

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
January 22, 2014**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Councilman Elliot Beinfest called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Rick DePamphilis; Councilman Elliot Beinfest; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Ralph Paolone; and Councilman Tim Tighe.

Absent: Councilman Darren Matik.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, City Solicitor; Steve Mazur, Dixon Associates; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2013 Regular meeting and the January 4, 2014 Reorganization Meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

41-2014 A Resolution accepting the resignation of Donna M. Taylor

The Clerk read Resolution No. 41 of 2014 by title only. Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolution No. 41. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion approved.

42-2014 A Resolution honoring Donna M. Taylor

The Clerk read Resolution No. 42 of 2014 by title only. Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilman Tighe, to approve Resolution No. 42. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion approved. The Mayor and each member of City Council thanked Donna Taylor for her years of service to the City and congratulated her on her appointment to the position of Superior Court Judge. She was an asset to the City, a great leader to City Council, and will be missed.

SWEARING IN

The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Chief Chick Kisby and Assistant Chief Martin Walley of the Linwood Volunteer Fire Department. The Mayor and each member of City Council congratulated and thanked Chief Kisby and Assistant Chief Walley.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Councilman Beinfest opened the floor for nominations for Council President. Councilman Paolone motioned to nominate Tim Tighe. Councilman Gordon seconded the motion. Councilman Beinfest called for any other nominations. Hearing none, nominations were closed by motion from Councilwoman DeDomenicis and a second from Councilman Paolone. Councilman Beinfest called for a voice vote to close the floor for nominations. All present members of Council were in favor to close the floor for nominations. Councilman Beinfest called for a voice vote for Tim Tighe to Council President. All present members of Council were in favor. The nomination of Tim Tighe for the position of Council President was approved. Superior Court Judge Donna Taylor administered the oath of office to Tim Tighe as Council President.

ORDINANCES

- 1 OF 2014** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND ESTABLISHING SALARIES, COMPENSATION AND SALARY RANGES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 1 of 2014 by title only. Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Ordinance No. 1 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative and Councilman Matik absent. Motion was approved.

- 2 OF 2014** AN ORDINANCE GRANTING RENEWED CONSENT AND PERMISSION TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY TO USE THE PUBLIC STREETS TO FURNISH GAS FOR LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER IN THE CITY OF LINWOOD.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 2 of 2014 by title only. Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Ordinance No. 2 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with four in the affirmative, one abstention from Councilman Gordon, and Councilman Matik absent. Motion was approved.

- 3 OF 2014** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE POPLAR AVENUE SCHOOL, WITHIN THE CITY OF LINWOOD FROM THE LINWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 3 of 2014 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest to approve Ordinance No. 3 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative and Councilman Matik absent. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under item, **Consent** Agenda, are considered to be routine by City Council, and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. Any items requiring expenditure are supported by a Certification of Availability of Funds and any item requiring discussion will be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed separately. All Consent Agenda items will be reflected in full in the minutes.

- 37-2014** A Resolution to rescind Resolution No. 22 of 2014 pertaining to a Contract for the Demolition, Removal, and Final Cleaning Up of 23 Elm Avenue in the City of Linwood
- 38-2014** A Resolution authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Linwood and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority with regard to the 2012 and 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
- 39-2014** A Resolution confirming the Mayoral reappointments of Lynn Gibson and Richard Sless to the Linwood Board of Education
- 40-2014** A Resolution of support from the City of Linwood Common Council authorizing the Sustainable Jersey Grant Application

Council President Tighe asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolutions No. 37-40 of 2014. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$2,439,556.05

Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Paolone, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative and Councilman Matik absent. Motion was approved. (The bill list is attached as Exhibit A)

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Council President Tighe opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic.

Sergeant Jason Weber – Linwood Police Department

Sergeant Weber attended the meeting tonight for Donna Taylor and congratulated her on her appointment to the position of Superior Court Judge. During PBA negotiations, he spent a lot of time speaking with Mrs. Taylor. She was an asset to City Council. He appreciates all the time she spent on the negotiations. He wished her luck in her new position.

Seeing and hearing no other members from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Tighe closed the floor.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor DePamphilis – The Mayor congratulated Chief Kisby, noting how the Fire Company has been very community oriented by participating in Linwood’s community events. The Mayor thanked Donna Taylor noting that she made his job easier. He will miss her.

Councilman Beinfest – Councilman Beinfest congratulated Councilman Tighe on being elected President.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis congratulated Chief Kisby. She also informed Donna Taylor that she would miss her and congratulated Councilman Tighe on being elected President.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon thanked and congratulated Chief Kisby and Assistant Chief Walley. He wished Donna Taylor good luck and congratulated Councilman Tighe on his election to President.

Councilman Paolone – Councilman Paolone congratulated Chief Kisby and Judge Taylor. He is happy that Sergeant Weber attended tonight’s meeting. The PBA negotiations were adversary, but when it’s all said and done, everyone recognized that they are all on the same team. He thanked Sergeant Weber for attending the meeting.

Council President Tighe – Council President Tighe mirrored Councilman Paolone’s sentiments with regard to Sergeant Weber. It is nice that he attended the meeting and agreed that everyone is on the same team. Council President Tighe thanked and congratulated Chief Kisby and also thanked Donna Taylor for her years of service to the City.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to adjourn at 7:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk