

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
December 10, 2014**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Brian Heun led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Tighe called the meeting to order at 6:45 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 Brian Heun; Councilman Darren Matik; Councilman Ralph Paolone; and Council President Tim Tighe.

Absent: Councilman Todd Gordon.

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 Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2014 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present 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 Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Ordinance No. 22 for final reading. Council President Tighe opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 22. Gene Corcoran – 408 Joseph Avenue, Linwood – Mr. Corcoran asked if leaves were added to this Ordinance. Council President Tighe responded in the negative. Mr. Corcoran asked if anyone spoke to his neighbor about cleaning up his lot as advised at the last Council meeting. Council President Tighe indicated that someone had spoken to the resident about cleaning up the lot. Mr. Corcoran advised that the lot has not been cleaned. Tom Thanasoulis - 220 W. Ocean Heights Ave, Linwood – Mr. Thanasoulis thanked City Council for adopting the Ordinance to address bamboo. Seeing and hearing no other members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Tighe closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Gordon absent. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

185-2014 A Resolution authorizing 2014 Budget Appropriation Transfers

The Clerk read Resolution No. 185 of 2014 by title only. Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest to approve Resolution No. 185. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Gordon absent. Motion was approved.

186-2014 A Resolution canceling appropriation balances

The Clerk read Resolution No. 186 of 2014 by title only. Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik to approve Resolution No. 186. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Gordon absent. Motion was approved.

188-2014 A Resolution approving the settlement of a Tax Appeal filed by the Linwood Country Club for Calendar Year 2014

The Clerk read Resolution No. 188 of 2014 by title only. Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest to approve Resolution No. 188. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative, one abstention by Council President Tighe, 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.

- 181-2014** A Resolution authorizing an amended Agreement for Shared Municipal Court for the Municipalities of the City of Linwood and the City of Northfield
- 182-2014** A Resolution authorizing and scheduling paid Holidays for Calendar Year 2015
- 183-2014** A Resolution scheduling the 2015 Reorganization Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Linwood
- 184-2014** A Resolution authorizing the canceling of small balances of tax refunds or delinquencies
- 187-2014** A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Glenn Insurance as the Risk Management Consultant for the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

Council President Tighe asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Councilman Paolone requested to remove Resolution No. 181. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolutions No. 182-184, 187 of 2014. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

The Clerk read Resolution No. 181 of 2014 by title only. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Paolone to approve Resolution No. 181. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,169,457.31

Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative, one abstention by Councilman Matik, and Councilman Gordon absent. 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 asked if the Code Enforcement Officer would take a look at the lot on Route 9 and Joseph Avenue. 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 attended the tree lighting and noted it was a great event.

Councilman Beinfest – Councilman Beinfest also attended the tree lighting and indicated that the Mayor did an excellent job running the show. It was a successful event. Laurie Montgomery did a great job.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis reminded everyone that the fall leaf program is ongoing until January 9.

Councilman Paolone – Councilman Paolone thanked Donna Clark, the Court Administrator, for doing an excellent job running the Court. He also congratulated Adrienne Carman on successfully completing the State exam for certified municipal tax collector.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik was happy to work with Council and members of the community on the bamboo ordinance. He would have liked to put leaves in the ordinance, but it would be hard to enforce as you don't know where the leaves are coming from. He will visit the lot tomorrow that Mr. Corcoran is talking about. Councilman Matik also thanked Mr. Polistina for all his work and specifically for handling all the calls on the utility projects. Mr. Polistina was very responsive. Councilman Matik wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun echoed Councilman Paolone's comments on the shared court, noting that it is in good hands. They work hard to try and make people feel respected.

Council President Tighe – Council President Tighe wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season. He congratulated Laurie Montgomery and the Recreation Board on a successful tree lighting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to adjourn at 6:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk