



Town of Wyoming  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Wyoming Town Annex  
June 2, 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, Secretary Jaci Stokes, Treasurer Kyle Dixon, Councilwoman Lisa Fulcher

Council absent: None

Staff attending: Town Clerk Pamela Haddick, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Richard Snyder, and Police Chief Martin Willey

Audience attending: Georgette Williams, Joyce Stockslager, Mike Quinn, Mr. & Mrs. DuBlois

PLEDGE – Mayor Rife led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

INVOCATION – Reverend Jim Dorton from the Three Stones Church gave the invocation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

*Ms. Stokes made a motion seconded by Mr. Witt to accept the agenda as presented. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS – GOOD NEWS

The FEMA Grant for the Layton Avenue Pump Station has finally been approved! The kickoff meeting was held last week so we are ready to start moving on the project.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Del DOT has sent the cameras through the catch basins on Southern Boulevard. We are waiting on a report from them.
- DLLG members have been verbally against the HB333 due to licensing and taxing control being taken out of the municipalities' hands. The bill has been amended removing the section relating to licensing and taxing, and will go for approval with this change. DLLG has determined NOT to support Governor Markel's \$.10 per gallon tax.
- CDBG – waiting to hear something in July

- Maintenance Building – Mayor Rife stated that we are waiting for the park to reopen to determine where to place the new building. Chief Willey handed out photos of a building at Wyoming Concrete that the owners may consider donating to the town. It is big enough to hold not only town equipment but the police cars as well. We will look into this.
- The new police car is up and running. The chief’s old car blew an engine and is not worth fixing. He is now driving the blue Crown Vic.
- The new server has been installed but there are some issues with some of our software not being compatible with it. One of our computers is still working on the old server; the other two have been moved over to the new one.

CORRESPONDENCE – Correspondence is available in Town Hall for anyone interested.

#### ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- Mayor Rife stated that Ms. Georgette Williams’ name was not included in the audience in attendance in the May 5<sup>th</sup> minutes. This will be corrected. Ms. Fulcher stated that there was an error in the last bullet of the Mayor’s Report. The minutes state that Ms. Stokes asked why the striping on the SUV is different than the striping on the Chargers. It should have stated that it was Ms. Fulcher that asked the question. *Mr. Witt made a motion seconded by Ms. Stokes to approve all four sets of minutes as corrected. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.*

#### TREASURER’S REPORT

- Mr. Dixon presented the Treasurer’s Report for May. He also reported that Nicole has contacted Kent County for tax downloads. Gov Collect which is the new upgrade to the Capital Software that we use for taxes will be done on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Fulcher asked about what the Red’s check was for. It was for a coat for Jarvis, our recruit in the academy. She also asked what the check to Georgette Williams for \$45.00 was for. It was to reimburse her for having the 3 swearing in sheets recorded at the Recorder of Deeds. They will not bill, must be paid at the time of service so she paid it. *Mr. Witt made a motion to accept all three parts of the Treasurer’s Report subject to audit. Ms. Stokes seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.*

#### POLICE REPORT

- Chief Willey gave the police report.
- He announced that the FBI has ranked Wyoming as the fourth safest town or city in Delaware.
- The Chief gave council a list of our ordinances marked either “civil” or “violation” so that we can get each of them corrected to say this. On the “civil” ordinances, he recommends giving them a set amount of time to pay fine or re-violate them to cover cost of legal fees.
- He has spoken to the fire marshal in reference to the exterior stairs at the annex and the fire marshal says we cannot block exit in any way. Any plans will need to go to him first.
- The new officer is doing well in the academy. His graduation date will be July 11<sup>th</sup>. He’s about ¾ done at this point.

#### FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- There was no one present to report.

## C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- Mr. Quinn was present and stated that everything is running smoothly and there is really nothing special to report.

## PLANNING & ZONING

- Planning & Zoning had no one present to report. Ms. Haddick stated that there were two issues that were on their agenda last month but no one from P & Z had contacted her to let her know what happened at the meeting despite her trying to contact the chairperson for information. Mr. & Mrs. DuBlois were present at the meeting. They represented one of the issues that Planning & Zoning were to have covered. They told us that their issue was approved to move on to Council; however, without something specific from Planning & Zoning Council could not vote on this. The next Planning & Zoning meeting is Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Council will plan a special meeting immediately following that meeting in order to move on this issue.

## BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT/ CODE VIOLATION REPORT

- Mr. Snyder went over the open building permit list. We have had a lot of new permits again this month.
- Mr. Snyder talked about the vacant building issue again. Ms. Haddick has contacted other municipalities and has a file on several towns with ordinances requiring registration of vacant buildings and annual fees. This will be looked into further.
- Our attorney has been regularly sending Pam the information to move forward with the dangerous building issues but she has not had time to move on them yet. These will be caught up by next meeting.

## PARK/STREET REPORT

- Ms. Fulcher reported that she was planning a meeting with Nicole about a grant for the park bathrooms.
- We have not done any plantings at the park. Lew has enough to do just keeping the beds we have weeded. Just remove this from future reporting at this time.
- Mr. Witt has spoken to Mr. Marasco about getting the Lions Club to donate two grills for the park; there was previously a misunderstanding about whether we still wanted them.
- Due to some safety issues we have had to close the Wyoming Park temporarily. This will hopefully be settled soon so we can re-open it.
- We have had a complaint from someone in reference to the lack of handicapped access to the pavilion and the bathrooms at the park. Lew can handle what needs to be done so as soon as the park is opened again, we'll have Lew work on that.
- Mr. Witt reported that Lew has been mostly mowing. He has also replaced all the lights on the train platform with new lights.
- There is a manhole cover on Camden Wyoming Avenue that is loose and keeps coming up. Del DOT has been called to repair it. They have not responded yet.
- Del DOT is scheduled to resurface Camden Wyoming Avenue sometime mid to late summer so it will be repaired at that time if not sooner.
- Street sweeping will be done right before the Peach Festival. A list of our streets will be sent to Harold Scott Jr.
- Discussed "no parking after snowfall" signs – we need to know how many are needed.
- Discussed "one-way" on S. Layton Avenue between Camden Wyoming and Southern. Notification will be given to residents on that street and a public hearing will be scheduled. Planning & Zoning will also be included.

PEACH FESTIVAL REPORT – Jaci Stokes

- Planning for the festival is moving along smoothly.

DFIT INSURANCE REPORT

- Georgette Williams gave the report attached to the minutes.

ANNEXATION – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – Tentative schedule of meetings. Please check with Town Hall for any changes or cancellations.

- Town Council Meeting – 7/14/14, 7:30 p.m., Annex
- CWSWA – 6/10/14, 7:00 p.m., CWSWA Office
- Planning & Zoning – 6/10/14, 7:30 p.m., Annex
- Peach Festival Committee Meeting – 6/17/14, 7:00 p.m., Annex

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Joyce Stockslager asked whether the WUMC had been contacted about parking there during the Peach Festival. Pam said she has already spoken with Renata at the church.

COUNCIL COMMENTS - None

Council took a break at 9:10 p.m.

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

Council moved into Executive Session at 9:15 p.m.

Council entered back into Regular Session at 11:00 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Haddick, CMC, Town Clerk