

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY

October 22, 2019

7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER-The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

"The Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met. Notice of this meeting, Resolution 2019-1, was posted on the Official Bulletin Board in City Hall, published in The Burlington County Times on January 9, 2019, emailed to the Camden Courier Post, filed with the Municipal Clerk on January 9, 2019 and was mailed to all persons requesting and paying for same."

Read by Council President Bancroft.

FLAG SALUTE

Council President Bancroft led in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor: Randy H. Miller

Council Members:

Robert H. Bancroft

Grace M. Heron

Robert E. Lowden, Jr.

Mark A. Schwedes

Robert D. Thibault

Administrator/Public Safety Director: Richard Wolbert

Thomas Coleman, Esq.

Municipal Clerk: Sheri L Medina

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 8, 2019 Regular Session minutes

Councilman Schwedes made a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes as presented, Second by Councilman Thibault.

Ayes –Lowden, Schwedes, Thibault, and Bancroft. Nays –None, Absent- None. Abstained - Heron.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No comment

Councilman Thibault made a motion to close public comment, Second by Councilwoman Heron.

Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

ORDINANCE 2019-13-INTRODUCTION- ADOPTING THE DRUG FREE ZONE MAP

Mr. Wolbert stated this Ordinance had to be revised due to St Joseph's Church and the Beverly Free Library being removed because they do not qualify.

**Councilman Thibault made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-13 as presented, Second by Councilman Schwedes.
Ayes – Heron, Lowden, Schwedes, Thibault and Bancroft. Nays – none, Absent-none. Abstained -none.**

ORDINANCE 2019-14- INTRODUCTION- AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A ONE WAY RESTRICTION ON BENTLEY AVE AND TO ESTABLISH A STOP AT CHERRY STREET.

Mr. Wolbert stated the City Engineer will be attending the next meeting for the public hearing.

**Councilman Thibault made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-14 as presented, Second by Councilman Schwedes.
Ayes – Heron, Lowden, Schwedes, Thibault and Bancroft. Nays – none, Absent-none. Abstained -none.**

RESOLUTIONS

2019- 104 - RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICE WITH BURLINGTON COUNTY FOR INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS.

**Councilman Thibault made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-104 as presented, Second by Councilwoman Heron.
Ayes – Heron, Lowden, Schwedes, Thibault and Bancroft. Nays –None, Absent-None. Abstained - None.**

2019- 105 - RESOLUTION TO AWARD CONTRACT TO RIVELL FOR SURVEILLANCE CAMERA SYSTEM FOR THE BEVERLY MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

Councilman Thibault asked how many cameras will be installed. Mr. Wolbert stated there will be 18 inside the building and 18 outside. Cameras will be installed in the Police department. The surveillance will be done in the Police Department.

**Councilman Thibault made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-105 as presented, Second by Councilwoman Heron.
Ayes – Heron, Lowden, Schwedes, Thibault and Bancroft. Nays –None, Absent-None. Abstained - None.**

RESOLUTION 2019- 106 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING SHARI KEY AS DEPUTY MUNICIPAL REGISTRAR FOR THE CITY OF BEVERLY.

**Councilman Thibault made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-106 as presented, Second by Councilman Lowden.
Ayes – Heron, Lowden, Schwedes, Thibault and Bancroft. Nays –None, Absent-None. Abstained - None.**

RESOLUTION 2019-107- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE FOR 407 LAUREL STREET.

Councilman Thibault made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-107 as presented, Second by Councilwoman Heron.

Ayes – Heron, Lowden, Schwedes, Thibault and Bancroft. Nays –None, Absent-None. Abstained - None.

RESOLUTION 2019-108 – APPOINTMENT OF SANDRA CLIFFORD AS A SUBSTITUTE CROSSING GUARD.

Councilman Thibault made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-104 as presented, Second by Councilman Lowden.

Ayes – Heron, Lowden, Schwedes, Thibault and Bancroft. Nays –None, Absent-None. Abstained - None.

OLD BUSINESS

Community Camera Incentive Program

Mr. Wolbert stated the information provided is a rough draft of what himself and Mr. Coleman put together for consideration. Councilman Thibault asked about the quality of the systems that the Landlords will be installing. Mr. Wolbert stated they will not be the quality of the cameras as for the Municipal building. It is really up to the landlord as to what they install. Some are very affordable. Councilman Thibault asked about some of the requirements. Mr. Wolbert stated the system has to be working at all times to be able to qualify for the program. The police department will verify the systems. Mr. Wolbert suggested Council review the information and at next meeting all questions and concerns or recommendation will be addressed.

NEW BUSINESS

Best Practices discussion

Mr. Wolbert stated the Best Practices is done on line now. Many questions were added; himself and the CFO are working together on it and will have copies for Council prior to the next meeting.

BILL LIST

Bill list for October 22, 2019

Councilman Schwedes made a motion to approve the bills lists, Second by Councilwoman Heron.

Ayes –Lowden, Schwedes, Thibault, and Bancroft. Nays –None, Absent- Heron. Abstained - None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMENTS

Mayor

Mayor Miller reminded everyone to vote on November 5th.

Council

Councilwoman Heron stated she had nothing at this time.

Councilman Schwedes stated he is thrilled with the cameras at rental properties and hopes a lot of Landlords will participate. Also glad about the change to one way on Bentley.

Councilman Thibault stated the one way on Bentley just makes sense. There will be a traffic patten change but for the better. However, parking options does need to be addressed on Bentley Ave.

Administrator/Public Safety Director

Mr. Wolbert spoke about the open house at the Fire house on Thursday. Great event but not many residents showed. He also spoke about a meeting with Addie Colon with PSE&G, changing of the street lights to LED. Also the City will be able to control these lights.

Professionals

Mr. Coleman stated he had nothing at this time.

Municipal Court Report for September 2019- Reviewed

Endeavor Emergency Squad Monthly Statistics Report for September 2019- Reviewed

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. **John Haaf**, 124 Riverbank, asked how much will the camera system cost for the Municipal building. Mr. Wolbert stated \$14,000.00.

2. **Beverly Haaf**, 124 Riverbank, stated there will be an event at the Beverly monument Cemetery.

There will be two Beverly Authors. Refreshments will be served. This will be October 26th from 1:00PM to 3:00PM.

3. **Nancy McGee**, Bentley Ave, Thanks to Sgt. Matthews for ticketing the car that park in front of her house.

4. **Ronald Paice**, 527 Broad Street, Reminded everyone of the presentation "Spoon River Anthology" November 10th. Bring your own chair. Also reminded everyone to vote on November 5, 2019.

** Council went into executive session at 8:23PM.

RESOLUTION 2019 – 109 EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.

Personnel

**Council resumed regular session at 8:41PM

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Thibault made a motion to adjourn at 8:42 PM, Seconded by Councilman Schwedes.

Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted


Sheri L Medina, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

