

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL  
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING  
MINUTES – June 17, 2014**

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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**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

June 5, 2014

Moved by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Rodgers. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Minutes approved 06/17/14.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:**

**ORDINANCE #1297-14:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 230 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, BEING THE CHAPTER GOVERNING VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Moved by Councilman Capozzoli, seconded by Councilman Kelley. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance Introduced 06/17/14.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

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

**ORDINANCE# 1293-14:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 164 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, BEING THE SECTION TTLED "PEACE AND GOOD ORDER"

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Capozzoli. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance Adopted 06/17/14.

**ORDINANCE #1294-14:** CALENDAR YEAR 2014 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Moved by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Hauser. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance Adopted 06/17/14.

**ORDINANCE #1295-14:** BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,539,900 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,149,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Moved by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Rodgers. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance Adopted 06/17/14.

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

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:**

Moved by Councilman Durkin, seconded by Councilman Hauser to open to the Public for Consent Agenda

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**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA**

6-136: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE – Kivwanis Club of Caldwell-West Essex/ Off Premise – 50/50 Raffle, October 5, 2014 – 11:00AM – 5:00PM

6-137: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE – Parent Faculty Association of Mt. St. Dominic Academy/ Off Premise – 50/50 Raffle, September 14, 2014 – 12:00PM – 4:00PM

6-138: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF RENEWAL LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015. APPLICATIONS AND APPLICANTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY APPROPRIATE MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS

6-139: RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF NISA TITLE 39 JURSDICITON OVER THE ROADS THAT TRAVERSE THROUGH THE FIELDS MANOR CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY

6-140: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JUNE 17, 2014 FOR 2013/2014 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,984,154.34

**CONSENT**

Moved by Councilman, Kelley seconded by Councilman Hauser. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 06/17/14.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

**RESOLUTION – 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AMENDMENT**

6-141: RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AS INTRODUCED AND APPROVED ON MAY 20, 2014

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Kelley. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolution approved 06/17/14.

**ADOPTION OF THE 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**  
**Page 41 of Budget is read by Chris Battaglia, CFO**

Moved by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Hauser. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Budget approved 06/17/14.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Council President Hauser** reported on a shared service meeting with Councilman Durkin the Mayor and myself and we discussed a number of things largely around the DPW. Part of the discussion was around what we can do to provide services for other towns and what we can do to reduce our costs. The initial proposal we received from a neighboring town was not well received so we are going to see what we can do proactively.

**Mayor Dassing** reported that she and Councilman Durkin met with the Board of Ed and representatives from West Caldwell. We will be submitting safe streets to school grant for sidewalk and crosswalk repairs and new sidewalks for both towns around the schools to encourage children to walk to school. That is one of the share services that has come out of this effort. We are hoping it will be well received because it is a partnership of three entities which is a little different than submitting as one town. They spoke about creating inter-local agreements such as mechanics, electricians and plumbers. The board has these people on staff and rather than get a company to do it there is a possibility that they would be able to do this. They spoke about the RFP to go out for lawn mowing services which they are looking for something over summer. The Board of Ed has agreed to participate so it's now going to be a much bigger job for whichever company gets it. The Mayor also asked for help for our library because one of our librarians has Grand Jury duty for 18 weeks and there may be Librarian's from the Board of Ed that can assist. They will continue to meet in July and August to get the specs together for the lawn mowing.

**Councilman O'Donnell** reported that when the Budget was introduced they were looking at an nominal \$28 increase on average that was to recoup some unforeseen expenditures and the Mayor pulled him aside and said I think we can do a little better than that and after working with Councilman Capozzoli they have

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adopted a 0% tax increase. There were some theories on why we have become a stronger Borough financially. A chart was presented at the meeting.

**Mayor Dassing** reported that Sergeant Fred Arnold has been moved to another facility to begin rehabilitation and he continues to improve each day and we are all very optimistic for his recovery. We have submitted a 2.7 million dollar grant application for the Pine Brook Erosion project to the New Jersey office of Emergency Management. She thanked Dan Flynn who sent out 35 letters to various agencies along with the letter of inquiry that Glenn Beckmeyer and herself wrote about the Pine Brook erosion and we are starting to get responses back from those letters. Once they review our grant application it will make its way hopefully to the Governor's office and be recommended for funding through FEMA. We could submit a grant application to green acres fund a pocket park on the property that we just purchased known as the former Knights of Columbus property. The application is due July 31<sup>st</sup> and we will be seeking input from the public at the July 15<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. We need to put a design in that application and maybe the Engineer will be able to help. There was discussion on the sewer payments and Greg Mascera will be pursuing the Brownstones. The Mayor asked Greg about the opening road ordinance and Greg responded that he was waiting for Glenn. She would like to schedule A-text in July which is the residential notification system. PSE&G will be replacing the heads of all the decorative lights with LED lights up and down Bloomfield Avenue. The Mayor read a proclamation from the Historic Commission which has to do with 350<sup>th</sup> year of the State of New Jersey.

**6-142: RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JUNE 24, 2014 AS THE 350<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY OF NEW JERSEY AND CHURCHES AND HOUSES OF WORSHIP IN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL ARE INVITED TO RING THEIR BELLS IN THANKSGIVING AND CELEBRATION AT NOON**

Moved by Councilman O'Donnell, seconded by Councilman Kelley, No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolution approved 06/17/14.

**REPORT OF BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR:**

**Paul Carelli** thanked the Council for adopting the Budget and the Capital Ordinance. He thanked Chris for the leg work on the Capital Ordinance finally we have a plan going forward.

**Councilman Kelley** also thanked Chris and Paul for doing a wonderful job. Paul reported that the wires are being put in for our phone system.

We finalized all the paperwork for the Essex County Hazard Mitigation.

We had a PEOSHA inspection with Public Works and we had one violation and that is training for Hazmat Awareness which they will be taking next week.

We had the closing for the Knights of Columbus property last week and thank you to Greg everything went smoothly.

The auditors are finishing up the 2013 audit and the Council will be pleased that things that were on in the past are no longer there.

The Mayor and Paul met with Glenn on Hanford lot and some of the dumpsters will be moved and the owners have agreed to pay for it. Everything will be in the back in a gated area that's concealed with slats and they will fix the sidewalks and aprons going in and out of parking lot.

**REPORT OF ATTORNEY:**

**Greg Mascera** reported that the Personette Street property closed. He submitted as requested by the Council the request that the Borough be considered for the Solar Panels at the Sewer plant. The request was basically conditioned upon further approval of the plant.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Roseland Avenue Bus Stop**

Mayor reported that she spoke to Bob Hodge with regard to Kiwanis putting their seal on the bus stop by Roseland Avenue. The church told him that we own the bus stop that they gave the Borough the land. Bob got pricing to put in new safety windows in and to fix the bench and he said it would be around \$2000.00 and if the Town wanted to spend the money to fix it then Kiwanis every week will go and maintain it. They have the high school kids that will take this on as their project. Greg Mascera responded that perhaps we should run a title search to find out if that strip was ever conveyed to the Borough and who it belongs to.

**Councilman Hauser** asked about the Bus stop possibly being moved right off of that corner before doing any refurbishing. **Mayor Dassing** asked if everyone was in favor of the \$2000 and she will wait for the title search and talk to the County about moving it.

**Councilman Hauser** asked if there would be a schedule for the Sewer Board Meeting and Paul responded that he would schedule it.

