

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
November 23, 2010**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Alexander C. Marino led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:42 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 Matt Levinson; Councilman Alex Marino; Councilman Ralph Paolone; Councilman Tim Tighe; and Council President Donna Taylor.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Steve Mazur, Dixon Associates; 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 November 10, 2010 regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. 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.

- 171-2010** A Resolution appointing Anthony Strazzeri as Chief Financial Officer for the City of Linwood
- 172-2010** A Resolution authorizing and scheduling paid holidays for calendar year 2011
- 173-2010** A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to advertise for proposals for Municipal Auditor Services for the City of Linwood (**PULLED DURING CAUCUS MEETING**)
- 174-2010** A Resolution authorizing the partial release of Surety and Engineering Escrow with regard to Block 45 Lots 20 & 26 in the City of Linwood

Council President Taylor advised that Resolution No. 173 of 2010 was pulled from the agenda in the Caucus Meeting and Resolution No. 175 of 2010 authorizing a temporary sign for the advertising of the sale of trees at the Cornerstone Commerce Center was added to the agenda in the Caucus Meeting. Council President Taylor asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Councilman Marino requested to remove Resolution No. 171 of 2010. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Marino, to approve Resolutions No. 172, 174-175 of 2010. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

The Clerk read Resolution No. 171 of 2010 by title only. Councilman Marino motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Resolution No. 171. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. Councilman Marino introduced Mr. Strazzeri as the new Chief Financial Officer for the City of Linwood indicating the he is a hard worker and will do a great job. Council President Taylor advised that Mr. Strazzeri has done a great job as the Accountant for the City for the past six years and is happy Mr. Strazzeri is able to fill the position. Councilman Tighe wished Mr. Strazzeri good luck.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$2,227,677.15

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Marino, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative on all Purchase Orders except for Councilman Paolone voting in the negative on Purchase Orders #0900289, #09001372 and #09001702. Motion was approved. (The bill list is attached as Exhibit A)

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Council President Taylor opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic.

Doug Kellner, 1018 Bartlett Avenue, Linwood

Mr. Kellner thanked Mr. Mazur for his help with an irrigation problem on his property as a result of recent road work. Mr. Kellner further indicated that Mr. Mazur does a great job for the City.

Seeing and hearing no other members from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Taylor closed the floor.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor DePamphilis – The Mayor congratulated Mr. Strazzeri on his appointment and knows he will continue to do a good job. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Marino – Councilman Marino discussed an afternoon of cookies and hot chocolate that was held this past Saturday at the Arboretum. It was a nice event, hosted by Sue Lee, Denise Kelly, and George Butrus.

Councilman Paolone – Councilman Paolone congratulated Mr. Strazzeri. The tree lighting is scheduled for December 3 at the Arboretum. He also advised anyone who has not visited the Arboretum to please do so. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson congratulated Mr. Strazzeri. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and hopes to see everyone at the tree lighting.

Councilman Tighe – Councilman Tighe wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and wished Mr. Strazzeri good luck.

Councilman Beinfest – Councilman Beinfest congratulated Mr. Strazzeri. Councilman Beinfest was on the committee that hired Mr. Strazzeri and this appointment is what the committee had envisioned. The Linwood Historical Society is hosting Cookies and Cocoa with Santa on December 4. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis congratulated Mr. Strazzeri and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Council President Taylor – Council President Taylor indicated that she received a very nice thank you from the Middlesworth family to Mr. Mazur and Mr. Kolakowski along with the Public Works Department for the help they provided with regard to damage to their property on Cambridge Avenue. She further indicated that she receives numerous thank you comments for the Public Works Department, Police & Fire Departments, and City Hall employees. She recently received a written thank you from the Hinkleys' with regard to the Police Department. (Attached as Exhibit B) The Hinkleys' attended a Council meeting in January and were very upset about vandalism in their neighborhood. Their recent letter thanks the Police Department for their efforts in helping to deter further actions. Council President Taylor wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Marino motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to adjourn at 6:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk