

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD
MARCH 27, 2018
AT 33 DELAWARE STREET, WOODBURY, NJ 08096**

The meeting of March 27, 2018 was called to order by Council President Parker at 7: 01 pm. City Clerk, Daneen Fuss, led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Reflection.

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 No 18-05 adopted at the 2018 Reorganizational Meeting of Mayor and Council on January 2, 2018.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Johnson, Councilman McIlvaine, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman O'Connor, Council President Parker, and Mayor Floyd, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Swanson

Absent: Councilwoman Tierney

Others Present: City Clerk, Daneen Fuss; Solicitor, James Pierson; Deputy Administrator, Robert Law; Paul Breier, City Engineer

Minutes

No minutes to be approved at this time.

Presentations and Discussions

Mayor Floyd presented a Proclamation to Lisa Maier-Leech for her outstanding years of service. Lisa Maier thanked the City Council, Rich Leidy and Michael McCaughey of Public Works. Ms. Maier then went on to introduce her husband, John Leech, as well as family and friends who came out to support her. Councilman Swanson presented Lisa with a plaque in her honor.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-74 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF IAN HAUSMAN AS PART-TIME CLASS I SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (SLEO I) FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY

Councilwoman O'Connor presented the above titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution. On motion of Councilwoman O'Connor, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Resolution No. 18-74 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Floyd gave the Oath of Office to Ian Hausman as SLEO I

Council President Parker called for a recess at 7:10 pm

Councilman Fleming arrived at 7:11 pm

Council President Parker called the meeting back to order at 7:17

Open to the Public for Agenda Items

Councilman Swanson made a motion to open the floor to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Seeing no one, Councilman Swanson made a motion to close the floor to the public, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Community Development

RESOLUTION NO. 18-72 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF NJDEP PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR CITY OF WOODBURY PLAYGROUND PROJECT 2017 GREEN ACRES PROJECT NO. 0822-17-048 Councilwoman Miller presented the above titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution. On motion of Councilwoman Miller, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Resolution No. 18-72 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO 18-73 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF NJDEP PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR CITY OF WOODBURY PEDESTRIAN PATH PROJECT 2014 GREEN ACRES PROJECT NO. 0822-14-011 Councilwoman Miller presented the above titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution. On motion of Councilwoman Miller, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Resolution No. 18-73 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-79 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR LAFAYETTE PARK AKA SUITER BAPTISTE PARK Councilwoman Miller presented the above titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution. On motion of Councilwoman Miller, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Resolution No. 18-79 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Johnson thanked the Council for having this resolution on the agenda. He also thanked Randi for applying for the grant and Bob Law.

Finance

ORDINANCE 2282-18 ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR OF 2018 (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) Councilman Fleming presented the above titled Ordinance. The City Clerk read the title of the Ordinance. On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Ordinance No. 2282-18 was adopted at first reading by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Fleming went on to clarify that this ordinance gives the City the option to exceed the appropriation limits. However, the City is not exceeding them as of now.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-75 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING A \$25.00 CHARGE FOR TAX SALE MAILINGS IN LIEU OF ADVERTISING Councilman Fleming presented the above titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution. On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Swanson, Resolution No. 18-75 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-76 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF A WATER OVERPAYMENT ACCOUNT # 13960-0 PICKENS 141 PROGRESS AVE Councilman Fleming presented the above titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution. On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Swanson, Resolution No. 18-76 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-78 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2018 Councilman Fleming presented the above titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution. On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Swanson, Resolution No. 18-78 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote. Councilman Fleming stated this is not an emergency but the way the this type of resolution must be worded.

Vouchers

Councilman Fleming made a motion to adopt the vouchers as presented and certified seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Fleming stated the finance committee will be meeting tomorrow for a review of the budget. He stated the committee is looking to introduce the budget at the next meeting. He also stated they are working on a carbon filtration system for the water plant. Plans are ready to send to the NJDEP. The city is hoping to have the project out to bid in the next few months.

Policy

ORDINANCE NO. 2281-18 ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AMENDING CHAPTER 23. HEALTH, BOARD OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY Councilman Johnson presented the above titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution. On motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman O'Connor, Ordinance No. 2281-18 was adopted on first reading by a voice vote. Councilman Swanson abstained.

Councilman Johnson asked for clarification of the changes. Solicitor Pierson went on to explain the changes; such as the City Council members will be the Board of Health Members.

Councilman Johnson stated the policy board met today. Employee evaluations have not been completed since 2016 and he would like to have them done regularly. Also, the committee is looking into the evaluation of the Administrator as well. Councilman Johnson stated he would like to have the City employees complete a survey. The Policy Committee will also be looking into getting a time clock to ensure that employees are arriving on time. Councilman Johnson stated he and Ms. Fuss will be looking into more Sexual Harassment training for employees.

Public Safety

RESOLUTION NO. 18-77 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY MEMORIALIZING MAYORAL APPROVALS AND PROMULGATION OF REVISED WOODBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS AND CITY COUNCIL'S CONCURRENCE Councilwoman O'Connor presented the above titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution. On motion of Councilwoman O'Connor, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Resolution No. 18-77 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

Reports:

Councilman Swanson stated the Emergency Operations Center was activated on the 22nd. Individuals present included Councilman Swanson, John Leech, and Randall Gartner.

Property Maintenance Councilman Swanson stated there may be new ordinances on the agenda soon. Mayor Floyd asked about the county system being shut down. Council Swanson replied stating the problem was temporary and has been resolved

Public Safety – Councilwoman O'Connor thanked Chief Ryan for being so accepting of the changes that have been made to the Rules and Regulations.

Parks & Recreation - Councilwoman Carter stated they will be meeting April 5th. There is also a new Woodbury Basketball League president. Councilwoman Carter stated there will be a proclamation coming soon for the basketball state champions.

Community Development – Councilwoman Miller stated she attended the Gloucester County Mayor's Association meeting with Mayor Floyd to discuss the underfunding of schools across the state.

Economic Development – Councilman McIlvaine gave a brief update on the open projects around the city. He stated 115 S. Broad has received their certification for the removal of Asbestos. The purchase of 25-29 W. Center Street is underway and Councilman McIlvaine is hoping for the City to have ownership mid-May. The Christy property will be going to Planning Board in April for a subdivision. Councilman McIlvaine also stated the Committee is looking into options to rehabilitate the old Police Station and is looking forward to discussions regarding possible uses of the property.

Report of the Mayor

Mayor Floyd – stated Geek Fest is taking place this weekend. Tire Amnesty is also this month, contact the Gloucester County Solid Waste Complex for more information. Eight and Sand Brewery was ranked # 8 for best brewery in the nation. Mayor Floyd also thanked Officer Boucher for reviewing and proofing the Rules and Regulations approved this evening. She also wanted to thank the Fire, Public Works, Police, and Emergency Management Departments for all of their hard work relating to the recent snow storms. Mayor Floyd stated the schools in Gloucester County are underfunded and the Gloucester County Mayor's Association is looking to have all of the Mayors in Gloucester County pass a resolution to evaluate and level school funding.

Report of the City Clerk – Ms. Fuss had no report at this time.

Department Announcements

Police – Chief Thomas Ryan stated the Community Policing location at the YMCA will be opening in April. Mellissa O'Neill Walczak of the YMCA spoke briefly on the partnership with the Police Department and invited the City Council to come tour the grounds. Ms. O'Neill Walczak stated there are plans to rejuvenate the property.

Chief Ryan thanked City Council for swearing in the new SLEO. Councilman Johnson thanked the Chief for attending the Active shooter training held recently.

Public Works – Michael McCaughey thanked Lisa Maier for all of her hard work and dedication to the City and the Public Works Department.

Library – Michelle Yeager thanked the Public Works Department for help with snow removal on the roof of the building that may have caused some leakage. Ms. Yeager announced the library staff has been trained through the Career Connection Center Grant in the amount of \$3,000. The library will also be holding an art exhibit on the effect of literature on children. She went on to say the library is extending the ‘Call to Artists’ to May 18th.

Open to the Public

Councilman Johnson made a motion to open the floor to the public for non-agenda items, seconded by Councilwoman Miller. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

John Delco 605 Delaware St. – Looking to see if there is anything the City Council needs in regards to the Musical Playground. Councilman McIlvaine asked how much sound would be produced from this equipment and if it will remain uncovered all night. Mr. Delco stated the information on noise was sent via e-mail and will not be very loud. He also stated that the equipment will be uncovered year round. Robert Law stated signage could be placed near the equipment to enlist a curfew. Councilwoman O’Connor asked where the idea of sound come from instead of something physically active. Also, does FAF believe this will be a good idea in the location that is being proposed? Councilman Johnson asked what the grant covers. Mr. Delco stated the grant covers the price of the equipment, as well as, set-up- removal and relocation. Councilman Johnson expressed his agreement to moving forward with this project. Councilman Fleming asked how the equipment is attached to the ground. Mr. Delco replied stating they are bolted to the ground. Councilman Fleming asked how it going to be winterized and asked if the location will be a good location or would it be more of a target once Lot 323 is seasoned out.

Councilman Swanson made a motion to approve the signature of the letter Councilman Fleming seconded.

Name inaudible, 32 Rugby Place – Stated he is very supported of the Resolution to be proposed to equalize school funding. He also asked about the Carbon filters that will be installed. James Pierson stated the City is waiting for the DEP to complete a their report.

Jacklin Robinson of Greene St. – Representing North Baptist Church. At last week’s meeting of the Human Right’s Commission she was content with both sides of the argument to remove the invocation. However, she is now uncomfortable with the idea since the newspaper article had come out. She said it seems as though the city is favoring a certain organization over this issue. She also stated she is upset and is looking for guidance, adding she will always do what is right for her when it comes to prayer. Mayor Floyd noted the article Ms. Robinson is referencing was written by a member of North Baptist Church. Mayor Floyd also went on to say the community met as a community to discuss what was best for the City as a whole. Ms. Robinson stated as long as there is no favoritism then she is content. Councilman Swanson asked Ms. Robinson asked if she prayed during the moment of Reflection. To which she replied yes. Councilman Swanson then asked if that was any different than the last meeting. Ms. Robinson stated she was not lead into the prayer by anyone but she still prayed. Councilman McIlvaine stated he supports Mayor Floyd and Council President Parker. He stated he is a catholic and he will hold his moment of prayer all the same. Councilwoman O’Connor stated the challenge was how it was presented. The newspaper made it sound as though the council had advanced notice of the change. Councilman Johnson stated he understands the removal of the invocation he only wishes there was more time for a discussion.

Chaplin Cuff – Asked that the City Council not forget the Fire Department and their needs. Also, he stated would like to apologize as his comments may have been taken the wrong way at the Human Rights Commission meeting. He also stated he got loud with a girl and would like to apologize to her as well.

Councilman Swanson made a motion to close the floor, seconded by Councilwoman Fleming. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Swanson. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANEEN D. FUSS, City Clerk