

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
November 24, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:11 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act and reiterated his statement from Caucus Meeting that in light of the Governor's issuance of Executive Order 107, tonight's City Council meeting is being live streamed through Zoom. Instructions on how to attend the meeting via Zoom are posted on the City's website.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis (via live stream); Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Gordon (via live stream); Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Matt Levinson; and Council President 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 Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2020 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

**ORDINANCES**

**14 OF 2020** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 52 PERSONNEL AND PERSONNEL PROCEDURES, EMPLOYEE MANUAL, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 14 of 2020 by title only. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun, to approve Ordinance No. 14 for final reading. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 14. 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 seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

**15 OF 2020** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF LINWOOD FROM LINWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 15 of 2020 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Ordinance No. 15 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion approved.

**16 OF 2020** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF LINWOOD TO THE LINWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 16 of 2020 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve Ordinance No. 16 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion approved.

- 17 OF 2020** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE CITY OF LINWOOD FROM GLB MANAGEMENT, LLC OF 2110 NEW ROAD AN EASEMENT FOR THE LOCATION, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A PORTION OF THE BICYCLE PATH IN THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 17 of 2020 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to approve Ordinance No. 17 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion 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.

- 178-2020** A Resolution authorizing the refund of various tax overpayments made by Wells Fargo Home Mortgage
- 179-2020** A Resolution authorizing the refund of a tax overpayment made by Lereta LLC Mortgage
- 180-2020** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Agreement with Premier Computer Services
- 181-2020** A Resolution awarding the Contract to B & H Contracting for the Poplar Avenue Pump Station Rehabilitation Project
- 182-2020** A Resolution rejecting the bids for the Wabash Avenue Drainage Project 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 Heun motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to approve Resolutions No. 178-182 of 2020. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

#### **APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$168,046.02**

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with seven 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.

John Miller 311 Melody Lane, Linwood – Mr. Miller presented pictures to City Council of graffiti on a concrete slab at the South Jersey Industries Property. He also advised that there is trash and broken glass on that property. He asked that Council consider removing the concrete slab that exists there.

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

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

**183-2020** A Resolution closing the meeting of November 24, 2020 to discuss an employment matter  
The Clerk read Resolution No. 183 of 2020 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve Resolution No. 183. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion approved. Council President Paolone closed the meeting at 6:27 p.m. The meeting was opened at 7:10 p.m.

- 184-2020** A Resolution awarding a non-competitive Contract for Professional Services to Richard M. Pescatore, Esquire for legal services regarding a personnel matter

The Clerk read Resolution No. 184 of 2020 by title only. Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun, to approve Resolution No. 184. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion

**RESOLUTIONS (continued)**

**185-2020** A Resolution awarding a non-competitive Contract for Professional Services to Judge Richard J. Williams (Ret.) as a Hearing Officer for the City of Linwood

The Clerk read Resolution No. 185 of 2020 by title only. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to approve Resolution No. 185. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion

**FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Ford – Councilman Ford wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He also congratulated the Linwood Panthers JV team on winning the championship. All levels of the Panthers made it to the finals. They had a great season.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone congratulated the Panthers and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to adjourn at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk