

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
February 12, 2014**

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Councilman Todd Gordon led the flag salute.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Tim Tighe called the meeting to order at 7:22 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilman Elliot Beinfest; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Darren Matik; Councilman Ralph Paolone; and Councilman Tim Tighe.

Absent: Mayor Rick DePamphilis.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING**

Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2014 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Council President Tighe announced that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11, the Linwood Republican Committee submitted a list of three candidates to City Council for consideration to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Donna M. Taylor. Council President Tighe opened the floor for nominations of those three candidates. Councilman Gordon nominated Brian Heun. With no other nominations heard, Council President Tighe closed the floor for nominations.

**47-2014** A Resolution to fill the Vacancy on Linwood City Council created by the resignation of Donna M. Taylor

The Clerk read Resolution No. 47 of 2014 by title only appointing Brian Heun to fill the vacancy on Linwood City Council. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Paolone, to approve Resolution No. 47. A roll call vote was heard with five members in the affirmative and one abstention by Councilman Matik. Motion approved. Freeholder Alexander C. Marino administered the Oath of Office to Brian Heun.

**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 Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Paolone to approve Ordinance No. 1 for final reading. Council President Tighe opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 1. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Tighe closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and one abstention by Councilman Heun. 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. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik to approve Ordinance No. 2 for final reading. Council President Tighe opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 2. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Tighe closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and one abstention by Councilman Heun. 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. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest to approve Ordinance No. 3 for final reading. Council President Tighe opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 3. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Tighe closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and one abstention by Councilman Heun. Motion was approved.

**4 OF 2014** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TRAFFIC CONTROL STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND ROAD REPAIRS IN THE CITY OF LINWOOD

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 4 of 2014 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve Ordinance No. 4 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and one abstention by Councilman Heun. 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.

- 43-2014** A Resolution calling upon the New Jersey Legislature to promote equality and true transparency in Government by amending provisions of the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. as to remove the exemptions that apply to members of the New Jersey Legislature
- 44-2014** A Resolution closing the meeting of February 12, 2014 (APPROVED IN CAUCUS MEETING)
- 45-2014** A Resolution authorizing submission of a Grant Extension for the Linwood Municipal Alliance Grant
- 46-2014** A Resolution awarding the Contract to AE Landscaping for Lawn Treatment Services of City owned properties for the City of Linwood
- 48-2014** A Resolution rejecting all proposals received for Municipal Engineer by the City of Linwood and authorizing the re-advertisement for proposals
- 49-2014** A Resolution setting forth the procedure for calculation of hourly rates for policeman receiving overtime in the City of Linwood
- 50-2014** A Resolution authorizing the refund of a 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2014 Property Tax payment that was made in error for Block 148.01, Lot 6, located at 3 Fischer Road, in the City of Linwood

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 Councilman Gordon, to approve Resolutions No. 43-46, 48-50 of 2014. All members of Council were in favor with one abstention by Councilman Heun. Motion was approved.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,736,027.91**

Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and one abstention by Councilman Heun. 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.

Stayros Zambetoglou, 726 Brighton Drive, Linwood

Mr. Zambetoglou discussed a meeting he had with a representative of Vital Communications regarding the property tax revaluation. He questioned the process and laws of tax assessment. Mr. Youngblood advised that the laws are governed by State Statute and explained the process to Mr. Zambetoglou.

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**

Councilman Beinfest – Councilman Beinfest welcomed Brian Heun to Council noting he is a very capable individual.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis also welcomed Brian Heun to Council noting that she is looking forward to working with him. She advised that Mr. Kolakowski is not in attendance tonight due to the anticipated storm. He is monitoring the situation.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon congratulated and welcomed Brian Heun to Council noting that he is looking forward to working with him.

Councilman Paolone – Councilman Paolone echoed the statements of Council with regard to Brian Heun. Councilman Paolone has known him for almost twenty years and believes he will do a wonderful job on Council. Councilman Paolone shares some concerns of Mr. Zambetoglou with regard to the tax re-assessment. Property owners will not know how much they have to pay until the tax rate is struck. Nobody wants to pay more in taxes. He confirmed that the process is mandated by the State.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik welcomed Brian Heun to Council noting that he will do a fantastic job. He advised that City Council has been tremendously vigilant in keeping the City budget stable.

Council President Tighe – Council President Tighe welcomed Brian Heun to Council.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to adjourn at 7:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk