

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF
OCTOBER 25, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by President Trovato at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, New Jersey. Pres. Trovato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation Councilwoman Tierney delivered the Invocation.

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 and Mayor Volk

Absent: No One

Minutes

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Carter the minutes of October 11, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

Open to the Public for Agenda Items

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was open to the Public for Agenda Items Only. Hearing no one, on motion of Swanson seconded by Parker and unanimously approved the public hearing was closed.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

#16-146 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Certifying Review of the Local Government Best Practices Check List

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 a voice vote.

Vouchers

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

Councilman Swanson reported taxes collected for the month of September were \$457,753.91, which included \$112,425.45 that was for a municipal lien from the old Elks Lodge on Gantt Avenue. Water/Sewer collections were \$260,790.13.

Public Works Committee:

#16-147 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing Release of the Performance Guarantee and Accepting the Maintenance Bond of Gerald A. Barrett, LLC regarding the FY2015 Storm Sewer Improvement Project

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilwoman Parker advised she would be meeting with Rich Leidy to finalize the Leaf Collection Schedule.

Other Committee Reports

Economic Development – Councilwoman Floyd advised that the Creative Team met on October 19. Also, the 'WORC of Art' fundraiser at McArt was a great event. Main Street Woodbury Ghost Tour will be held on October 28, and Grand Opening of the Tiki Tiki Store will be on October 26th.

Parks & Recreation --Councilman Johnson reported that Tish Davis made an evaluation of each City park, the condition of the equipment, and recommendations for improvements needed. Signage was one thing he is recommending very strongly. He also spoke with Jacquelyn Knight about painting a mural at the Carpenter Street School. Next Committee meeting will be November 20.

Green Team -Councilwoman Tierney advised that October 29th will be Make a Difference Day. Events will include paper shredding, food and used clothing collection, plastic bags recycling, and volunteers will paint and assemble picnic tables for our parks. The event will be held at the Stewart Park. She also thanked Councilman Fleming who spoke at the 120th Anniversary of the Central Baptist Church representing Mayor and Council.

Report of the City Clerk – Roy Duffield reminded everyone that the next Council Meeting will be Monday November 7th and Election Day is November 8th.

Department Heads' Announcements

Administrator Mike Theokas reported the following;

1. there was a water main break at 200 N. Broad Street which caused damage to the parking lot there
2. Remington and Vernick will be speaking at our Nov. 7 Council Meeting regarding our Carbon Filter System for our water system;
3. He attended a County Emergency Management Meeting today in Clayton along with John Leech, Joe Buono, Mike McCaughey, Chief Tom Ryan and Lt. William Palese.
4. On December 7th at the West Deptford Municipal Building there will be ICS 402 training (basic Emergency Management Procedures) for all elected officials.
5. Our Shared Services agreement with West Deptford for Code Enforcement is nearing its first year completion. It is going well and permit revenues are better than expected;
6. Lastly, roadway construction will resume along Evergreen Avenue between Cooper and Barber Ave, so be wary of traffic congestion and detours.

Public Works Manager Rich Leidy advised that Leaf Collections will be starting up next week, beginning in the Third Ward. The schedule is available on our web site and signs will be posted in the neighborhoods.

Chief Financial Officer Bob Law announced that we will soon begin looking at our anticipated 2017 Budget. Current year budget transfers occur during November and December. Trophies were awarded before tonight's meeting to the Fall Parade winners in various categories; the meeting was well attended.

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 open to the Public for any Items.

Dave Root of 46 Russell Street came forward to complain that trash from neighboring properties blows and/or is thrown onto his yard. They have been picking up the trash for several years and are now tired of doing it. He thinks the City should have the White House building owners fence in their dumpster to resolve this problem. Mr. Root also stated he is having problems with juveniles from the neighborhood. Mr. Root made

some complaints about perceived discrimination and was unhappy with some of the response he had received up to this point. President Trovato stated he would talk to Chief Ryan regarding this problem first thing tomorrow morning and he also advised Mike Theokas to follow through with the same.

Philip Thistle of 23 Thornfield Circle, Sewell, property owner of 46 Russell Street also confirmed Mr. Root's issues with some neighbors and response by the Woodbury Police Department. In addition, he advised of a sewer backup he had at the property during recent heavy rainstorms. He called a plumber and was advised there was nothing from his end they could do to correct it. Councilman Fleming advised that it may be a foundation drain that is connected to the sanitary sewer and not the storm sewer. Mr. Theokas advised that he would look further into the situation and discuss it with our Public Works Manager to see if we can offer some solution.

Mary Carter of Main Street Woodbury stated Ghost Tours are October 28 and Trick or Treating on Broad St will be held on October 31 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm with many businesses participating. Also, Councilwoman Floyd advised that Tiki Tiki will be showing the movie 'Young Frankenstein' that evening.

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

There being no further business before Council, on motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD
City Clerk

Other Officials Present:

Administrator: Mike Theokas
City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield
City Engineer: Paul Breier
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner
Public Works Manager: Rich Leidy
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.