

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

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:12 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 (via live stream); Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Gordon (via live stream); Councilman Matt Levinson (via live stream); and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Councilman Brian Heun.

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 Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2020 Regular meeting and the January 4, 2021 Reorganization Meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

1 OF 2021 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND ESTABLISHING SALARIES, COMPENSATION AND SALARY RANGES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 1 of 2021 by title only. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve Ordinance No. 1 for final reading. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 1. 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 Heun absent. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

32-2021 A Resolution rejecting the proposals received for Emergency Medical Services for the City of Linwood and the City of Northfield

The Clerk read Resolution No. 32 of 2021 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolution No. 32. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative, one abstention from Councilman Levinson, and Councilman Heun absent. Motion approved.

34-2021 A Resolution confirming the appointment of Chad Meyers to the Linwood Board of Recreation

The Clerk read Resolution No. 34 of 2021 by title only. Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve Resolution No. 34. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative, one abstention from Councilman Levinson, and Councilman Heun absent. 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.

30-2021 A Resolution authorizing the cancellation of taxes and refund of a tax overpayment for Block 110 Lot 1.01 located at 4 East Glenside Avenue in the City of Linwood

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 31-2021** A Resolution authorizing the prorated refund of taxes paid and the cancellation of 2021 taxes due to tax exempt status for Block 98 Lot 6 located at 311 Van Sant Avenue in the City of Linwood
- 33-2021** A Resolution amending Resolution No. 25 of 2021 authorizing the refund of various tax overpayments made by Corelogic Mortgage
- 35-2021** A Resolution awarding a Contract to Seashore Associated Mechanical for 606 W. Oakcrest seepage pits
- 36-2021** A Resolution awarding non-competitive contracts for Professional Services to Eric S. Goldstein as Planning Board Solicitor and Vincent Polistina as Planning Board Engineer
- 37-2021** A Resolution confirming the promotion of Jason Weber to the position of Deputy Chief in the Linwood Police Department
- 38-2021** A Resolution authorizing reimbursement to the County of Atlantic with regard to the purchase of 204 W. Garfield Avenue through the Atlantic County Municipal Open Space Partnership Program
- 39-2021** A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to advertise for proposals for Emergency Medical Services for the City of Linwood and the City of Northfield

Council President Paolone announced that Resolution No. 30, 2021 has been pulled from the agenda. Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve Resolutions No. 31, 33, 35-39 of 2021. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$2,614,923.08

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 Heun 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.

John Miller, 311 Melody Lane, Linwood

Mr. Miller thanked the Mayor and Council for having SJI park cleaned up from graffiti and trash, as well as removing the concrete pad. He said the park looks great.

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

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis thanked Public Works for contracting with the ACUA for street sweeping. The department is currently getting ready for snow.

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes congratulated Deputy Chief Weber. She welcomed Chad Meyers to the Recreation Board. She is getting a lot of phone calls about schools having more in person instruction. She encourages everyone to attend the School Board meetings. She was disappointed the teachers were removed from the priority list for the COVID vaccine. She also wanted to thank Public Works for assisting the Historical Society install a new toilet.

Councilman Ford – Councilman Ford congratulated Chad Meyers on his appointment to the Recreation Board. The Public Works Department is the City's unsung heroes. He advised Mr. Miller that Councilman Ford texted Public Works the night Mr. Miller reported the issues at the SJI property to Council. The very next day Public Works had already begun to clean up the property.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson congratulated Chad Meyers and Deputy Chief Weber.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon echoed the comments of Councilman Levinson.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone announced that if people are trying to register for vaccines to keep trying online and by phone. It is a difficult process to navigate through. He hopes they get more vaccines in soon.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to adjourn at 6:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk