

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
February 10, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:08 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act and reiterated his statement from Caucus Meeting that in light of the Governor's issuance of Executive Order 107, tonight's City Council meeting is being live streamed through Zoom. Instructions on how to attend the meeting via Zoom are posted on the City's website.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford (via live stream); Councilman Todd Gordon (via live stream); Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Matt Levinson (via live stream); and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2021 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

2 OF 2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 212 RENTAL PROPERTY, SECTION 6 FEES, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 2 of 2021 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to approve Ordinance No. 2 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

3 OF 2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 273 RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS, SECTION 5 STANDARDS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 3 of 2021 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve Ordinance No. 3 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

4 OF 2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 41 LAND USE PROCEDURES, ARTICLE I, PLANNING BOARD OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 4 of 2021 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Ordinance No. 4 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. 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.

40-2021 A Resolution authorizing the refund of a tax overpayment of the 2021 1st Quarter tax payment for Block 31, Lot 10 located at 103 E. Dawn Drive in the City of Linwood

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 41-2021** A Resolution authorizing the refund of a tax overpayment made by Wells Fargo Home Mortgage
- 42-2021** A Resolution approving the certification of qualified volunteers for LOSAP
- 43-2021** A Resolution authorizing the refund of unused escrow funds posted with regard to a dumpster permit
- 44-2021** A Resolution accepting the resignation of Brian Heun
- 45-2021** A Resolution authorizing disposal of surplus property on GovDeals

Council President Paolone removed Resolution No. 44, 2021. Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any other items from consent. None were removed. Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to approve Resolutions No. 40-43, 45 of 2021. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

The Clerk read Resolution No. 44, 2021 by title only. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve Resolution No. 44. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and one abstention by Councilman Heun. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,586,148.88

Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved. (The bill list is attached as Exhibit A)

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

Junetta Dix, 213 E. Seaview Avenue, Linwood

Mrs. Dix thanked Councilman Heun for all his service to the community. She wished him well.

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

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Matik – The Mayor noted what a pleasure it was to have Brian Heun on City Council. He will surely be missed. There are huge time constraints being on Council and Brian certainly put in a lot of time for the City and its residents. He wished him luck in his future endeavors.

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes thanked Brian Heun for his service, for always answering her calls, his advice, and support. He will surely be missed. She wished him and his family the best.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis noted that she has known Brian Heun for a long time and worked with him for many years. He was always a good source and partner. Linwood is sorry to see him go and wished him the best of luck in his new adventures.

Councilman Ford – Councilman Ford echoed the comments of his fellow colleagues. He enjoyed working with Councilman Heun and is sad to see him go. He wished him the best. Councilman Ford hopes that the Linwood Board of Education guides our schools accordingly. He is looking forward to the children getting back to normalcy.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon thanked Brian Heun for his services. He has been a good friend and colleague. Council has all benefitted from Brian's skillset and practical approach. He always had the City's best interest in mind. He wishes him well and is sad to see him go. The City has certainly benefitted from Brian's hard work.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson echoed everyone words to Brian Heun. He considers him a friend and great colleague. He is always able to get things done. Councilman Levinson also echoed the comments of Councilman Ford with regard to the Linwood schools and getting the kids back to school in a safe manner. He hopes the School Board makes a good decision.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL (continued)

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun thanked everyone for their comments. He has been on Council for about seven years. It will be strange to not be on Council and not living in Linwood as he is a long time resident. He just had the right opportunity at the right time. He will not be a stranger as his law office will remain in Linwood. He is always available to help. It has been challenging, but very rewarding. Sometimes thankless, but he enjoyed it. He thanked Mrs. Napoli as she made his job so much easier. He also thanked the members of the Police Department, Public Works, and City Hall employees for all they have done.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone echoed everyone’s comments with regard to Brian Heun. As he reviewed the 2021 Council committee list, he realized all the spots he needs to fill with Brian leaving. Brian currently Chairs the Public Safety Committee and is a member of the Planning, Engineering, and Development Committee, Administration Committee, and Shared Services Sub Committee. Not only are there big shoes to fill, but a lot of shoes. It is all very time consuming. Brian did an excellent job with his heart in the right place. He served with great distinction. Linwood’s loss is Galloway’s gain.

RESOLUTIONS

46-2021 A Resolution closing the meeting of February 10, 2021 for the purpose of discussing anticipated litigation

The Clerk read Resolution No. 46 of 2021 by title only. Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve Resolution No. 46. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. At 6:26 P.M., the meeting was closed to the public. The meeting was re-opened at 7:23 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to adjourn at 7:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk