

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL  
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING  
MINUTES – June 5, 2014**

The council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:07PM

**PRESENT:** Mayor Dassing, Council President Hauser, Councilman O'Donnell, Kelley, Durkin, Rodgers and Capozzoli

**ALSO PRESENT:** Deputy Clerk, Lisa O'Neill and Borough Attorney, Greg Mascera

**ABSENT:** Borough Administrator, Paul Carelli

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference meeting was given on January 1, 2014. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey. Official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

**PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE**

**Mayor Dassing** "one of our police officers who had a heart attack while on duty today and he is currently recovering at Mountinside Hospital. The Mayor and Councilman Capozzoli where there all afternoon and it looks like the next 72 hours will tell everything and we ask for everyone's prayers and I told his wife that Caldwell is praying for him. Good wishes out to his family".

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

May 20, 2014

Moved by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Rodgers. No Discussion. On roll call, Councilman Kelley, Durkin, Rodgers and Capozzoli voted in the affirmative. Council President Hauser and Councilman O'Donnell abstained. Minutes approved 06/05/14.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

Moved by Councilman Capozzoli, seconded by Councilman O'Donnell to open to the public for adoption of ordinances.

**Debra Herr**, 21 Fells Manor Road, she is the president of the Fells Manor Association and she thanked the Council and wanted them to know that they appreciate it because it will help them with traffic problems and safety issues.

**ORDINANCE# 1291-14:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 230 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL MAKING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE ONE OF TITLE 39 OF THE NEW JERSEY STATUTES APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN ROADWAYS, DRIVEWAYS AND PUBLIC AREAS WITHIN THE BOROUGH

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Capozzoli. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance Adopted 06/05/14.

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Rodgers to open to the public for adoption of ordinances.

**ORDINANCE# 1292-14:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 230 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, BEING THE SECTION GOVERNING VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Moved by Councilman Capozzoli, seconded by Councilman O'Donnell. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance Adopted 06/05/14.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:**

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman O'Donnell to open to the Public for Consent Agenda

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA**

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- 6-129: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT FOR PEDDLER LICENSE OR IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICATION FILED. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE BOROUGH CLERK'S OFFICE – Said Elsayed, 1084 Main Street, Paterson, NJ
- 6-130: DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL VEHICLES
- 6-131: AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE 12-00010 BLOCK 38, LOT 6.01
- 6-132: AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE 13-00008 BLOCK 29, LOT 22
- 6-133: AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO CREW ENGINEERS, INC. FOR DESIGN, BIDDING, AND CONSTRUCTION RELATED SERVICES FOR THE ELIZABETH STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR A LUMP SUM COST OF \$9,800 FOR DESIGN SERVICES AND A NOT TO EXCEED FEE OF \$16,200 FOR CONSTRUCTION-RELATED SERVICES
- 6-134: RESOLUTION BY THE CALDWELL GOVERNING BODY SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF "IDLE FREE ZONES" BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, SCHOOLS, BUSINESSES, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS
- 6-135: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CALDWELL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AS THE OFFICIAL GREEN TEAM FOR THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY MUNICIPAL PROGRAM
- CONSENT**  
Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman O'Donnell. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 06/05/14.

**Ann Marchioni and Joe Santini, Environmental Commission** they met with representative from Advance Solar Products and Rutgers University and they wanted to scope out the Sewer plant for possibility of solar panels. After discussion Greg Mascera stated that we can submit something conditioned upon this Council formal approval at the next meeting will be looking at the lease and he will reach out to Hatch Mott McDonald. Resolution will be on next meeting to move forward with the idea.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilman O'Donnell** reported he will be speaking to Mr. Carelli tomorrow in regards to the Budget and he is going to introduce an amendment to introduce a 0% increase.

**Council President Hauser** reported that there was a Senior Transportation meeting this week and we have some issues with the bus. Maria Burak did some research and she looked into Hybrid and electric vehicles. Electric vehicles are retrofitted and the numbers are about \$110,000 as oppose to a gas/diesel which is typically within the \$50,000 – 75,000. Maria is continuing to look for grant money. There is a proposed share service meeting set for June 16<sup>th</sup> with Board of Education and West Caldwell to discuss a few different options. He has reached out to Mr. Carelli about the status of the DPW shared service prospects and I haven't received a response. He would like to set up a meeting before the shared service meeting. Ann Marchioni asked him to convey that they have made a lot of progress and she feels very confident that we are going to be able to submit for the Bronze level of sustainable New Jersey which she is very excited about.

**Mayor Dassing** reported that in regards to the grant money Mr. Carelli said that the community block grant dollars that are not used go into a general fund and you can compete for that money, so maybe something like that might be a solution for the bus and the community block grant money is what bought us the first bus. If we go with the environmentally friendly one it's more money but at the end of the day it's a newer model and its green.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:**

**1296-14: PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$290,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$290,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF**

Moved by Councilman O'Donnell, seconded by Councilman Capozzoli. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance Introduced 06/05/14.

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Councilman Rodgers reported from the Library and they would like to promote their new book dedication program honor a loved one or celebrate a special event with lasting gift. You can donate on line or pick up a form. They are taking registrations up to July 14<sup>th</sup> for the adult summer reading program. On Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> they have a brunch and learn from 11:30 – 1:30 a professor for history from Montclair State Dr. Leslie Wilson will be doing a thing about the Abolitionists series.

**REPORT OF ATTORNEY:**

Greg Mascera reported he was at the Essex County Tax Board with Joan our tax assessor and they put through 23 residential tax appeals most of the appeals were minor. We will be doing a re-valuation for next year along those lines the tax board reminded Joan that we need to have our maps digitized. We will need to get the RFP out for next year for the re-valuation and we can have that go out by the middle of July and have responses by the end of September and maybe award the contract. We are closing on Personette Street on Wednesday. In regards to the Sewer audit he has spoken to Paul and Mr. Seaman. Greg has all the backup data that he is compiling into a booklet and it will be sent to all the other administrators of towns. What Greg anticipates he will give the administrators three weeks to a month window to raise questions about Greg's methodology and whether they object to his findings and once that is done we can finalize the contract. It's Greg's belief that a majority probably 80% of the towns will agree with his findings and maybe 20% might disagree.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:**

Moved by Councilman Rodgers, seconded by Councilman Capozzoli to open meeting to the Public.

Shep Wescott, 33 Brookside Avenue, he thanked Council President Hauser for responding to his email and forwarding to where it had to go. He is concerned about the project in front of his house and he is upset that nothing will be done until next year. He is concerned about the island that there is no new mulch and the DPW turned over the weeds and they are coming back. He stated that the Woman's Club grass is 3' high. Discussions Ensued.

Marty Meehan, 4 Hawthorne Road, he is concerned about the Caldwell College parking spots and his concerns are safety, speeding and the amount of cars going in and out of the College. He is concerned about the amount of trees that will be taken down for a parking lot. His concern was that the 200' radius list and that not everyone was notified. It's going to be a problem for Grove Street, Ryerson and Hawthorne and his concern is people don't know about it. Greg Mascera responded about the Planning Board and who sits on that Board and he explains that this Council should not get involved as a Council with the application. Every person on the Council is welcomed to attend the planning board meeting to address his concerns as a citizen. Discussions Ensued.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman O'Donnell, seconded by Councilman Kelley unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21P.M.

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lisa O'Neill, Deputy Borough Clerk

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