

**In Municipal Council
Regular**

**JANUARY 5, 2016
9 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Frank B. Cook, Vice-President Peter Blais. Councilors: Richard Conti, Mark Cooper, Jeremy Denlea, James DiLisio, Julie Hall, Shannon Heagney, Kate Jackson, Heather Porreca, and Sara Lynn Reynolds.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Following the Inauguration at Attleboro High School, the Attleboro City Council held the first regular meeting of the new term in the Mini Auditorium at Attleboro High School at 9 P.M.

City Clerk Stephen K. Withers opened the meeting and led the Salute to the Flag.

City Clerk Stephen K. Withers presided as President Pro Tem of the City Council for the purpose of electing a President and Vice-President of the Council for the current term.

Mr. Withers reminded Councilors and the audience to turn off all cell phone devices as it interferes with the cable broadcast.

City Clerk Withers announced the election for the President.

The following roll call vote was taken for President:

Mr. Blais—Frank Cook
Mr. Conti—Mark Cooper
Mr. Cook—Frank Cook
Mr. Cooper—Mark Cooper
Mr. Denlea—Mark Cooper
Mr. DiLisio—Frank Cook
Ms. Hall—Frank Cook
Ms. Heagney—Frank Cook
Ms. Jackson—Frank Cook
Ms. Porreca—Mark Cooper
Ms. Reynolds—Mark Cooper

1. Voted on Roll Call—6 yeas for Mr. Cook and 5 yeas for Mr. Cooper. Mr. Cook was elected President of the Attleboro Municipal Council.

The following roll call vote was taken for Vice-President:

Ms. Reynolds—Jeremy Denlea
Ms. Porreca—Jeremy Denlea
Ms. Jackson—Peter Blais
Ms. Heagney—Peter Blais

Ms. Hall—Jeremy Denlea
Mr. DiLisio—Peter Blais
Mr. Denlea—Jeremy Denlea
Mr. Cooper—Jeremy Denlea
Mr. Cook—Peter Blais
Mr. Conti—Jeremy Denlea
Mr. Blais—Peter Blais

2. Voted on Roll Call—6 yeas for Mr. Denlea and 5 yeas for Mr. Blais. Mr. Denlea was elected Vice-President of the Attleboro Municipal Council.

City Clerk Stephen K. Withers administered the Oath of Office to President Frank B. Cook and Vice-President Jeremy Denlea.

President Cook presided over the meeting and read the following statement into the record:

*Inauguration Comments by President Frank B. Cook
January 5, 2016*

“I would be remiss in not recognizing my wife Sandie, and our children, now young adults - Kimberly, Noelani, and Andrew - for their patience and understanding while I’ve served Attleboro as an appointed and elected official since 1990.

I also want to thank you - my colleagues - for the honor and privilege you have given me to lead this Honorable Body for the next two years. I especially appreciate the continuing loyalty of you who have supported me this night. I will not be announcing committee assignments as I have not yet heard back from everyone.

In past remarks when I have stood in this position, I have asked for a moment of silence - of contemplation - so that each of us may consider the importance of the work we now commence. During this silent moment I have also asked that we remember our veterans and current service members. On Sunday I had the privilege of meeting a current service member, the son of an Attleboro family, an Air Force officer serving as a fighter pilot in these tumultuous times. I would ask now that you join me in thinking of this young man and those who guard the gates of freedom, our veterans, and the responsibility of the office we now hold. (Moment of Silence)

Finally on this Inauguration Night, I am reminded of those who served as President of our Nation. Dwight Eisenhower, our 34th President, during his first inaugural address spoke words which I believe speak to us this evening:

“Give us, we pray (he said), the power to discern clearly right from wrong, and allow all our words and actions to be governed thereby, and by the laws of this land ... May cooperation be permitted and be the mutual aim of those who ... hold to differing political faiths; so that all may work for the good of our beloved country and Thy glory.”

The challenge before us remains great! Let us now go forth, working together, to make our City great. May God bless our City and our Nation. Thank you.”

Vice-President Denlea thanked members for their vote of confidence and stated that he looked forward to working with members for the next two years.

President Cook reminded Councilors that the Council Orientation meeting would be held on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 9 A.M. and will be held in the Annex Room at City Hall.

VOTED: TO ADJOURN at 9:35 P.M.

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ATTEST: _____
City Clerk/Clerk of the Council

MINUTES APPROVED BY COUNCIL: _____
(DATE)