

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
October 27, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Ralph Paolone 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.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Matt Levinson led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Todd Michael; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Councilman Todd Gordon.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2021 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

19 OF 2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 212 RENTAL PROPERTY, SECTION 212-6, FEES, AND SECTION 212-7, UNSATISFACTORY INSPECTION, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 19 of 2021 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Ordinance No. 19 for final reading. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 19. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Paolone closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Gordon 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.

173-2021 A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to enter into a Contract with Atlantic Salt, Inc. through the Atlantic County Cooperative Purchasing Program

174-2021 A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to release the Maintenance Guarantee with regard to Block 6 Lot 24 (2110 New Road) in the City of Linwood

175-2021 A Resolution awarding the Contract to Charles Marandino LLC for the Linwood Library Parking Lot Resurfacing, Contract No. 36

Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolutions No. 173-175 of 2021. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$2,612,396.69

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Gordon absent. 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.

Kathleen Spaeth, 108 Country Club Drive, Linwood – Mrs. Spaeth discussed the significantly audible noise from the Linwood Country Club on October 17. She did call the Police and the country club was issued a third summons. She attended the funfest this past weekend and thanked everyone involved for hosting the event. 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 reported that the centralized County Court is scheduled to begin on January 1, 2022. The Judge and other staff members are being interviewed and the building renovations are almost complete. The Mayor was unable to attend the funfest event, but did receive a lot of positive feedback. He thanked Tim Donovan, the Park Director, the Board of Recreation, and all the volunteers that worked on the event.

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes commended Mr. Donovan on the funfest. She reminded everyone to be safe on Halloween and to vote on Election Day.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis attended the funfest and commended everyone involved in the event; Mr. Donovan, the Recreation Board, the Linwood Education Foundation, the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments. She also announced a trunk or treat event that will be held this Saturday at Central Square to benefit Gilda's Club.

Councilman Ford – Councilman Ford echoed the comments of Councilwoman Byrnes with regard to being safe at Halloween.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson echoed the comments of everyone with regard to the funfest. It was a great community event. Mr. Donovan did a great job and even drove the tractor the entire day. He also thanked the Public Works, Police, and Fire Departments for their efforts. He thanked the Historical Society and Green Team for contributing to the event. Councilman Levinson extended his condolences to the Broome family for the loss of Judge Broome.

Councilman Michael – Councilman Michael thanked everyone involved with putting together the funfest. It was a great event.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone thanked the Mayor for his time and efforts with the creation of the centralized County Court system. It will save the City a lot of money. Council President Paolone also extended his condolences to the Broome family. Judge Broome was a long time Judge in Linwood.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to adjourn at 6:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk