



Town of Wyoming
Wyoming Town Annex
January 17, 2015
10:00 A.M.

**SPECIAL MEETING
&
Budget Workshop**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rife called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Rife

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR TROOPS – Mayor Rife

Council attending: Mayor Dale Rife, Vice-Mayor Terry Witt, Secretary Jacqueline Stokes, Treasurer Kyle Dixon, Councilwoman Lisa Fulcher

Council Absent: None

Staff attending: Nicole Armour, Finance Clerk

Audience attending: Georgette Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Cable

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

Budget Amendment:

Ms. Armour went over the amendments that had been made and the reasoning behind them.

Council made a few other changes in the meeting which were as follows.

- Mayor Rife stated that she would like to see the fine revenue stay at the \$45,000 that was originally budgeted.
- Ms. Armour stated that the council should entertain the idea of adding a Natural Gas for the Pump Station line with at least \$420 in it to which the council agreed.
- Ms. Fulcher stated that the Halloween line should be reduced from \$900 to \$500 which the council agreed.
- Ms. Armour stated that the Commercial Package/Bonds line needed to be increased \$4800.
- Mayor Rife stated she would like to have Natural Gas and Sewer and Water for the park added back into the budget and the council agreed.

Mr. Witt stated that he thought that we should hold off on the purchase of a dump trailer for Lew at this time and Mayor Rife agreed.

Ms. Armour went over the changes with the council once more and clarified that any funds needed would come out of line 2200 Fund Balance. Mayor Rife stated that Ms. Armour would make the changes and clean the spreadsheet up and the amended budget would be put on February's agenda for approval.

Mrs. Cable asked if the town has had any issues with the new bank's fees. Ms. Armour stated that we have not had any so far. That WSFS has maintained the same fee structure as the First National Bank of Wyoming. Mr. Witt stated that he has talked to someone at the bank and that it has come to his attention that bank employees would be available to help the town with and future plantings of street cleaning projects.

Hiring Policy:

Council got into a lengthy debate about the Hiring Policy. Mayor Rife stated that she did not like it and did not feel a need for it since we do not do much hiring and that there has always been an unwritten guideline the town has followed. Ms. Fulcher stated that she felt that there needed to be a written guideline that should be followed and Ms. Stokes agreed. Ms. Stokes felt that Council should be more involved in the decision making process. Mayor Rife agreed and stated that in one of the drafts it is stated that Pam would make the final decision and she doesn't agree with that. Ms. Fulcher asked that if having a written policy doesn't change anything then what would the problem be in passing a written guideline. Mayor Rife presented a different copy of the policy that Ms. Armour copied for everyone. This will be added to February's agenda for approval.

CDBG Resolution:

Mayor Rife stated that since there was not a quorum to conduct the January meeting then the CDBG resolutions could not be read, voted on, or signed. Mayor Rife went on to explain the program. *Mr. Witt motioned to accept the resolution. Ms. Stokes seconded the motion. All in favor. Opposed, none. Motion carried.*

Council Comments:

None

Audience Comments:

Mrs. Cable stated that she would like to see a policy like Roberts Rules or Parliamentary Procedures followed so that council will come informed and have questions ready or answered before hand to cut down on the melodrama that goes on at the meetings. She feels that it would increase attendance. Mrs. Cable went on to ask about the sidewalk on S. Layton Ave. and after a lengthy discussion it was decided that Mr. Snyder will be sent out to take pictures and a letter will be sent to the homeowner telling them that the sidewalk needs to be repaired. Mr. Cable stated that the retaining wall of that same property is bowing and that we should address that at the same time.

Mrs. Cable asked if the taping of the minutes would be discussed again. Mrs. Fulcher stated that she had asked for it to be added to the agenda last month, but then was unable to make the meeting. Mayor Rife stated that it was not cost effective and that they office personnel would also have to type the minutes verbatim at that point. Mayor Rife then read an excerpt from FOIA that stated all that was required in minutes was the calling to order, adjournment, motions, and votes. Mayor Rife also stated that the meetings would become less person and more formal. Mrs. Cable stated that that is what they should be. She stated that she would rather see them ran more

business-like and that would cut down all of the arguing between council members and audience members. Ms. Williams stated that she had never seen a cost study done, but that the attorney always said no and that council just always went on the advice of the attorney. Mrs. Cable stated that she would like to know what the actually reasoning behind the attorney's "no" was.

Mr. Dixon motioned to adjourn the workshop. Ms. Stokes seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole Armour
Finance Clerk