopted by roll call vote:

Ayes	8	Tierney, Swanson, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Reddin, Carter, Pres. Trovato
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Nays	0	
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Abstain	1	Parker
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#16-56 - Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Pre-Fab Unassembled Concession Building for Use at the Midget Football Field under State Contract

Councilman Johnson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Other Committee Reports:

Councilman Fleming advised the Policy Committee will be meeting to begin review of the City Code Book.

Councilwoman Carter stated the Municipal Maintenance Committee will be meeting next week.

Councilwoman Tierney advised the next Green Team Meeting will be March 8th.

Report of the City Clerk:

Roy Duffield stated that the City received a JIF Safety Award of \$3,575. He also announced the birth of his granddaughter Julia Duffield on February 18th.

Department Heads' Announcements:

CFO Bob Law advised that the City will have need a Bond Ordinance to provide for the Green Acres project discussed earlier. Also, because bond rates are favorable he is discussing with our Bond Counsel whether to refund some of our bond obligations and bond anticipation notes.

Police Chief Ryan stated that Rotary and Cub Scouts have recently toured the new police building, and invited others to do so. He also advised that 30 body-worn cameras and 8 in-car cameras have recently been put into service by the Police Department.

Open to the Public

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, 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.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, expressed some concerns regarding traffic at the site of the Burris project, formerly Woodbury Country Club.

Tim Zatzariny, 237 S. Horace Street, commended the Public Works Dept. for their work during the recent snow storm. He urged Council to place a referendum on the ballot regarding any sale of the water/sewer utility. He also suggested the City consider having Rowan University students to do a market study for the Inspira Hospital area.

Lee Weatherby, 303 W. Centre Street, and Charles Hughes of 31 N Childs advised that they have spoken to the son of George Benjamin, a Woodbury resident and Medal of Honor recipient. He has offered to give his father's medals to the City. Mr. Weatherby and Mr. Hughes are working to find a suitable location to display these artifacts. Mr. Weatherby mentioned they are working on the details for our Memorial Day events. The Kayak Regatta will be held on May 21st. Lastly, he mentioned the passing of retired School Superintendent Ed Arrington, who established a scholarship for Woodbury High School students because of his love of Woodbury. On that note, Councilman Johnson interjected that the Woodbury Schools continue to do good things in spite of the fact that our State Aid is significantly underfunded.

Rose Black, 77 E. Centre Street, approached Council to tell them her curbing was damaged by snow plows. Mr. Theokas stated he would look into the damaged curb.

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

Adjournment

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Carter and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD

City Clerk

Other Officials Present:

Administrator: Mike Theokas

Chief Financial Officer: Bob Law

City Clerk: Roy A Duffield

City Engineer: Paul Breier

Police: Chief Tom Ryan

Solicitor: Jeff Daniels, Esq.