

#16-68 - Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Public Property On-Line through a New Jersey State Contract Auction Service (Govdeals.Com)

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#2246-16 - Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Amending Chapter 106 “Housing Standards” and Deleting Chapter 114 “Landlord/Tenant Licensing” of the Code of the City of Woodbury (First Reading)

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

Councilwoman Tierney stated she agreed to the comments expressed by Mr. Chiesa, and that if State statutes are amended we should revisit this ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney the ordinance was approved on first reading, ordered to be advertised according to law, to come up for public hearing and final adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting on April 26, 2016. Councilwoman Parker was absent; all others voted in favor of the motion.

Vouchers

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

Councilman Swanson reported the Tax & Utility Collector’s receipts for March, 2016: Taxes were \$430,727.10 and Water/Sewer \$150,832.77.

Public Works Committee:

#16-69 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing Release of the Performance Guarantee and of the Retainage to Insituform Technologies, LLC regarding the Sanitary Sewer Lining –Phase 1 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 Tierney the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

Other Committee Reports:

Councilman Fleming advised of the upcoming Special Meeting on Wednesday, April 27th at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers regarding the possible sale or lease of our Water & Sewer Utility. He also noted that NJDOT is seeking bids for design of a replacement for the Broad St bridge over Woodbury Creek. This entire process could take 5 or more years to complete. Mr. Theokas interjected that he has spoken with DOT regarding some of the issues that will arise from these repairs, particularly traffic, road closings, and also the dam. Lastly, Councilman Fleming was also concerned about properties with standing water in light of the Zika virus alert coming into the US.

Councilwoman Floyd said she & Councilman Johnson attended the Economic Development Committee meeting last week. Also, she inquired why the trash collection routes & days were being changed. Mr. Theokas explained the reasoning behind the changes. Mrs. Floyd also announced several events that occurred recently or are upcoming recently: Woodbury Relays April 16, Opening Day for Little League April 9, and the next Board of Education meeting April 20th.

Councilman Johnson informed Council that he attended a Social Justice Forum in Philadelphia recently. The main focus of the conference was to recognize the struggles that people of color experience concerning health issues such as HIV and heart disease, crime, and racial profiling. He cited several statistics to highlight those points.

Councilwoman Tierney informed Council that through the efforts of the Green Team Committee the City of Woodbury has been awarded the designation of Tree City USA. Also, the April 9 Shred Event was a success; we shredded 5 tons of paper documents

and collected 97 pounds of clothing for the Woodbury Steelers, 143 lbs of food for the Cooperative Ministries Food Bank and recycled 28 lbs of plastic bags. Arbor Day Celebration will be held at Wing Dickerson Park on April 29th.

Report of the Mayor

Mayor Volk advised on the following:

1. Woodbury Relays will be honoring Medal of Honor recipient George Benjamin;
2. Grand Opening will be April 19th for Atrium Post Acute Care of Woodbury;
3. A service in honor of St. Florian, Patron Saint of Firefighters will be held on Sunday, May 1st at Christ Episcopal Church.
4. Woodbury Police Department will be holding a Community Day at the new Police Building on Saturday, May 7th.

Police Chief Ryan advised that they will be giving away bike helmets at the May 7 Community Day Event. Jean Wipf, Librarian stated also the YMCA, United Way, Family Success Center will be there, with refreshments and many giveaways. This event is being sponsored through our Municipal Alliance Grant.

Report of the City Clerk

Roy A. Duffield, City Clerk announced the candidates who filed nominating petitions for the June 7 Primary Election:

Democrats for Council 1st Ward Danielle Carter, 2nd Ward Dave Trovato, 3rd Ward Ken McIlvaine; and for Mayor, Jessica Floyd.

Republicans: for Council 1st Ward Brian Mattern, 2nd Ward Barry Dear, 3rd Ward Heather Tierney; and for Mayor, George Gallenthin III.

Department Heads' Announcements

Chief Financial Officer Bob Law advised that he received from comments from the State about our introduced 2016 Budget. He has discussed this with our Auditor and their concerns have been rectified. The auditor will give a presentation on the Budget at our April 26 meeting.

Police Chief Ryan stated that he is involved in two new programs; one being the Diversity in Recruiting Initiative which is a five week course designed to prepare minority candidates who would like to enter into law enforcement careers. The other is Project Lifesaver which is a program to help find missing persons suffering from a medical or cognitive condition by GPS tracking their location through a wristband they would wear. Chief Ryan introduced Officer Joe Collins, a 22 year Woodbury Police Officer who brought Project Lifesaver to his attention. Officer Collins gave an overview of the program with examples on how this simple device could save a life. President Trovato commended both Chief Ryan and Officer Collins for taking interest in this project stating that he is interested in being one of the sponsors as a business owner.

Library Director Jean Wipf stated this is National Library Week and would like to welcome everyone who comes in to use their facility. There are different programs and giveaways each day. They also have a display "Beatle Program" from the Sergeant Pepper album, a Poetry Program tomorrow, and April 20 they will have a Genealogy Program sponsored by the County.

Open to the Public

On motion of Councilman Fleming, 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.

Bob LaMoy, 92 N. Columbia St. spoke in support of Project Lifesaver. He was personally involved in missing persons searches during his career.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place stated the Board of Education received \$93,000 in State aid but are underfunded by \$3-4 million according to state funding formulas. He encouraged Council Members and the public to ask our State legislators to fund our Schools according to their own guidelines.

Jacqualynn Knight, 232 Hunter Street asked if there are any updates on the City's purchase of the Sta-Fit property. Mr. Theokas told her we should have something to report at the next Council Meeting.

Frank Gonzalez, 149 Lupton Street advised Council that work done on his sidewalk during the West Barber project was not satisfactory. President Trovato advised that we will be in contact with the contractor and will not issue payment or release his performance bond until all work has been completed properly.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business before Council, on motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 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

Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner

Librarian: Jean Wipf

Police: Chief Tom Ryan, Capt. Jeff Pitzo, Officer Joe Collins

Public Works: Rich Leidy, Michael McCaughey

Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.