

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
April 27, 2016**

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Councilman Todd Gordon led the flag salute.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis called the meeting to order at 6:34 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; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Darren Matik; and Councilman Ralph Paolone.  
Absent: Councilman Elliot Beinfest; and Council President Tim Tighe.  
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 Heun motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2016 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**81-2016** A Resolution honoring Charles E. Kisby, III

The Clerk read Resolution No. 81 of 2016 by title only. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Paolone to approve Resolution No. 81. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. Councilwoman DeDomenicis advised that this Resolution will be presented at the May 11 Council meeting.

**82-2016** A Resolution honoring Wayne D. Dilks

The Clerk read Resolution No. 82 of 2016 by title only. Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilman Paolone to approve Resolution No. 82. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. Councilman Heun read and presented the Resolution to Wayne D. Dilks. The Mayor and each member of Council thanked and congratulated Mr. Dilks for his years of service.

**71-2016** A Resolution authorizing the use of the average percentage of collection in calculating the reserve for uncollected taxes in the 2016 Local Municipal Budget

The Clerk read Resolution No. 71 of 2016 by title only. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun to approve Resolution No. 71. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative and Councilman Beinfest and Council President Tighe absent. Motion was approved.

**83-2016** A Resolution introducing the 2016 Municipal Budget

The Clerk read Resolution No. 83 of 2016 by title only. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve Resolution No. 83. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative and Councilman Beinfest and Council President Tighe absent. Motion was approved. Councilman Paolone presented a Power Point presentation on the 2016 budget. (The presentation is attached as Exhibit B)

**ORDINANCES**

**3 OF 2016** 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. 3 of 2016 by title only. Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve Ordinance No. 3 for final reading. Councilwoman DeDomenicis opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 3. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Councilwoman DeDomenicis closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative and Councilman Beinfest and Council President Tighe absent. Motion was approved.

**4 OF 2016 AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 4 of 2016 by title only. Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik to approve Ordinance No. 4 for final reading. Councilwoman DeDomenicis opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 4. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Councilwoman DeDomenicis closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative and Councilman Beinfest and Council President Tighe 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.

- 78-2016** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2016-07, to Our Lady of Sorrows Church
- 79-2016** A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to release the surety funds with regard to Block 176 Lots 6, 7, & 8, Central Methodist Church, in the City of Linwood
- 80-2016** A Resolution authorizing the cancellation of the balance of a municipal lien for Block 107 Lot 13, 23 Elm Avenue, in the City of Linwood

Councilwoman DeDomenicis asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun, to approve Resolutions No. 78-80 of 2016. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$2,334,913.31**

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

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Councilwoman DeDomenicis opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic. Seeing and hearing no members from the public wishing to be heard, Councilwoman DeDomenicis closed the floor.

**FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Mayor DePamphilis – The Mayor thanked Mr. Dilks for his years of service. He thanked Councilman Paolone and his committee for their hard work on the budget. He appreciates all their hard work and he hopes the residents do as well.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun thanked Councilmen Paolone, Matik, and Beinfest for their work on the budget. He understands this is an extremely difficult year. He thanked all the department heads for working so hard on their budgets and he applauds the work done by the committee.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik does not know how the appeals will work out, but it will be impactful to next year's budget. The Shared Services Committee is looking for more ways to save money. He believes that the state school funding formula really hurts Linwood. He would really like to see some changes in the legislation. He would also hope the law changes so municipalities can get the energy receipt taxes back. It would provide tax relief. Councilman Matik thanked Mr. Dilks for his years of service.

Councilman Paolone – Councilman Paolone agrees with Councilman Matik that the school funding formula is broken. He too hopes for changes in the legislation. Councilman Paolone discussed the idea of changing the form of government in Linwood that was suggested by former Mayor Paul D’Amato. Councilman Paolone met with Mr. D’Amato and did research on the Commission form of government. He also spoke to a former Commissioner of Margate who indicated that the Commission form of government was not effective and didn’t work well. Councilman Paolone read from a report prepared by a group in Tennessee that studied the Commission form and revealed many inefficiencies. Council Paolone believes City Council has always worked well and he is proud of the people serving. He believes the Commission form will be more expensive. He urges people to research the Commission form on their own and believes they will see that Linwood has it right.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon congratulated Mr. Dilks for his years of service. He indicated that not many municipalities have a Commission form of government. He agrees with Councilman Paolone that good governance is the goal in Linwood. There are different ways to cut the budget, but also want to maintain the level of services. They are looking for as good or better. It is a goal to share services. Linwood will make it through the difficult time. The schools have done a great job and they will continue to demand the best. There is potential growth in Linwood. The empty lot on Route 9 is now under the beginning stages of development. The Cornerstone Commerce Center has plans for development. City Council is also looking at opportunities with the second liquor license. Council will continue to work toward improvements.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis advised that the message is positive in Linwood. The schools are very successful. The ongoing and future developments will bring in more ratables. The City continued to look for more shared services. She thanked Mr. Kolakowski on his efforts with the budget for Public Works and all they do in the City. Councilman Paolone and his committee did a great job on the budget. This was a very challenging year. She also congratulated Mr. Dilks for his years of service.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to adjourn at 7:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk