



Town of Wyoming
Council Meeting Minutes
Wyoming Town Annex
September 9, 2013
7:30 P.M.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rife called the Meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Rife

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR TROOPS – Mayor Rife

ROLL CALL

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

Council absent: None

Staff attending: Town Clerk Pamela Haddick

Audience attending: Fred Jester, Frank DiMondi, Sherene Lindo, Joyce Stockslager, Mike Quinn, Rick Eachus, Jody Sweeney, Mike Marasco.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- 081213 Council Meeting
- 081213 Executive Session

Ms. Williams made a motion seconded by Mr. Witt to approve both sets of minutes as published. All in favor; none opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Williams presented the Treasurer's Report, the Profit & Loss Report and the Check Register for August. The Town has received \$26,000 + in Municipal Street Aid funds but the Treasurer's Report does not reflect that as it was not received until early September. *Mr. Witt made a motion seconded by Ms. Stokes to accept all three parts of the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. All in favor; none opposed.*

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Willey was not available so Mayor Rife read off the Police Report of which a printed copy is in the packets.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Fred Jester was in attendance to give the report. During August the EMT crews responded to 188 medical calls. Fire and Rescue responded to 36 alarms of which 7 were motor vehicle collisions, 6 reported building fires, 3 out of town assists Clayton (1) and Hartly (2), 11 medical assists to Ambulance 41, and 9 miscellaneous responses. On-the-road time for the apparatus was 21.6 hours; average number of volunteers responding to alarms was 11; and the average number of calls per day was 7.
- The new ambulance is at the fire hall; however, it is not in use yet due to a brake problem.
- The fire company will be in attendance at the 9/11 Memorial dedication at the DAFB Air Mobility Command Museum on September 11th.

PLANNING & ZONING

- Rick Eachus reported that at the August meeting the Planning & Zoning committee voted to recommend approval of the preliminary subdivision plans for Wynsome Knoll to Council. *Mr. Witt made a motion seconded by Ms. Stokes to accept the preliminary subdivision plans contingent upon receiving all required paperwork from utilities.*

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT/ CODE VIOLATION REPORT

- Mr. Snyder was not present to give a report. Reports are in the packets.

C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- Mr. Mike Quinn was present. Tuesday night's meeting will included voting on the Budget. There will not be a rate increase.
- Ms. Williams read a report from the Sewer & Water Committee (consisting of 2 Camden councilpersons, 2 Wyoming councilpersons, and Senator Brian Bushweller acting as mediator) giving its recommendations to Council. Camden's members of the committee should be reading the same report into Camden's Council Meeting Minutes on this date also. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes. Ms. Williams has copies of the report for anyone wishing to see it. Mr. Witt questioned the recommendations and whether we couldn't go directly to the board members rather than hiring independent persons to get the answers within 60 days first. We also have to see what Camden Council decides. Ms. Williams stated that if a full time engineer isn't needed, then the funds saved from that could pay for the independent consultant. Ms. Fulcher asked if Wyoming could answer the same questions the committee is asking of the authority.
- Mr. Mike Marasco stated that he had attended the Camden meeting before he came to Wyoming's and they handled this differently.

PARK/STREET REPORT

- Mr. Witt spoke about a fishing pier that DNREC says they may be able to get the Town a grant to install at the Park. He asked Pam to give more details. She stated that this is something that DNREC mentioned to us when we started doing the plantings with them at the park. We are not planning to do this any time in the near future. The only reason she asked for some drawings and a ballpark price was that DNREC is planning a new planting on November 2, 2013 and they do not want to plan a bed where a pier might be constructed if we were ever to construct one. If this happens, it will be sometime down the road and

only if we can get a grant for it and the liability costs aren't too high. The gentleman she contacted is with a company that has built some piers for DNREC at Lums Pond and done a really nice job. Mr. Witt asked about the liability impact on the Town's insurance and Ms. Williams stated that she would be contacting the insurance company to get prices.

- Mr. Witt also talked about people driving in the park. The only people who should be in the park in a vehicle are those using the pavilion for a party and only for the purpose of unloading and later reloading their supplies. They should not be leaving cars in the park during the party. Some are not following this rule. There have also been some complaints of people driving at high speeds in the park and apparently a small child was almost hit. Pam stated that she and Lew had talked about this earlier today and she told him to put a chain across the driveway to the park and leave it there. People using the pavilion will just have to carry their supplies from the parking lot. We can't take the chance of anyone being hit by a car in the park.
- Mayor Rife talked about the new mulch in the playground areas. It seems to be terribly dirty. Mr. Witt said this mulch came from the same person they got it from last year and the same person Mr. Spruill told Mr. Witt he had purchased it from before that. Mayor Rife asked Ms. Haddick to look up prior invoices to see if this year's mulch was really the same as before and to call around to KC Parks and maybe W.B. Simpson Elementary School to see where they get their playground mulch from.
- Mayor Rife also asked Ms. Haddick to check with DNREC as to when they will be cleaning out the poison sumac and other noxious weeds at the park.
- The part time maintenance man has completed the painting of Town Hall windows and doors and the train platform. He should be completing the sealing of the train platform floor this week and will be moving on to seal the pavilion which he has already power washed. Lew has stained the benches in front of Town Hall and the Annex.
- Ms. Williams reported that the money we thought we were going to get from our legislators to make the park bathroom ADA compliant and to build a second pavilion is not available to us after all. We will have to look further to get the bathrooms taken care of.
- Mayor Rife reported that the S. Layton Avenue Drainage project is in the works. Our engineer has agreed to write us the letter we need for DEMA stating that the project we have planned will work. Harold Scott from CWSWA has agreed to write the letter stating that they will help us keep the drain cleared out. We are just waiting on the state to determine where that drain runs to.
- Mayor Rife reported that Jenkins Drive has been completed except for some backfilling and seeding that is needed in one area where the edge of the road is too high. Ms. Haddick needs to call CWSWA to remind them that the manhole that was found on Jenkins Drive needs to be raised.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Ms. Haddick read the Ordinance to Confirm and Ratify the Rezoning of 317 N. Layton Avenue, Wyoming, DE from the Zoning Classification of Commercial (C) to the Zoning Classification of Light Industrial (I-1) the rezoning of which Council voted to approve at the July, 2013 Council Meeting. The second reading of the ordinance was waived. *Ms. Williams made a motion seconded by Mr. Witt to approve this ordinance. All in favor; none opposed.*

NEW BUSINESS

- Boy Scout Troop 24 has requested to place a sign at Johnson Square similar to the ones there for the Rotary and the Lions Club. It will be depicting that they have been in existence in this town for 25 years and that they are here to benefit this town. *Ms. Williams made a motion to approve their request seconded by Mr. Witt. All in favor; none opposed.*

GOOD NEWS

- Mayor Rife stated that she has Good News Awards going out to Jim and Donna Mason for their hard work on the Peach Festival Parade and to Jaci Stokes and the Peach Festival Committee for their hard work on the festival. They all do a wonderful job. Certificates will be mailed to them.

CORRESPONDENCE

- All correspondence is on file at Town Hall if anyone is interested in seeing it.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- A. Town Council Meeting – 10/7/13, 7:30 pm, Annex
- B. Planning & Zoning – 9/12/13, 7:30 pm, Annex
- C. CWSWA – 9/10/13, 7:00 pm, CWSWA office
- D. Peach Festival Committee – 9/17/13, 7:30 pm, Annex

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mrs. Stockslager asked if anyone had checked with any of the Fifers or Papens on getting permission to put a fishing pier at the park since the water rights are theirs. Ms. Haddick stated that she was aware of that and that they would be contacted. This is just something that DNREC mentioned to us. We may not be moving any further on it at all but if we do, they will be contacted. She feels they should have been contacted before we started looking for prices.
- Sherene Lindo stated that there have been some mischievous events occurring on Mechanic Street. She has had her chain link fence cut several times so that the dogs are able to escape. Each time she has it fixed, it happens again. Mayor Rife told her that it is important that she notify the Chief of Police each time it happens so that it can be documented. She also stated that the street light back near the fence on Mechanic Street blinks on and off and does not stay lit. She feels this is part of the problem. Ms. Haddick asked her to get the numbers off the light pole and report them to her so that she can contact Delmarva Power to fix the light.

Council took a break at 8:58 p.m.

Ms. Stokes made a motion seconded by Mr. Witt to move into Executive Session. All in favor; none opposed.

Council moved into Executive Session at 9:05 p.m.

Council Re-entered Regular Session at 9:25 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Haddick, CMC, Town Clerk