

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
April 23, 2014

Council President Tim Tighe called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

1. 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 Tighe.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Jim Franklin, Solicitor's Office; Gary Auer, Engineer's Office; Chief Robert James, Police Department; Captain Doug Carman, Police Department; Chief Chick Kisby, Fire Department; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2014 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor with one abstention from Councilman Beinfest. Motion was approved.

3. Councilman Beinfest

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilman Beinfest announced that Patty Ogrodnek resigned as the City's Park Director. A Resolution is on the agenda to honor Ms. Ogrodnek for her efforts.
2. The Park Director position was advertised in-house and one application was received by Laurie Montgomery. She is currently a Crossing Guard for the City, serves as President of the Hockey Association, and serves on the Linwood PTO. Mrs. Montgomery regularly attends the Board of Recreation meetings. Councilman Beinfest believes she will be beneficial as Park Director.
3. Councilman Beinfest announced that the Board of Recreation is working to improve the City events. They have added a one mile run to this year's Memorial Day Parade.
4. The Library and Historical Society are working on a new location to house several models in a new location, possibly City Hall, to allow for the Library to use part of the museum. Councilman Beinfest will report again as discussions will continue.
5. Councilman Beinfest reported that the shed next to the Historical Society Museum has been renovated. The Historical Society intends to re-open that building as a museum for the several uses that existed there. It was used as a gas station, store, and served as the first Police Department.

4. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis advised that Mr. Kolakowski distributed his Public Works report.

5. Councilman Gordon

A. Engineering

1. Councilman Gordon discussed a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the advertisement for bids for the Country Club Dr & Delmar Ave resurfacing project.

6. Councilman Matik

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Matik reported that due to the retirement of Fire Captain Greg Moss, a Resolution is on the agenda to appoint Jay Loder as Acting Captain.
2. A Resolution is on the agenda authorizing the advertisement for bids for fire hose.

7. Councilman Paolone
 - A. Revenue & Finance
 1. Councilman Paolone discussed a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the City to participate in the NJ State Health Benefits Prescription Program.
 2. A Resolution is on the agenda authorizing disposal of surplus property on GovDeals. The City is selling a Honda Accord and Apple Mac Book Pro.
8. Council President Tighe
 - A. Administration
 1. Council President Tighe discussed the City's agreement with Comcast and the purchase of equipment for the public access channel operated by the High School.
 2. The City received correspondence regarding the reinstatement of the fire siren. Councilman Matik will respond to the resident and advised that the siren will only be used for structure fires and vehicle entrapments. It will be tested once a week. That day and time have not yet been determined. The siren will also be used in times of electrical outages due to storms.
 3. Council President Tighe discussed going out to bid for another liquor license. He reviewed prices licenses sold in other municipalities throughout the State and asked Council members to advise him of their thoughts on minimum bid prices. The one license held now in Linwood is still inactive. This year, the licensee must again file for a special ruling with the ABC to continue to renew the license.
 4. Councilman Tighe distributed reports of the cost savings to the City for sharing a Police Chief in years 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014. (Attached as Exhibit A) This subject will be further reviewed by a committee consisting of Councilman Matik and the Mayor.
 - B. Planning & Development
 1. Council President Tighe discussed an Ordinance on the agenda amending the Zoning Map as a result of a minor subdivision of Block 60, Lot 4 (1426 Shore Road).

At 6:21 P.M., Council President Tighe called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk