



Town of Wyoming
Council Meeting Minutes
Wyoming Town Annex
February 3, 2014
7:30 P.M.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Council attending: Mayor Dale Rife, Vice Mayor Terry Witt, Treasurer Georgette Williams, Councilwoman Lisa Fulcher

Council absent: Secretary Jacqueline Stokes (excused due to illness)

Staff attending: Town Clerk Pamela Haddick, Chief Martin Willey

Audience attending: Joyce Stockslager, Mike Marasco, Cynthia Roussaw, Greg Scott, James Winchell, Glenn Neese, Darin Jarvis, PFC Dan Creech

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Williams made a motion seconded by Mr. Witt to adopt the agenda. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mayor Rife announced that Representative Blakey is hosting the 34th Representative Meeting again at the Nellie Hughes Stokes Elementary School on February 12th at 7:00 p.m. All residents and council members are welcome.
- Mayor Rife also announced the candidates for Mayor and Council:
Mayor: Dale Rife is running unopposed so will retain her seat.
Council: Kyle Dixon, Tracy Greenwood and Terry Witt are running for the 2 open council seats. The election will be held on the 22nd of February.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- 120213 Council Meeting
- 120713 Special Council Meeting
- 122613 Special Council Meeting
- 123113 Special Emergency Council Meeting (Corrected)
- 010614 Public Hearing

- 010614 Council Meeting

Ms. Fulcher asked Chief Willey about the correction on the 12/31/13 minutes to confirm that it is correct that we were not hiring Mr. Jarvis as a second in command. The chief confirmed that as Mr. Jarvis is not a certified officer already and has to attend the academy.

Ms. Fulcher also asked Mr. Winchell if it was stated correctly in the 010314 minutes that he had stated that if the Town needed any engineering advice that they could call Soheil at the CWSWA and he would advise them at no cost. Mr. Winchell confirmed this. Soheil couldn't do a complete engineering job for us but would be happy to give basic minor advice and not charge anything.

Ms. Williams made a motion seconded by Ms. Fulcher to approve the minutes. All in favor; none opposed; minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Ms. Williams presented the Treasurer's Report for January. *Mr. Witt made a motion to accept all three parts of the Treasurer's Report. Ms. Fulcher seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.*

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Willey gave the police report
- He then introduced Darin Jarvis, the newly hired recruit for the police department. Darin will enter the police academy on February 24th and the anticipated graduation date will be July 28th, just in time for the Peach Festival.
- Burglaries are on the increase in the areas so be sure to lock your cars at all times as well as your doors and windows in your homes. Fruitbud Juice on Southern Boulevard has had two break-ins which have caused about ¼ million dollars in losses.
- Mr. Witt asked the chief what his plans were for a second in command. The chief stated that after Mr. Jarvis completes the academy, Martin will be allowing each officer to be the Officer in Charge whenever he is on vacation or away for some reason. During these trial periods he will see how they each do.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Mr. Glenn Neese gave the Fire Company Report. During the month of January EMT crews responded to 231 medical calls. This was an increase because they were able to run their new ambulance as well as the old one. Fire and Rescue responded to 60 alarms (8 motor vehicle collisions, 19 reported building fires, 12 out of town assists (Magnolia 7, Little Creek 2, Dover 1, Marydel 1 and Goldsboro 1), 7 assists with the ambulance, 3 CO Detector Activation, 11 miscellaneous responses.) On the road time for the apparatus was 36 hours, average number of volunteers responding per alarm was 21, and the average number of calls per day was 9.
- Mr. Neese reminded everyone that Bingo is every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. and there are 2 special events coming up. On Sunday, February 9th, they will be holding a Valentine Day Breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. On Wednesday, February 12th they will be holding a Coach Bingo at 7:00 p.m. These fundraisers help to support the fire company programs.

C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- Mr. Jim Winchell reported that they are making plans for the new water tower on their newly purchased property on Upper King Road. For the time being, they will be retaining the building that currently sits on the property. They had considered selling it but are holding off on that for now. They might need it.

- Tracy Torres who is a Camden representative on the CWSWA is also running for Camden Town Council. If she wins she will be the second Camden councilperson to sit on the Authority. Mr. Dougherty is also a councilman and board member.
- During the severe cold weather we have had there were a few frozen pipes but not too many.
- Winterberry Woods will be presenting their plans to CWSWA again soon.

PLANNING & ZONING

- No one was available to report. They have a meeting coming up on February 11th.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT/ CODE VIOLATION REPORT

- Mr. Snyder was not present but Ms. Haddick stated that nothing had changed on the Open Building Permit List or the Dangerous Building list since last month.

PARK/STREET REPORT

- Mr. Witt reported that not much is going on at the park because it has been too cold. Lew has been plowing and putting down salt as needed.
- Mr. Witt brought up the ditch at the east end of Southern Boulevard between Southern and Camden Wyoming Avenue and what needs to be done there. Discussion ensued.
- It was also suggested that letters go out to landlords in town reminding them that it is ultimately their responsibility that their properties' sidewalks get shoveled after a snowstorm.

MAYOR

- Mayor Rife reported that she and Pam met with Senator Bushweller, Representative Blakey, Glenn Shipley, and employees of Del-DOT to discuss the sinking storm drains on Southern Boulevard and Del-DOT stating that storm drains were not their responsibility to fix even though they (or a contractor that worked for them) installed them in the first place. They were adamant that the storm drains are not their responsibility to fix; however, they did agree to camera the drains to see if they can see what the underlying problem may be if there is one. They will be getting this scheduled as soon as they can.
- The mayor also mentioned that we are looking at a couple of locations that might be possible for the town to build the new storage building that we are planning rather than having to take park or parking lot space to put it. Ms. Fulcher questioned what was going on with a building. Ms. Williams stated that it is in the budget, we are just trying to locate the best place to build it. There is a piece of property on Southern Boulevard that we believe Wyoming Block donated to the town years ago and Ms. Williams is trying to find the deed to it. There is also a piece of land at the end of South Drive that the Town has been maintaining for years and we are also looking into that. Ms. Fulcher requested that council get an update on the building at each meeting.
- Calendar of Events – Tentative schedule of meetings. Please check with Town Hall for any changes or cancellations.
 - Town Council Meeting – 3/3/14, 7:30 p.m., Annex
 - CWSWA – 2/11/14, 7:00 p.m., CWSWA Office
 - Planning & Zoning – 2/11/14, 7:30 p.m., Annex
 - Election – 2/22/14, 1:00 to 8:00 p.m., Annex

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Ordinance #26-14 Property Tax Ordinance – Ms. Williams stated that last month Council determined which of the possible ordinances they wanted to go with and a first reading was

done on the one they chose. This is a second reading of that ordinance. *Ms. Williams made a motion to adopt Ordinance #26-14. Mr. Witt seconded the motion. Ms. Williams, Aye; Mr. Witt, Aye; Mayor Rife, Aye; Ms. Fulcher, Opposed. Motion passed.*

- Mayor Rife stated that it is not necessary for Council to vote on the minor subdivision request to consolidate 2 properties in The Greens at Wyoming into one property. Once Planning and Zoning have approved it, the Mayor just needs to stamp it “approved” and sign and date it. Planning and Zoning have the final say on a minor subdivision request. Ms. Fulcher stated that she feels we need to actually do an amendment to the Minor Subdivision Amendment to the Land Use and Development Code requiring notice be mailed to each adjoining property to the property (or properties) involved in the minor subdivision request. This amendment should also state that a minor subdivision can only be requested once within a major subdivision. It cannot happen over and over again.
- Conditional Use – 8 N. Mechanic Street – *Ms. Williams made a motion to approve the Conditional Use at 8 N. Mechanic Street to have a Family Rest Care facility at that location pending approval from the State of Delaware Elder Care Licensing Division. Once Ms. Roussaw receives her State License, she must also apply for a business license with the Town of Wyoming. Ms. Fulcher seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passed.*

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Williams explained the Flood Plain Ordinance. This ordinance is required of the Town by DNREC in order for our residents to qualify to purchase Floor Insurance on their homes. We were sent a template of the ordinance we need and it just needed some areas filled in to make it relevant to the Town of Wyoming. Once we have it done, we will be sending it to Mr. Greg Williams at DNREC where it will be corrected if necessary and tweaked. The final copy will be ready for the second reading and vote at the March Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Ms. Fulcher asked about the Sewer & Water Committee and when the meeting with Senator Bushweller will be held. Ms. Williams said she would look into that.

Ms. Fulcher made a motion seconded by Mr. Witt to adjourn. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Haddick, CMC, Town Clerk