

**Council Room Borough of Neptune City
October 13, 2020**

The Regular Council Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at the Neptune City Community Center and was called to order by Mayor Wardell at 7:00p.m.

Borough Clerk Brown took roll call.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Calhoun, Kocsis Pappas, Renee, Thomas, Sullivan and Mayor Wardell

ABSENT:

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

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

COMUNICATIONS

None

PRESENTATIONS

None

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT:

None

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Christopher Cherbini

A/Cherbini reported:

Memorial Park improvements are underway, we are awaiting the tables and chairs that were ordered.

Joe Freda Park: The rubber surface was repaired and completed. The park is now ADA assessable.

First Responders Park: waiting on additional plantings.

He reported that he walked with C/Renee to get some ideas for the future. A/Cherbini mentioned there are some drainage issues that are being addressed and that the adjustment of some of the sprinkler heads should fix it.

The Curb and sidewalk project on Hawthorne Avenue will begin this week.

A/Cherbini also reported the ordinance amendment on the agenda for this evening he went over with Chief Quagliato for his input.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Andrew Wardell

Mayor Wardell reported:

I. Covid-19

A. As of today there are 78 new cases in Monmouth County for a total of 12,913 since March 12th.

1. Neptune City has 88

B. Hospitalization in Monmouth County

1. 80 hospitalized

2. 10 in ICU

3. 6 on ventilator

4. 0 deaths today

II. The flu vaccine will be available to residents on October 22nd at the Community Center at no charge

III. Parks

1. First Responders is in its final stage

2. Memorial Park

1. Playground equipment has been delivered

2. Gazebo colors have been picked out and ordered

IV. Halloween

1. Neptune City will be following the Department of Health's guidelines

1. People participating will be asked to display a purple pumpkin on their door to notify children that you are participating. For those who do not wish to be instructed to place a sign saying "Sorry, hope to see you next year"

2. Trick or Treating will be allowed with restrictions

1. We strongly encourage residents to follow the guidelines which are available on the DOH or Borough Webpage

B. Movie night

1. We will be airing The Adams Family on Halloween night and will be giving pre-packaged candy to children who attend.

a. Looking for donations to be dropped off at the borough.

V. TFH/MidAtlantic Engineering

1. Several residents from Lincoln have received a certified letter from MidAtlantic Engineering firm about testing on a contamination site.
2. Contamination exists from a dry cleaner from the 1950s that used to reside on the property now owned by TFH.
3. NJDEP ordered the testing of surrounding buildings as part of the remediation process.
4. Testing will be conducted on the outside of the house to see if they are subject to vapor intrusion.

VI. The Land Use Board meeting scheduled for tomorrow has been postponed to November 10th for lack of notices on the applications.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE- Brian Thomas

C/Thomas reported the Capital Budget plan is due from the department heads to the Administrator on October 14. He also reminded everyone to make sure they are registered to vote.

PUBLIC WORKS- Brian Sullivan

C/Sullivan had no report

LAW & ORDINANCE – Dave Calhoun

C/Calhoun reported he participated in a meeting with BA Cherbini and Councilman Thomas regarding planning events around the upcoming Halloween and Christmas Holidays. Subjects discussed were as follows:

Halloween House decorating contest, first ever in Neptune City. Registration through 10/25/20. House judging to be done by A/ Cherbini, Chief Quagliato and Sylvia from the Administration office. Three prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in the form of 3 gift certificates from Kelly's / Molinari's / Pet & Elda's - winners will have their choice among the three. He also reported he followed up on the Mayor's report that the Borough will be soliciting candy donations from the Admin office, fire department, police department, first aid, and residents. These donations will be pre-packaged in a socially distant and sterile manner to be available for the children at the final movie-in-the-park for 2020 on October 31 @ Memorial Park. We will also be awarding the prizes for the Halloween House contest at that time.

C/Calhoun also mentioned that we will be planning to hold the same type of house decorating event for the Christmas holiday season, details TBD.

C/Calhoun mentioned that A/ Cherbini is in ongoing discussion with a corporate donor to defer costs for the annual holiday festivities typically provided by the Borough in December. It is hoped that this donation will allow us to enhance our offerings with a new indoor / outdoor Christmas Tree, as well as a new display for those in our community who celebrate Hanukkah. C/Calhoun reported that he and A/Cherbini

are in the final stages of selecting members for the Stigma-Free Community Committee, and will hold our first meeting in early November. We will also be attending the next Monmouth County meeting with their representatives when announced.

ADMINISTRATION & JUSTICE-Danielle Pappas

C/Pappas reported that Coffee with a Cop will be held at 7-Eleven on October 16 beginning at 11:00am and she invites everyone to come out and meet our Police Officers.

SPECIAL SERVICES-Pamela Renee

C/Renee reported that Special Services Committee continues to work on obtaining a date from Freeholder Director Arnone for the tree replacements in the wetlands. They are also working on some additional things to be done a First Responders Park including adding a solar light to the flag pole.

HUMAN SERVICES- Glen Kocsis

C/Kocsis reported he will be setting up a committee meeting with Administrator Cherbini, First Aid Captain and Fire Department Chief to go over the budget for next year.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) -

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Wardell read the following Ordinance by title into the record.

C/Calhoun offered the following introduction and moved its adoption. Seconded by C/Kocsis

Introduction of Ordinance 20-10 Amending Chapter 95 Concerning Park Hours

**BOROUGH OF NEPTUNE CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2020-10
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 95, ENTITLED "PARKS AND
PLAYGROUNDS" OF THE "REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE
BOROUGH OF NEPTUNE CITY, NEW JERSEY" ADDING NEW SECTIONS
CONCERNING PARK HOURS**

WHEREAS, Chapter 95, Section 7 of the Code of the Borough of Neptune City, which is currently entitled "Opening and closing hours" establishes the hours upon which public parks within the Borough are open for use; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council of the Borough of Neptune City desires to change the hours of operation for public parks within the Borough; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council for the Borough of Neptune City, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section I.

Chapter 95, Section 7 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Neptune City is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 95-7. Opening and closing hours.

All parks shall open at 6:00 am prevailing time and close at sunset, except for Memorial Park which shall remain open until 9:00 pm prevailing time so long as the pavilion and/or gazebo lights are on.

Section II.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section III

If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance which shall remain in effect.

Section IV.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ordinance published herewith was introduced and approved at a meeting of the Borough of Neptune City, held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. The Ordinance will be considered for adoption after a public hearing thereon before the Borough Council of the Borough of Neptune City, during a meeting to be held on October 26, 2020 at the Neptune City Community Center, 117 Third Avenue, Neptune City, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached, or at any meeting to which that meeting may be adjourned, at which time any and all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard. The proposed Ordinance in its entirety is on file in the Municipal Clerk's office and copies may be obtained without charge between the hours 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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 and adoption of all resolutions received and file letters, correspondence, reports and approval of applications and minutes.

C/Pappas offered the following resolutions and moved its adoption. Seconded by C/Thomas

Resolution 20-143 Authorizing payment of bills

RESOLUTION 20-143

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

BE IT RESOLVED that the bills as presented, all have been certified and approved as complete as to form, goods having been delivered, and/or services performed and sufficient funds being available for payment for said bills, be paid in the amount of \$86,962.23

Resolution 20-144 Authorization to enter into cooperative pricing agreement RESOLUTION FOR MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN A COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF NEPTUNE CITY
TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION 2020-144

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Atlantic County Utilities Authority, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency" has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2020 the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Borough of Neptune City

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Resolution 20-145 Authorization to hire Police Officer

RESOLUTION 2020-145
APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER VAN BRUNT AS A POLICE OFFICER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Neptune City is in need of a Police Officer, and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Police Administration and the Mayor and Council to hire Christopher VanBrunt as a Police Officer, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City hire Christopher VanBrunt as a Police Officer effective October 26, 2020 at the rate of pay as determined by agreement between the Borough of Neptune City and the Neptune City Police Officers' Association.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jen Coombs asked what the new Police Officers background was. Chief Quagliato stated he was currently a Special Law Enforcement Officer II with Seagirt. Jen inquired for how long. Chief stated he believed 2 years.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:23 offered by C/Calhoun. Seconded by C/Pappas.
Voice Vote: Aye Councilmembers Calhoun, Kocsis, Pappas, Renee, Sullivan, Thomas

Tamara Brown, Municipal Clerk