



Town of Wyoming
Special Council Meeting
Wyoming Town Annex
October 25, 2011
7:30 P.M.

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rife called the Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE – Mayor Rife

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR TROOPS – Mayor Rife

Council attending: Mayor Dale Rife, Vice-Mayor Terry Witt, Secretary Jacqueline Stokes, Treasurer Georgette Williams, Councilwoman Tracy Greenwood

Council absent: None

Staff attending: Town Clerk Pamela Haddick, Police Lt. Martin Willey (for a short time)

Audience attending: Joyce & Richard Stockslager, Carol & Gene McFann, Mike Marasco

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Witt made a motion seconded by Ms. Stokes to adopt the agenda as published. All in favor; none opposed.

Lt. Martin Willey asked to address Council prior to the meeting proceeding for informational purposes only.

- Mr. Gary Roe has once again asked to hunt on the Savannah Farms property. This is a request he has made for the past several years and has been given permission to do so. Council asked Ms. Haddick to send him a letter stating that as long as no changes or development occur on the property, he may hunt every year. All they ask is that he let the office know by phone or email each year before he starts hunting.
- Lt. Willey announced that the police department has received SLEAF funds in the amount of \$2,393.55. These funds will be used to purchase updated tactical vests for each officer.
- The federal government has offered the Town of Wyoming a used Hummer free of charge. All that is required of Wyoming is that the Town must make arrangements to get it here from New York. There are lights available from the old Crown Vic and the Intrepid in storage so the only expenses for lights would be labor to install them. When we no longer want the vehicle, we will have to return it to them; we cannot sell it.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Mayor Rife turned the meeting over at this time to our attorney, Barrett Edwards, from Hudson, Jones, Jaywork & Fisher. Mr. Edwards had questions on several ordinances that he is trying to finalize. They are as follows:
 - Public Nuisance Ordinance – He feels that one line needs to be added to the ordinance that is currently not there and that is that the letters of notice to the violators must be signed by the mayor.
 - Building Inspector Ordinance – Mr. Edwards feels that Section 8 of the state statute gives too much freedom to the building inspector. Extensions for permits were discussed and it was determined that permits will be for 1 year with no extensions. If not complete after 1 year, a new permit will need to be applied and paid for.
 - Grass & Weeds – this will be a new ordinance with a 5 day written notice to violators. At the beginning of each season a notice will be placed in the newsletter reminding residents of the 8” height limit and that the Town will mow and bill property owner if 5 day notice letter is ignored.
 - RV Ordinance – Cannot live or sleep in RV or park on public streets or public property; however, a permit may be requested for a 14 day period for visiting company up to 3 times per year. Visiting RVs may park directly in front of residence or on private property. Remove grandfather clause. Town will have option to tow if necessary.
 - Vehicular Traffic Ordinance – Instead of maximum weight limit, change to maximum axels – only local deliveries to businesses within the Town or for delivery of construction materials to building projects – otherwise must use truck route only
 - Trash Collection Ordinance – only residential, not optional, billed annually on tax bills – trash should be out by 6:00 a.m. needs to go in newsletter.
 - Planning & Zoning Commission Ordinance – Should be made up of 5 members, not 6; chair & secretary should be chosen among members and should be allowed to vote; members appointed annually by council and rotated every 5 years.
 - Transfer Tax Ordinance – re-adopt the one we have; it works
 - Sanitation & Public Health – repeal in whole only pulling out grass ordinance as its own ordinance
 - Loud Amplification of Motor Vehicles – repeal; covered by Noise Ordinance.
 - Dog Ordinance – Adjust Smyrna’s to fit for Wyoming – sounds perfect for our needs.
 - Dimensional Variance Ordinance – allowing minor variances (under 12”) to be approved administratively rather than sending to Board of Adjustments. Much discussion ensued. No one felt that one person should be responsible for making a decision like this – it should at least go before the entire Council. Ms. Greenwood stated that she wants to be sure any decision like this is totally open and all concerned are fully aware of the issue.
 - Clean Hands Ordinance – Wyoming does not have one but needs one. Ms. Williams will be checking to see what the County has.
 - Town Charter – there are some small amendments that need to be made to the Charter – one is fixing the attorney fees. The Town is making a list.

COMMENTS

- None

Council moved into executive session at 9:26 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

Council moved back into regular session at 10:20 p.m.

Ms. Greenwood motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Witt seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Haddick, Town Clerk