

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
October 12, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:14 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Matt Levinson led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Todd Michael; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2022 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor with one abstention from Councilwoman DeDomenicis. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

16 OF 2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 183 NUISANCES, ARTICLE 1 PROHIBITED USES OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 16 of 2022 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Ordinance No. 16 for final reading. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 16. Kathleen Spaeth 108 Country Club Drive, Linwood – Mrs. Spaeth appreciates Council's time to re-examine the noise ordinance. Her house is a quarter of a mile from the patio at the Country Club. She finds the noise disturbing. She does not believe the Police should be the noise meter for the City and it is not fair that residents have to call the Police to complain about the loud music.

Seeing and hearing no other 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 one abstention by Councilwoman DeDomenicis. Motion was approved.

17 OF 2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 263 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE I GENERAL REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 17 of 2022 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Ordinance No. 17 for first reading. 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.

161-2022 A Resolution awarding a Non-Competitive Contract for Professional Services to Elias T. Manos as Conflict Solicitor for the City of Linwood Planning Board

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 162-2022** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, 2022-20, to PTO Linwood
163-2022 A Resolution approving temporary signage for a coin show at Our Lady of Sorrows Church

Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any other items from consent. No items were removed. Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolutions No. 161-163 of 2022. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,829,434.07

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and one abstention from Councilwoman Albright. 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.

Charles Senack 311 Shore Road, Linwood

Mr. Senack explained that he has had a long career in horticulture and is a landscape technician. He loves his garden. He was told that his garden is not in compliance and questioned where in the City's Code does it say that he is not in compliance? He was advised there is a sight issue and displayed a photo of his property.

Arthur Sklar 4 Harvard Lane, Linwood

Mr. Sklar discussed the condition of Off's Pond noting that it is heavily silted particularly on the East end. The pond is owned by the properties that border the pond and the Mainland Regional High School. He discussed the history of the pond and a court order from years ago requiring the City to install a siltation basin and provide maintenance for same. Mr. Sklar is asking the City to share the costs of removing that basin and install a new one and to clean up the pond. He asked the City to consider moving the fill to the City yard. He indicated the High School is willing to help.

William Todd 200 Schoolhouse Drive, Linwood

Mr. Todd asked that the City get rid of the drainage ditch by his property. The end of the pond by his property is filled with silt and leaves. He asked the City to clean it up.

Jason Goldstein 1 Harvard Lane, Linwood

Mr. Goldstein echoed the comments of Mr. Sklar and Mr. Todd and asked Council to clean up the area. The drainage there is not sufficient.

Jaclyn Todd 200 Schoolhouse Drive, Linwood

Mrs. Todd agrees with the other comments made by her neighbors and added that the trap is unsightly and dangerous. She asked for help to beautify the pond.

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

Councilman Michael – Councilman Michael thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Councilman Ford – Councilman Ford advised that he has been involved with Off's Pond for several years now when former Councilman Gordon was still here. Councilman Ford has researched all the documents on the pond. He discussed the new drainage system that was installed in that area and how well it is working. Councilman Ford explained that he was told a different account by the High School as to what Mr. Sklar indicated about them willing to help. Councilman Ford suggested that Mr. Sklar and the property owners meet with the High School. Councilman Ford will look at the old silt trap.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She also thanked Councilman Ford for his comments.

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She announced the upcoming Recreation Board's Fall Fest on October 23 and the Library's Book & Bake Sale on November 4 & 5.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL (continued)

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis thanked everyone for their comments. She is sure Councilman Ford will look into everything. The Fall Leaf Program begins on November 7. Public Works will begin at the north end of the City and work south. The information regarding the program can be found on the City's web site and the City's and the Police Department's Face Book page.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone asked Mr. Senack to volunteer at the Linwood Arboretum based on his qualifications. He explained to the public that Councilman Ford works in engineering for a living and Council President Paolone is sure he can help.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to adjourn at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk