

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
May 11, 2016**

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Councilman Ralph Paolone led the flag salute.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Councilman Elliot Beinfest called the meeting to order at 6:25 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 Brian Heun; Councilman Darren Matik; and Councilman 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 Heun motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2016 Regular meeting without formal reading. All 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 Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Resolution No. 81. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. Councilman Matik read and presented the Resolution to Mr. Kisby. The Mayor and each member of City Council thanked and congratulated Mr. Kisby for serving over fifty years as a volunteer firefighter.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**87-2016** A Resolution accepting the resignation of Timothy W. Tighe

The Clerk read Resolution No. 87 of 2016 by title only. Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik to approve Resolution No. 87. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

**Election of Council President**

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

**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.

**84-2016** A Resolution supporting participation in the Multi-Jurisdictional Program for public information to meet the goals of the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System

**RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)**

- 85-2016** A Resolution authorizing additional funds for a Non-Competitive Contract for Professional Services to Archer & Greiner, P.C. for legal services with regard to the Redevelopment at the Cornerstone Commerce Center
- 86-2016** A Resolution amending Resolution No. 79, 2016 authorizing the release of Engineering Escrow Fees with regard to Block 176 Lots 6, 7, & 8 (Central United Methodist Church) in the City of Linwood

Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to approve Resolutions No. 84-86 of 2016. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,930,909.36**

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with six 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. Seeing and hearing no members from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Paolone closed the floor.

**FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Mayor DePamphilis – The Mayor congratulated Mr. Kisby. He also congratulated Councilman Paolone as Council President. He is sure he will do an excellent job. The Mayor will miss working with Councilman Tighe as he always did a great job.

Councilman Beinfest – Councilman Beinfest indicated that Tim Tighe served the City over twenty years between his time as a member of the Planning Board and member of City Council. He did a lot of work for the City. Councilman Beinfest congratulated Mr. Kisby. He announced that the Historical Society is holding an antique appraisal event on Monday, May 23 at 7:00 at the Masonic Lodge.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis was sad to receive Tim Tighe's resignation from Council. Many residents put in a lot of hard work volunteering in the City, which helps to improve the quality of life in Linwood. Mr. Tighe was a very dedicated volunteer for many years. He did a great job on Council. She thanked Mr. Paolone for stepping up and for his continued leadership. She also congratulated Chick Kisby. She announced that the flags on Shore Road will be up before Memorial Day.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon congratulated Mr. Kisby. He is grateful for Tim Tighe's leadership and sense of humor. He wished Council President Paolone good luck.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik thanked Mr. Kisby and wished Council President Paolone good luck. Councilman Matik discussed costs that are out of Council's control such as the payment on tonight's bill list for retired employees' health benefits in the amount of \$47,562.80. He noted that the payment is only for the month of May.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun thanked Mr. Kisby for his years of service. He also thanked Mr. Kolakowski for the Public Work's luncheon celebrating four years without a loss time injury. Councilman Heun helped Tim Tighe on his first campaign to City Council. He noted that Mr. Tighe was very dedicated and that he will miss him. He also thanked Council President Paolone for his leadership.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone thanked Mr. Kisby indicating that it was always a pleasure working with him. He also thanked Mr. Tighe, noting that Mr. Tighe has a great work ethic and he wishes him luck in the future. Council President Paolone thanked Judge Taylor for administering the oath of office. He also thanked his wife and son for attending tonight's meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**88-2016**

A Resolution closing the meeting of May 11, 2016 for the purpose of discussing PBA negotiations

The Clerk read Resolution No. 88 of 2016 by title only. Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Resolution No. 88. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. The meeting was closed at 6:44 p.m. The regular meeting was reconvened at 7:22 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to adjourn at 7:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk