

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
December 9, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:11 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; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis (via live stream); Councilman Eric Ford (via live stream); Councilman Todd Gordon (via live stream); Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Matt Levinson (via live stream); and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2020 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

15 OF 2020 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF LINWOOD FROM LINWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 15 of 2020 by title only. Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve Ordinance No. 15 for final reading. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 15. 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 seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

16 OF 2020 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF LINWOOD TO THE LINWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 16 of 2020 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to approve Ordinance No. 16 for final reading. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 16. 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 seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

17 OF 2020 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE CITY OF LINWOOD FROM GLB MANAGEMENT, LLC OF 2110 NEW ROAD AN EASEMENT FOR THE LOCATION, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A PORTION OF THE BICYCLE PATH IN THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 17 of 2020 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve Ordinance No. 17 for final reading. Council President Paolone opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 17. 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 seven in the affirmative. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

192-2020 A Resolution authorizing 2020 Budget appropriation transfers

The Clerk read Resolution No. 192 of 2020 by title only. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolution No. 192. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. Motion approved.

193-2020 A Resolution canceling appropriation balances

The Clerk read Resolution No. 193 of 2020 by title only. Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolution No. 193. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. 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.

186-2020 A Resolution authorizing and scheduling paid holidays for calendar year 2021

187-2020 A Resolution to rescind Resolution No. 184 of 2020 awarding a non-competitive contract for Professional Services to Richard M. Pescatore, Esquire for Legal Services regarding a Personnel Matter

188-2020 A Resolution authorizing awarding a non-competitive contract for Professional Services to Vanessa E. James, Esquire for Legal Services regarding a Personnel Matter

189-2020 A Resolution scheduling the 2021 Reorganization Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Linwood

190-2020 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

191-2020 A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Anthony Disciascio as a Special Law Enforcement Officer, Class III, for the City of Linwood

194-2020 A Resolution authorizing a refund of unused Escrow Funds posted with regard to a dumpster permit

195-2020 A Resolution appointing Jason Weber as Acting Chief of the Linwood Police Department

196-2020 A Resolution appointing Steve Cunningham as Acting Captain of the Linwood Police Department

197-2020 A Resolution approving Change Order No. 1-Final with Kupex Exteriors, LLC with regard to the Roof Restoration of the Leedsville Schoolhouse

Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Resolution No. 190 of 2020 was removed. Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun, to approve Resolutions No. 186-189, 191, 194-197 of 2020. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

The Clerk read Resolution No. 190 of 2020 by title only. Councilwoman Byrnes motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolution No. 190. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and one abstention by Councilman Levinson. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,374,019.71

Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. 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.

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

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Matik – Mayor Matik announced that holiday festivities were canceled due to COVID. However, it was great to see Santa out of the fire truck. He told everyone to be safe.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun thanked Acting Captain Steve Cunningham and Acting Chief Jason Weber for attending tonight's meeting. This is the last meeting of the year. He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson thanked the Fire and Police Departments for supporting Santa through the City. He wished Acting Chief Weber and Acting Captain Cunningham good luck in the new positions. He is looking forward to working with them. He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes thanked the Police and Fire for bringing Santa through the City. She received a lot of positive feedback. She thanked George Butrus and Lang's for the new spruce that Public Works planted in Memorial Park. It has already been decorated by Dan Miller and looks great. She wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon echoed the comments of Councilwoman Byrnes and Councilman Levinson.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis commended the Public Works Department for decorating Linwood for the holidays. The leaf program should be complete right after New Years'. She wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone congratulated Mainland High School soccer players; Luca Bongiovanni, Brett Bathoie, and Thomas Napoli on making the First Team All Conference. He also congratulated Holy Spirit soccer player Gavin Paolone for also making First Team All Conference. He commended everyone involved in helping Santa drive through Linwood. He discussed the recent positive COVID numbers and how alarming they are. He reminded everyone to wear a mask and be safe. The new tree in the park looks great. He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to adjourn at 6:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk