

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
November 25, 2014**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Darren Matik led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Tighe called the meeting to order at 6:49 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; Councilman Ralph Paolone; and Council President Tim Tighe.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Gary Auer, Engineer's Office; 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 12, 2014 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

22 OF 2014 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 99 BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS, TO ADDRESS BAMBOO, 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. 22 of 2014 by title only. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Ordinance No. 22 for final reading. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

180-2014 A Resolution authorizing 2014 Budget Appropriation Transfers

The Clerk read Resolution No. 180 of 2014 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Paolone to approve Resolution No. 180. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. 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.

176-2014 A Resolution approving a Contract with the City of Linwood Blue Collar Workers and Police Secretary through its representative, Teamsters Local #331

177-2014 A Resolution amending Resolution No. 61, 2014 authorizing the Municipal Tax Collector to file an additional Lien Certificate against the American Legion Property, Block 107, Lot 13

178-2014 A Resolution confirming the appointments of Sam Watt and Bonnie Pettitt to the Linwood Board of Recreation

179-2014 A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to advertise for bids for a Linwood Liquor License

Council President Tighe asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve Resolutions No. 176-179 of 2014. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,230,902.48

Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, 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 Tighe opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic.

Gene Corcoran - 408 Joseph Avenue, Linwood

Mr. Corcoran was in attendance at the last Council meeting asked if leaves can be included in Chapter 99 of the City Code. He asked Council for help to get his neighbor to clean up his property because those leaves constantly blow onto Mr. Corcoran's property.

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

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor DePamphilis – The Mayor wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Beinfest – Councilman Beinfest announced that the Linwood Recreation Board's tree lighting is December 2, 2014 at 6:00 pm at the Arboretum. The rain date is December 3. The Linwood Historical Society is hosting Cookies & Cocoa with Santa on December 6, 2014. Reservations are required. The Historical Society is also hosting an open house on December 7, 2014. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis thanked Mr. Kolakowski and the Public Works Department on their efforts with the fall leaf pick up. She also wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon discussed an awards luncheon he attended at the League of Municipalities Convention for Sustainable Jersey. Linwood was awarded the Bronze Level Certification for its recertification efforts. It takes a lot of time and effort to become recertified. Councilman Gordon thanked Mrs. Napoli for spearheading and completing the process. He also thanked the Environmental Commission on their efforts in helping Linwood maintain sustainability.

Councilman Paolone – Councilman Paolone thanked Councilman Matik on doing a fine job with the Ordinance on bamboo. He appreciates that Councilman Matik did a lot of research and considered and utilized Dr. Lacy's comments and suggestions. Councilman Paolone also thanked Dr. Lacy for his efforts. Councilman Paolone did review the Teamsters Contract and thanked the committee for their efforts. He congratulated Bonnie Petitt and Sam Watt on their appointments to the Board of Recreation. Councilman Paolone advised that Council did look into including leaves in Chapter 99 of the City Code and will speak to Mr. Corcoran after tonight's meeting. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik echoed Councilman Paolone's comments. He discussed how Linwood is working on becoming a Storm Ready Community from the National Weather Service. There is a lot of work involved to get Linwood to that point. This will help with the City's community rating system so that residents can obtain discounts on flood insurance.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

Council President Tighe – Council President Tighe thanked Council members for their efforts in researching and discussing the issues. He also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to adjourn at 7:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk