

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY
AUGUST 11, 2015

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to Order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Bob 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 January 9, 2015 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.*

FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Bancroft led those present in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Council President: Robert H. Bancroft

Council Members:

Lawrence F. Carlson

Robert E. Lowden, Jr. - Absent

Mark A. Schwedes

Robert D. Thibault

Mayor: Randy H. Miller

Engineer: William H. Kirchner

Municipal Clerk: Elaine B. Kennedy, Deputy Municipal Clerk

Administrator/Director of Public Safety: Richard A. Wolbert

Solicitor: Brian M. Guest, Parker McCay

Also present were a few residents.

Mr. Wolbert asked Council President to amend the agenda to allow President Craig McLaughlin of the Beverly City EMS to give a report on the rescue squad's activities since Mr. McLaughlin had to attend a training session. Council agreed.

President McLaughlin gave a report regarding the Beverly City EMSs. He has been with the EMS for 20 years and is a full time paid in other towns. Beverly has 29 active members, with three additional members last night. He gave a report on the calls, the membership (with three additional members joining last night). Council President Bancroft asked Mr. McLaughlin to show

up whenever he can to keep the council apprised of the squad's activities. The squad participated in the Burlington County Farm Fair. Mr. McLaughlin advised the City Council that he has an open door policy. The Council all thanked Mr. McGlocklin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 28, 2015 Regular Session and Executive Session Minutes

Mr. Schwedes asked to change the word under Old Business that "Mr. Guest advised the Council (not the County)..." The Deputy Clerk will make the necessary change.

MOTION - Mr. Thibault made a motion to approve the regular and executive session minutes, seconded by Mr. Schwedes. Ayes - Carlbon, Schwedes, Thibault, Bancroft. Nays - None. Absent - Lowden. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Council President Bancroft opened the meeting to public comment on any agenda items. Being none, Council President Bancroft closed public comment.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2015-132 ~ RENEWAL MERCANTILE LICENSES

MOTION - Mr. Thibault made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-132, seconded by Mr. Schwedes. Mr. Schwedes asked where this property was, to which Mr. Wolbert explained that this is an internet-based company with no foot traffic.

Ayes - Carlbon, Schwedes, Thibault, Bancroft. Nays - None. Absent - Lowden. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 2015-133 ~ AWARD OF BID FOR NORTHWEST ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASES II AND III

MOTION - Mr. Thibault made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-133, seconded by Mr. Schwedes. Ayes - Carlbon, Schwedes, Thibault, Bancroft. Nays - None. Absent - Lowden. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 2015-134 ~ REJECTION OF ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR LAUINGER FIELD HOUSE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Wolbert explained that the City has \$188,000; however, the bids came in well over that amount. Mr. Kirchner advised the Council they could either rebid the project or apply for additional funding through the County.

MOTION - Mr. Thibault made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-134, seconded by Mr. Schwedes. Ayes - Carlbon, Schwedes, Thibault, Bancroft. Nays - None. Absent - Lowden. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 2015-135 ~ APPOINTMENT DWIGHT M. BRYAN, TEMPORARY PART TIME PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE

MOTION - Mr. Thibault made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-135, seconded by Mr. Carlbon. Mr. Thibault asked what entailed the as-needed basis, to which Mr. Wolbert responded that it would be about three days a week. Mr. Thibault asked if this would be an ongoing thing i.e. until the regular person comes back. Mr. Wolbert advised him that it was; however, if there is money in the budget, he would like to utilize him for during leaf season. There are no benefits involved. Ayes - Carlbon, Schwedes, Thibault, Bancroft. Nays - None. Absent - Lowden. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Schwedes asked if there was any information on the boiler replacement and if so, would it be completed by the cold season, to which Mr. Wolbert replied he asked the engineer to write up specifications and it should be installed prior to winter. Obviously, we want to change from oil to natural gas. It will be a separate BAN.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Thibault reported that in the past few months, volunteers have been cleaning up the waterfront and the basketball courts. The issue is trash. There has to be an easier way to handle where the trash should be placed, suggesting they get a dumpster. Mr. Thibault said they had a very successful basketball tournament this weekend; however, after the event, someone came in and spread debris everywhere. They should make it easier for the volunteers. Council President Bancroft added that this was discussed before as to having a dumpster at the Public Works yard, suggesting that he approach Clean Communities to get a dumpster. Richard Wolbert suggested the Public Works Committee meet to discuss this. The school has let the City utilize their dumpster. Maybe there could be shared services with the school. Mr. Carlbon said that Jackie Bryan obtained temporary recycling cans from the County. They would sell them to us. There should be a carry in, carry out policy. Mr. Wolbert advised Council that this is on the form for events. The last incident that happened wasn't from the participants from the event (trash thrown everywhere). On a daily basis there are people who break glass at the basketball courts and at against the fire house walls. It was decided the Public Works Committee would meet to discuss this issue and bring their findings and recommendations back to Council.

BILL LIST

Approval of the August 11, 2015 Bill List

MOTION - Mr. Thibault made a motion to approve the bills from the August 11, 2015 bill list, seconded by Mr. Schwedes. Ayes - Carlbon, Schwedes, Thibault, Bancroft. Nays - None. Absent - Lowden. Motion Carried.

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

- Mayor Miller read the letter received from Senator Weinberg explaining her pending legislation to change OPRA and OPMA.

COMMENTS/REPORTS

Mayor - nothing at this time.

Council

Council President Bancroft advised Council that all volunteers on committees, must submit the names for JIF.

Mr. Thibault advised everyone that they had a very successful basketball tournament and thanked Mr. Gaines and the Reverend. He appreciated them being part of this.

Community Day is scheduled for September 26th.

Mr. Carlbon advised everyone there is a peach festival this Thursday at the Farmers' Market.

Mr. Schwedes congratulated Mr. Thibault and the entire youth sports program. It was very successful.

Administrator/Public Safety Director

Mr. Wolbert reported that one of the police vehicles is out of service for a warranty item, which is being fixed. There is a recruit in the academy and they are also looking at another individual.

Mr. Wolbert advised everyone to please lock their vehicles.

Mr. Wolbert has been speaking with the County regarding the stormwater problem in the City. He will be attending a meeting with the County tomorrow.

Mr. Wolbert advised Council there was a very nice article in the Burlington County Times regarding Beverly coming off of Transition Aid.

Mr. Wolbert advised council that the public works truck has to go in for service. Mr. Wolbert explained he will be looking into the GSA surplus equipment. The chipper is 25 years old.

Professionals

Mr. Guest had nothing this evening.

Mr. Kirchner explained that he was here for any questions on the award and rejection on the two bids. He will be attending the meeting tomorrow with the County.

Municipal Clerk

The Deputy Clerk advised the Council to please read Senator Weinberg's two bills concerning OPRA and OPMA. There are a lot of problems with them. Mr. Guest added that Senator Weinberg's bills are particularly onerous to Municipal Clerks. Mr. Guest added that these bills pertain to any local body or entity; however, they exempt themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Please state your name and address clearly for the record.

Council President Bancroft opened the meeting to Public Comment. William Gaines asked Mr. Wolbert when the bottles were thrown at the courts and fire house. Mr. Wolbert responded that it was not the kids in the program.

Mr. Schwedes asked if it could be locked at night. Mr. Wolbert replied that it could be locked by the police at night and opened in the morning.

Council President Bancroft closed the meeting to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Schwedes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Thibault, and unanimously carried. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine B. Kennedy, RMC/CMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk