

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
January 28, 2015**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Tighe called the meeting to order at 6:25 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; and Council President Tim Tighe.

Absent: Councilman Ralph Paolone.

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 December 10, 2014 Regular meeting and the January 6, 2015 Reorganization meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor, with one abstention from Councilman Gordon. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

37-2015 A Resolution authorizing the promotion of Acting Captain Jay P. Loder to the position of Captain in the Linwood Fire Department

The Clerk read Resolution No. 37 of 2015 by title only. Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Resolution No. 37. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Paolone absent. Motion was approved. The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Captain Jay Loder.

38-2015 A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Gregory S. Coderre to the position of Firefighter in the City of Linwood

The Clerk read Resolution No. 38 of 2015 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest to approve Resolution No. 38. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Paolone absent. Motion was approved. The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Firefighter Gregory Coderre.

ORDINANCES

1 OF 2015 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 2015 by title only. Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Ordinance No. 1 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Paolone absent. Motion was approved.

2 OF 2015 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 20, 2004 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE PRUDENTIAL AND BLOOM SITES IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT AND APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THOSE AREAS AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 2 of 2015 by title only. Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik to approve Ordinance No. 2 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Paolone 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.

- 32-2015** A Resolution authorizing the refund of a tax overpayment for 3 Crestwood Avenue
- 34-2015** A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Barbara Lynch, Altagracia Galarza, and Arnaldo Lopez as Part Time Substitute Crossing Guards for the City of Linwood
- 35-2015** A Resolution authorizing submission of a grant extension for the Linwood Municipal Alliance Grant
- 36-2015** A Resolution authorizing a change in custody of the petty cash fund for the City of Linwood
- 39-2015** A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Contract on behalf of the City of Linwood with the International Association of Fire Fighters Local #4370
- 40-2015** A Resolution authorizing the execution of an amended Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Linwood and Coast Commercial, LLC
- 41-2015** A Resolution awarding a Contract to Unifirst Corporation for Public Works Department Uniforms
- 42-2015** A Resolution confirming a Mayoral reappointment to the Linwood Library Board

Council President Tighe asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve Resolutions No. 32, 34-36, 39-42 of 2015. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$2,644,215.64

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative, and Councilman Paolone 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.

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

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor DePamphilis – The Mayor indicated that the City was lucky to have not received a lot of snow. He advised that Councilman Matik was well prepared as the Emergency Management Coordinator and Mr. Kolakowski and Public Works did a great job cleaning up.

Councilman Beinfest – Councilman Beinfest congratulated Jay Loder and Greg Coderre.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis indicated that preparation is the key to success advising that the City was well prepared for the predicted storm. She congratulated Mr. Loder and Mr. Coderre.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon echoed the Mayor's comments on the storm. He congratulated Mr. Loder and Mr. Coderre and wished them luck.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik is lucky enough to work with the members of the Fire Department on a daily basis. It is nice to see a lot of members from both the Fire & Police Departments in attendance at tonight's meeting. He congratulated Mr. Loder and Mr. Coderre.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun congratulated Mr. Loder and Mr. Coderre. He thanked Mr. Kolakowski and his employees for their job with the snow. He also thanked the members of the Police Department for attending the meeting in support of the promotions in the Fire Department.

Council President Tighe – Council President Tighe advised that the Planning Board did not meet during the month of January due to the projected weather. Both the Zoning and Planning Boards are scheduled to meet in February with a smaller subcommittee to review the City's Ordinances. In preparation for the predicted storm, Council President Tighe was in touch with Councilman Matik, as the Emergency Management Coordinator, who was ready to go. Council President Tighe indicated that Councilwoman DeDomenicis, as Chair of Public Works, was in contact with Mr. Kolakowski and his Department, who were also well prepared. The coordination and communication from all Departments worked well. The Police were also very helpful, as the Fire Department would have been if needed. Council President Tighe was glad to see members of the Fire Department in attendance supporting their members, as well as members from the Police Department. It's good to see everyone working together.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to adjourn at 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk