

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY
COUNCIL MEETING
November 26, 2013
7:00PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was Called to Order at 7PM by Council President Bancroft.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

Mr. Bancroft read the following statement into the Minutes: *In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6, this is to announce that Adequate Notice of this meeting was provided in the following manner: On September 27, 2013, advance written notice of this meeting was posted on the Official Bulletin Board in the City Hall, was emailed to THE BURLINGTON COUNTY TIMES for publication and emailed to the CAMDEN COURIER POST for advise, was filed with the Municipal Clerk, and was mailed to all persons who requested and paid for such notice. The proceedings of all meetings are electronically and manually recorded, and the Minutes will be on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.*

FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Bancroft led those present in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor: Randy H. Miller

Council President: Robert H. Bancroft

Council Members:

Lawrence F. Carlbon

Robert E. Lowden, Jr.

Mark A. Schwedes

Robert D. Thibault

Engineer: William H. Kirchner (Attendance not required.)

Municipal Clerk: Donna F. Snyder, RMC/CMR/CPM

Administrator/Director of Public Safety: Richard A. Wolbert

Solicitor: Brian Guest - Parker, McCay, P.A.

MINUTES

The Regular and Executive 0Session Council Minutes from 11/12/13 were Approved with a Motion by Thibault; Second by Schwedes. Roll Call Vote ~ All Ayes. Motion Carried.

EVERLY/EDGEWATER PARK EMERGENCY SQUAD - Update

Captain Paul Bush updated those present on the great strides being made by the Squad. They are responding to 85-90% of all calls. They now total 60 Volunteer members with new members still joining. They are currently involved and want to remain involved with all Community events. December 7 will involve them with their "Santa's Workshop", "Brunch with Mrs. Claus", the Tree Lighting Ceremony, and the arrival of Santa. Additionally, one ambulance has been turned into a Rehab vehicle to treat injured Firefighters. They are pursuing a Grant for \$20,000 for Emergency Service equipment at no burden to the Taxpayers.

Secretary Paula Tiexiera reinforced the fact that the goal of the Squad was to continue to "build bridges". She gave further information on the "Meals of Love" Food Drive-donations can be dropped off at the Squad and "Operation Christmas" for families in need. Contact her for further information.

Great thanks were extended to the Squad from Council for a job well-done and for the wonderful ways they are providing to the Community.

ORDINANCES**ORDINANCE 2013-8 - SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION**

An Ordinance amending the Code of the City of Beverly amending the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance. Upon Second Reading and Public Comment, Motion to Approve by Thibault; Second by Schwedes. Roll Call Vote - All Ayes. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE 2013-9 - SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION

An Ordinance establishing the "Best Price Insurance Contracting Policy" for the City of Beverly. Upon Second Reading and Public Comment, Motion to Approve by Thibault; Second by Schwedes. Roll Call Vote - All Ayes. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTION 2013-169**

A Resolution appointing Ryan Atkinson as Volunteer Recycling Facilitator. Motion to Approve by Thibault; Second by Schwedes. Roll Call Vote - All Ayes. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 2013-170

A Resolution, with authorization by the Division of Local Government Services relative to their 2013 Transitional Aid Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Beverly, approving in accordance with the Beverly City Employee Manual and due to limited staffing, the buy-back of 40 Vacation hours and a carry-over of 40 Vacation hours into 2014 (D. Snyder) and the buy-back of 40 Vacation hours and the carry-over of 39 Vacation hours (D. Jones) into 2014 as follows:

Donna F. Snyder - 40 hours buy-back at \$26.44/hr. = \$1,057.60
Dorothea M. Jones-39 hours buy-back at \$22.97/hr. = 918.80

Motion to Approve with correction to typo for Dorothea M. Jones 40 hour buy-back of Vacation Hours (as opposed to 39 hours) at the same total amount of \$918.80 made by Schwedes; Second by Thibault. Roll Call Vote - All Ayes. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 2013-171

A Resolution approving Towing Permit Application for Calendar Year 2014 to BMS Towing & Recovery, 204 West Rte. 130, Burlington, NJ 08016, all fees being received, and pending submission of all applicable documentation. Motion to Approve by Thibault; Second by Lowden. Roll Call Vote - All Ayes. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS - None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS - None at this time.

BILL LIST

The November 25, 2013 Bill List was Approved with a Motion by Thibault; Second by Schwedes. Roll Call Vote - All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE - None at this time.

(Note that all Correspondence will be handled/filed by and in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.)

COMMENTS/REPORTS

Mayor - Nothing at this time.

Council

Mr. Thibault again congratulated the Squad for the great job that they do. He stated he received a phone call re utilization of the "Bonding Pool" re the aging Rig. Administrator Wolbert advised him that the Bridge Commission pool closed in October 2013. Mr. Thibault stated that relative to Economic Development that things are in play regarding opportunities at the waterfront and that the Master Plan Review Committee is still in progress. He then wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Lowden stated that he had filled in for Mr. Carlbon and attended the last Master Plan Review Committee meeting, and he agreed that many opportunities were in progress. The next meeting is scheduled for December 16. He also reported as Health Chair that "Riccardo's" had received a "Satisfactory" rating from the County.

Administrator/Public Safety Director

Mr. Wolbert advised re necessitated upgrades to our Antivirus and Firewall software relative to problems with our Court, Police, and Administrative systems. Additionally, the old RCA computer data and been recovered and is now on his computer and will now go onto the Network drive.

Regarding attendance at the League of Municipalities Conference, much networking was done relative to DCA Planning initiatives; CEU training classes were attended by the Clerk, CFO, and Public Works Supervisor.

Bid requests are out for the "Rehabilitation of the Talbot Hall and Farnum Park Playgrounds".

The Leaf Machine is now operational.

Court will be held in the morning at 8:30AM, 11/27/13.

Rental Registration process letter have gone out to those in non-compliance. Eight tickets have been issued for non-filing.

Lastly, Tax Collections are up, with thanks to the Mayor's letter re same that was posted to those past due.

Professionals - Nothing at this time, other than just a note that the children in attendance at the last Council meeting made it the most wonderful Pledge of Allegiance he's heard in a long time!

Clerk - Nothing at this time.

Court Administrator - Nothing at this time.

Tax Collector - Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Please state you name and address clearly for the record.

Public Comment was had by Mary Ellen Knudson and Lou Meredith relative to the Tree lighting and clarification of the Towing rotation schedule.

There being no further comment, Public session was closed at 7:50PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None.

Resolution 2013-_____ :

A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Beverly to hold Executive Session in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, permitting the exclusion of the Public from a meeting in certain circumstances which the Governing Body deem now exist:

- Attorney Client Privilege**
- Contractual Matters**
- Current and/or Possible Litigation**
- Personnel Matters**
- Review of Executive Session Minutes**

ACTION TAKEN AFTER EXECUTIVE: YES NO N/A

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion to Adjourn was made at 7:50PM by Thibault; Second by Schwedes. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna F. Snyder, RMC/CMR/CPM
Municipal Clerk

Date

APPROVED:

Randy H. Miller, Mayor

Date