

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL**  
**CAUCUS MINUTES**  
**August 14, 2013**

Council President Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Rick DePamphilis; Councilman Elliot Beinfest; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Darren Matik; Councilman Ralph Paolone; Councilman Tim Tighe, and Council President Donna Taylor.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, City Solicitor; Steve Mazur, Dixon Associates; Hank Kolakowski, Superintendent of Public Works; Robert James, Chief of Police; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2013 Caucus meeting, without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing a Contract for the purchase of one infrared machine. Councilman Gordon indicated that only one bid was received and asked Mr. Kolakowski if the specifications put together were something all vendors could bid on. Mr. Kolakowski responded in the affirmative.

4. Councilman Gordon

A. Engineering

1. Councilman Gordon advised of a Resolution authorizing the advertisement for bids for General Repairs and Construction of Sanitary Sewer Facilities. The current contract has expired.
2. Councilman Gordon discussed a Resolution requesting the DOT to combine 2012 & 2013 Municipal Aid Grants and extend time to award for construction. A six month extension was requested. Construction is expected to commence in the Spring.

5. Councilman Matik

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Matik advised of the final reading on the Ordinance regulating the removal of hazardous trees.
2. The Ordinance regulating towing operators is on the agenda for final reading.

B. Councilman Matik discussed an Ordinance on the agenda establishing an energy aggregation program. This will allow the City to go to reverse auction to get a rate for electricity. If the City does not like the rate, they do not have to move forward. John Dunn from Commercial Utility Consultants, Inc., the company that will represent the City, advised that Linwood will be joining the City of Margate and hopefully a few others in a cooperative purchasing agreement. That agreement must first be approved by the State before they go out to bid.

6. Councilman Paolone

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Paolone advised of a Resolution on the agenda canceling and refunding property taxes for Block 150, Lot 2, 550 Central Ave., H-4. The owner is a permanently disabled veteran and received exempt property tax status.

2. Councilman Paolone discussed the Resolutions on the agenda refunding taxes due to overpayments for Block 13, Lot 12 (10 W. Garfield Ave), Block 109, Lot 8 (10 W. Laurel Ave), Block 25, lot 16.01 (221 W. Forest Dr, and Block 16.03, Lot 19 (5 E. Berkley St).
  
7. Councilman Tighe
  - A. Planning & Development
    1. Councilman Tighe advised of the final reading on the Ordinance amending the City Code for Uniform Construction Code Fees.
    2. Councilman Tighe discussed a Resolution on the agenda awarding a Contract to American Demolition for the demolition of a structure at 110 E. Balfour Avenue.
    3. Councilman Tighe advised of a Resolution on the agenda releasing unused Planning Board Application Fees with regard to Block 161, Lot 1 (Crown Bank).
  
8. Mr. Youngblood
  - A. Mr. Youngblood advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing execution of a Settlement Agreement on behalf of the City with Mainland PBA Local No. 77 (Linwood Rank & File) with regard to a filed Grievance over education credits. The matter has been resolved.

At 6:16 P.M., Council President Taylor called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk