

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF HELD
SEPTEMBER 26, 2017
AT 33 DELAWARE STREET, WOODBURY, NJ 08096**

The meeting of September 26, 2017 was called to order by Council President Pro-Temp Fleming at 7:00 p.m. Clerk, Daneen Fuss, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Invocation delivered by Bishop Nathan Jones from Spiritual Temple Church.

Open Public Meeting Statement

Ms. Fuss stated that due notice had been given to both the public and the press by Posting and publication of Resolution #17-05 adopted at the 2017 Reorganizational Meeting of Mayor and Council on January 3, 2017.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilman Fleming, Councilman Johnson, Councilman McIlvaine, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilman Swanson, Councilwoman Tierney and Mayor Floyd

Absent Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Reddin, Council President Parker
President Pro-Tempore Fleming stated that President Parker was not present this evening due to her obligations to Back to School Night.

Others Present: Administrator, Scott Carew, City Clerk, Daneen Fuss; Solicitor, James Pierson; Chief Tom Ryan

Minutes

Councilman Fleming, made a motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 29, 2017, Executive Session of August 29, 2017 and, Regular Meeting of September 12, 2017, seconded by Councilman Johnson. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councilman Swanson abstained from voting on both August 29th minutes.

Presentations and Discussions

Open to the Public for Agenda Items

Councilman Johnson made a motion to open the floor to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney. Motion approved. Seeing no one, Councilman Johnson made a motion to close the floor to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney. Motion approved.

Resolutions/Ordinances

Finance

ORDINANCE NO. 2270-17 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATER 197 "WATER" OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY - Councilman Swanson presented the above titled ordinance. Ms. Fuss read the title of the ordinance. Councilman Swanson made a motion to adopt on first reading, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion unanimously approved by a voice vote. Councilwoman Tierney asked why the Ordinance was being adopted by Title Only. Solicitor Pierson stated there is a wording correction that needs to be made.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-155 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WOODBURY AND THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER REGARDING THE WOODBURY MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE GRANT Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution, Ms. Fuss read the title of the resolution. Councilman Swanson made a motion to adopt Resolution #17-155, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-156 RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT TO KLINE CONSTRUCTION CO. INC. FOR THE FY 2017 WATER AND SANITARY SEWER PROJECT WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT – CHESTNUT AND CHERRY STREETS SANITARY SEWER ABANDONMENT – TATUM STREET Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution, Ms. Fuss read the title of the resolution. Councilman Swanson made a motion to adopt Resolution #17-156, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-160 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY CERTIFYING REVIEW OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BEST PRACTICES CHECK LIST Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution, Ms. Fuss read the title of the resolution. Councilman Swanson made a motion to adopt Resolution #17-160, seconded by Councilman McIlvaine. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote. Councilman Swanson thanked Mr. Law for all his efforts on completing this checklist.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-161 – RESOLUTION TO CANCEL BALANCES ON WATER/SEWER ACCOUNTS THAT THE CITY OF WOODBURY OWNS BY WAY OF FORECLOSURE Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution, Ms. Fuss read the title of the resolution. Councilman Swanson made a motion to adopt Resolution #17-161, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Vouchers

Councilman Swanson made a motion to pay the list of vouchers as presented and certified, with the exception of PO 17-02333, which was voided, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Economic Development

ORDINANCE NO. 2269-17 – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT BROAD STREET BACKLOT AKA BLOCK 75 LOT 27 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY (*First reading September 12, 2017, public hearing September 26, 2017*) Councilman McIlvaine presented the above-titled ordinance for final adoption. Ms. Fuss read the title of the ordinance. Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to open the floor to the public, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote. Councilman Swanson made a motion to close the floor to the public, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote. Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2269-17, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion approved by a unanimous roll call vote: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 3 (Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Reddin, Council President Parker)

RESOLUTION NO. 17-152 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE RECREATION & OPEN SPACE INVENTORY (ROSI) CERTIFICATION FOR THE GREEN ACRES GRANT PROJECT #0822-17-048

Councilman McIlvaine presented the above-titled resolution, Ms. Fuss read the title of the resolution. Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to adopt Resolution #17-152, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Safety

RESOLUTION NO. 17-153 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, Ms. Fuss read the title of the resolution. Councilman Swanson made a motion to adopt Resolution #17-153, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote. Councilman McIlvaine inquired how successful using on-line bidding was. Bob Law responded stating the outcome is much more successful on GovDeals than the Newspaper.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-154 – RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOSEPH BUONO AS THE 9-1-1 COORDINATOR FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution, Ms. Fuss read the title of the resolution. Councilman Swanson made a motion to adopt Resolution #17-155, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

President Pro-Tempore stated that the Public Safety Committee met last week to discuss a matter that has been brought to their attention concerning the Fire Department. They are also in the process of evaluating the quote received for cameras along Broad Street.

Public Works

RESOLUTION NO. 17-157 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN EMERGENCY REPAIR CONTRACT WITH HUNGERFORD AND TERRY, INC. FOR REPLACEMENT PROGRAMMER LOGIC CONTROLLER AND CONTROL PANEL REPLACEMENT Councilman McIlvaine presented the above-titled resolution, Ms. Fuss read the title of the resolution. City Solicitor, James Pierson advised that a request to include an additional \$2860 for the purchase of parts be added to the original resolution. Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to adopt Resolution #17-157 with amendment, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-158 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL CONTRACT FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING WITH HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (H-GAC) Councilman McIlvaine presented the above-titled resolution, Ms. Fuss read the title of the resolution. Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to adopt Resolution #17-158, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION #17-159 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A TRASH TRUCK THROUGH THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (H-GAC) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT Councilman McIlvaine presented the above-titled resolution, Ms. Fuss read the title of the resolution. Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to adopt Resolution #17-159, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote. Councilman Johnson inquired if the City would consider purchasing another type of track truck to accommodate picking up the school districts trash rather than them using a private contractor. Scott Carew advised that that would not be cost effective for the City to do at this time as the school only has one major pick-up location that would require a truck with a different design. Also, that truck would not be useable anywhere else in the city.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Johnson stated he has spoken with the county regarding the grant Ms. Holmes has previously inquired about regarding improvements to the parks.

Councilwoman Tierney advised she would share a report she received from Officer Pitzo regarding abandoned properties.

Councilman McIlvaine stated he would like to report on economic development. Council McIlvain stated that since the departure of Randi Woerner, he was concerned with the economic development status of the City. However, he is happy to report that Administrator, Scott Carew has been doing fantastic things for the City of Woodbury. Also, Councilman McIlvaine and Mr. Carew have been in contact with an organization from the Philadelphia Area who promotes smaller towns featuring the amenities the towns have to offer. The organization is called the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission or DVRPC and the program is called Classic Towns. They are scheduled make a presentation at the next Council meeting scheduled for October 10, 2017. Councilman McIlvaine stated he and Mr. Pierson have received the final contract for the Sta-Fit property. Councilman McIlvaine also thanked Mr. Carew for all his efforts. Mr. Carew then gave a brief description of DVRPC and the Classic Towns program. Councilman Swanson then thanked Councilman McIlvaine for continuing to work on the Classic Towns project.

Councilman Johnson advised that he attended an event at Eight and Sand hosted by FAF for all their volunteers who worked during the summer event. Councilman Johnson also thanked FAF for all the work and volunteering they do for the city.

Mayor Floyd thanked Councilman McIlvaine and Scott Carew for moving forward with all their endeavors they have put forward in the proposed redevelopment area. Mayor Floyd advised that South Jersey Biz magazine would like to do an article about Woodbury. Also, WORC received a grant for Main Street \$3,000 which the City matched with \$2,000 to use for planters along our Broad Street Corridor. Mayor Floyd stated there are two vacancies available on the Planning/Zoning Boards, if any one knows of someone who has an interest in serving this Board to contact her. The Mayor also commended the Woodbury Police Department for their handling of unfortunate fatalities that occurred in the City this week.

President Pro Temp Fleming advised he attended an engineering conference where the Light Rail was discussed. The DVRA has shown interest in getting this project physically started in the spring of 2018.

Clerk, Daneen Fuss advised that 13 individuals have advised they will be attending the League of Municipalities Conference in Atlantic City. She also advised she is looking into what the City usually does for Halloween curfews. The council stated trick-or-treating hours will be from 4:00 pm to 8:00pm. She is also discussed holding a meeting on the Municipal Equality Index and the city's plans to better improve the initial score.

Administrator Scott Carew stated that he submitted a written report. However he has more to add. Mr. Carew met with Chief Ryan today along with the YMCA and Municipal Alliance to discuss how we can better serve the community with possible a police presence, not for criminal reasons, but for a community outreach program. Also, possibly add a police substation in the YMCA. Mr. Carew also stated he met with individuals from Inspira and was told marketing and engineering studies will be completed by the end of October.

Police Chief Ryan stated he continues to work with John Leech on the abandoned property enforcement issues brought to their attention. Mr. Carew added Habitat for Humanity is interested in the property on S. Barber. Mr. Carew would like to partner with Habitat to clear the lot and build a new home. The Chief also advised that the Police Department is hosting a Blood Drive on October 3rd from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Central Baptist Church. Chief Ryan stated that this week they have responded to two vehicular accidents in North Woodbury; also a tragedy at 26 Hopkins Street regarding the death of a young woman. Investigations are still on-going with all three incidents and the detectives are working around the clock. The Prosecutors Office is handling the Hopkins Street death and they are responsible for the release of any public information they make available. Councilwoman O'Connor advised that many of the city's churches are holding a vigil at Aberdeen and Hopkins Street on Thursday evening. Chief Ryan stated anyone who has and information or concerns regarding the events of the past weekend, please feel free to reach out to the police station. Chief Ryan also advised he met with the YMCA and it was a great meeting. Chief Ryan is looking forward to new relationships. Councilman McIlvaine asked about the lack of walking police officers on Main Street. Chief Ryan stated there are two new officers who have just started back up with the Boots on the Streets initiative which promotes Officers to walk within all communities of the City. Councilman McIlvaine thanked Chief and all the officers for all their hard work. Ron Wilcocks 250 S. Barber – Mr. Wilcocks asked about property maintenance on S. Barber Ave. Paul Bunn 18 E. Packer Street stated Green Street is in Disarray.

Chief Financial Officer, Bob Law advised that our Annual Fall Parade on Saturday, October 7th has a great line-up along with 4 gold sponsors; Bowman and Co., Patient's First, Municipal Alliance and Kennedy Health Alliance. There will also be a race prior to the parade this year, and Main Street will be holding their Sidewalk Sale the same day in the afternoon hours. Mayor Floyd asked who lines up the vendors for on the street. She has concerns about vendors selling inappropriate items. Mr. Law said he will keep an eye out and any person selling inappropriate items will be removed.

Librarian, Michelle Yeager advised that there are many new programs at the Library including participation with Literacy NJ to work with adults with reading difficulties, Monday, Oct. 2nd LGBTQ form at 7:00 pm. Check the monthly calendar for more information.

Public for Non-Agenda Items – Councilman Johnson made a motion to open the floor to the public for non-agenda items, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney. Motion Approved.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place inquired if any information is available on his previous question regarding the Stewart Trust Fund. Mr. Carew stated he is still looking into it and has not been able to come up with anything definitive. Councilman McIlvaine suggested a title search be done on the property.

Lee Weatherby 303 W. Centre Street - shared the information he acquired from researching the property in question. Councilman McIlvaine suggested a title report be done on the property. Lee reported that the Annual Car Show went very well and is now working on a special event Veterans Day. Mr. Weatherby thanked Bob Law for all he has done over the years for the parade and for the City. In addition to being an asset to the City, he is a special friend; and would like to nominate him as Grand Marshal of the parade.

Gloria Holmes, 19 Nelson Avenue came forward to request if more can be done to Suiter-Baptiste Park for activities for the children. She also inquired about the street sweeper and it was still in operation. Mr. Carew advised it is in operation and to contact Rich Leidy for the night her street will be cleaned.

Mr. Weatherby returned to advised of a meeting to be held on Tuesday at 7:00 pm at the Library for the volunteers for the Parade.

Ron Wilcox, 255 S. Barber Avenue, came forward to thank everyone for their support at the basketball tournament this year; but he is asking in advance to see if they can get more sponsors for next years' event to help with the expenses. He inquired if any grant money for \$650,000 from the Stewart Park Grant could be used at Wing-Dickerson Park. Councilman Swanson advised that the City has used grant money to make improvements to all parks, and recently spend \$380,000.00 at Wing-Dickerson six years ago. Mr. Wilcox continued to express his concerns about the second ward and the lack of improvements that have not been made in the last several years. Councilman Johnson advised that although he no longer is Chairman of Parks and Recreation since they have been combined with Public Works, he personally still takes an interest in this area. He believes we have made improvements to all the parks throughout the City in the past two-four years, maybe not as quickly as he would like; but considering our limited resources we have made strides in all the parks throughout Woodbury.

Scott Carew, City Administrator, advised that he would be willing to meet with Mr. Wilcox to see firsthand his concerns; however he must realize that there has to be a plan, just putting money into an area replacing equipment is not the solution.

Councilman McIlvain suggested that one thing that does work, and that is to get the public and service organizations involved since we have limited funding to work with. As past president of the Rotary Club they adopted a park, being Rotary Park and have personally gone out with members of his organization and cleaned up the park themselves twice a year by planting trees,

painting, and general clean up. All of that was done by raising public funds. Councilman McIlvaine went on to say we all have to work together as a community and challenged Mr. Wilcox to spearhead this type of fund raiser and clean-up within the neighborhood.

***President Tracey Parker arrived at 8:35 pm**

Wanda McIlvaine, 456 Delaware Street and Realtor, who recently had an open-house on a Woodbury property spoke with a woman who lives in Sicklerville but comes to Woodbury to Bell Lake every day to meditate because of its beautiful park. Woodbury has many beautiful parks and tree lined streets and should do everything in our power to maintain them. She is involved with a group of realtors who meet and discuss what they can do to help make Woodbury more attractive for perspective buyers.

Paul Bunn, 18 E. Packard Ave. stated he knows what improvements Council has made to Wing-Dickerson Park with replacing equipment only to see it being destroyed and he thanked Council for standing firm. Councilman Johnson strongly objected to Mr. Bunn's remarks of destruction saying that the perception being projected by that community is not accurate. The people from that area are hardworking people who take pride in their neighborhood. Councilman Johnson stated grew up in the second ward and played in those parks and does not want that perception of the people that live there labeled as not caring about their neighborhood because that is not accurate.

Mayor Floyd advised that in her opinion possibly years ago things were different; but there have been many improvements to our parks in the last several years.

President Pro-Temp Fleming agreed with the positive remarks made by councilman McIlvaine stating that communities have to start taking an interest in helping when and where they can. He also interjected that often times kids from other areas come to our city parks and may contribute to equipment being vandalized.

Councilman Swanson made a motion to close the floor to the public, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved the motion was approved.

Adjournment – Councilman Johnson made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daneen D. Fuss