
Council Room Borough of Neptune City

March 28, 2022

The Meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Wardell at 7:00 pm

Borough Clerk Brown took roll call:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Farley, Dellett, Pappas, Thomas, Renee, Kocsis, and Mayor Wardell

ABSENT: None

Mayor Wardell announced that the Notice Requirements of Chapter 231 P.L. 1975 have been satisfied by the publication of said notice in the Asbury Park Press, and the Coaster and by filing a copy with the Municipal Clerk. Mayor Wardell also noted that the 48-hour notice was advertised and posted as required

FLAG SALUTE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NONE

PRESENTATION

Proclamation for Mrs. Rita Ennis More's 100th birthday.

COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

NONE

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Andrew Wardell

Mayor Wardell reported the following:

1. Road Projects

- a. Starting this Thursday, road projects will begin. From Stanley to Hawthorne, 5th Avenue, Steiner Avenue, south of Rt 33, and Boston Rd.
- b. The 2020 road projects will also start in a couple of weeks. Brighton, Hawthorne (North of 3rd), and Laurel.
- c. According to Engineers, Neptune City saved just about an additional \$40-50K on the first project on Steiner. The plan is to go back and do additional sidewalk replacements at Riverdale and Locust. No date pending. Additionally, will be able to help the FD with their concrete issues with the same job saving the FD about \$10K

2. Ice-House Redevelopment

- a. The redevelopment plans for Laird and the old East Coast Ice are moving along.
- b. Our Engineering team, along with the special council and myself, have been working on what the needs are for the park at Laird that the Developers have offered to improve as part of the redevelopment agreement.
- c. The Knights of Columbus Building appears to be close to closing on a deal to sell it to a private owner.
- d. Unfortunately, did not learn about the grant received until after the building was under contract. Will have to explore if the grant is permitted to be used in other ways.

3. TFH

- a. The mayor has been in contact with Senator Gopal about TFH and the odor issue.
- b. Trying to schedule another community forum as a follow up to the original but find a time that works for TFH as well to petition the DEP to do a community health study.

4. NC Historical Society

- a. Mr. Devos has informed that DPW has begun to clean out some of the brush from the cemetery.
- b. The NC Historical Society is working on finding: 1. How many people are buried there and 2. Try to establish who in fact may be buried there.

5. WWES

- a. The WWES 8th graders are looking for donors for their 8th grade trip to Washington DC.
- b. They are asking for a \$100, tax deductible, donation. All donors will have their names added to the class shirt. They accept both private and public donations.
- c. A GoFundMe page has also been created. Residents can make donations of any nominal value you choose. The mayor also plans on putting the link on his own personal page and encourages others on the governing body to do so.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE – Brian Thomas

C/Thomas announced a meeting later this week to next to talk about a few subjects regarding the budget. The NCEEA is having a book drive as well as leadership reading on May 26th at memorial park. Asking people to donate to build a class library.

PUBLIC WORKS – Danielle Pappas

C/Pappas Brush pick up is in full effect and leaf pick is well underway. Buckets available for purchase at the Brough hall. A beach cleanup is approaching and date to be announced.

LAW & ORDINANCE – Glen Kocsis

C/Kocsis will be scheduling a committee meeting to follow up on the ordinances discussed. Also, possible alternations to existing ordinances.

ADMINISTRATION & JUSTICE – Dana Farley

C/Farley on behalf of the police department, Chief Quagliato wants to encourage parents and guardians to talk with their children about drinking and driving. Announces the first ride along with police officers went incredibly well and two more in the upcoming month. Thanked the police department.

SPECIAL SERVICES -Pamala Renee

C/Renee Rabies clinic was a success. Reminded the public that the Shark River Clean up coalition will take place on April 9th. Special services meeting will take place on April 11th.

HUMAN SERVICES – Scott Dellett

C/Dellett Updates that the truck is under production. Reminds the public that the Wilson boosters are having a fundraiser at the community center from 7pm-10pm.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

1. Thanked everyone participating in the MVC mobile unit. Announces another unit will be returning to Neptune City in June.
2. Replacement of the HVAC unit at the community center and did receive multiple quotes on the cost. The lowest bidder did stay under the bid threshold and is a contractor the borough has used before.
3. The new floodplain ordinance is an update of an existing ordinance required due to FEMA holding a national floodplain insurance study. Zones are unaffected.
4. The library has an updated flyer announcing upcoming new programs.

CFO William Antonides explains ordinance 2022-02. Describes the ordinance is to set a range for salary, not set salary. Which is set by passing of resolutions during a council meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY).

Arlene Sciarappa 14 Tucker Dr Asks about the positions at DPW. Followed by an answer from both the mayor and CFO. Also questioned the maximum range for the mayor and council. Kelly Strazdas 3 Overbrook place Questioned the shelf life on Ordinance 2022-02 and the procedure.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to open hearing on Ordinance 2022-02. Offered by C/Renee. Seconded by C/Thomas.

Motion to close hearing on Ordinance 2022-02. Offered by C/Renee. Seconded by C/Thomas.

VOICE VOTE: Councilmembers Farley, Pappas, Dellett, Thomas, Renee, Kocsis.

Motion to Approve Ordinance 2022-02. Offered by C/Thomas. Seconded by C/Dellett.

VOICE VOTE: Councilmembers Farley, Pappas, Dellett, Thomas, Renee, Kocsis.

NAY: Councilmembers: Thomas, Renee. C/Thomas files a motion to amend the maximum for the Mayor and Council on Ordinance 2022-02.

VOICE VOTE: Councilmembers Farley, Pappas, Dellett, Thomas, Renee, Kocsis.

Motion to approve amended Ordinance 2022-02. Offered by C/Thomas. Seconded by C/Renee.

VOICE VOTE: Councilmembers Farley, Pappas, Dellett, Thomas, Renee, Kocsis.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to introduce Ordinance 2022-03. Offered by C/Kocsis. Seconded by C/Renee.

VOICE VOTE: Councilmembers Farley, Pappas, Dellett, Thomas, Renee, Kocsis.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Mayor and Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council member (s) so request it, in which case the item (s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. The one motion signifies adoption of all resolutions received and file letter, correspondence, reports, and approval of applications and minutes.

C/Pappas offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by C/Renee

VOICE VOTE: Councilmembers Farley, Pappas, Dellett, Thomas, Renee, Kocsis.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

C/Renee offered a motion to adjourn. Seconded by C/Pappas.

VOICE VOTE: Councilmembers Pappas, Renee, Kocsis, Dellett, Farley, Thomas.

Meeting adjourned.