



Town of Wyoming
Council Meeting Minutes
Wyoming Town Annex
June 1, 2015
7:30 P.M.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rife called the Meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA –
Mayor Rife led

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE BIDEN FAMILY – Mayor Rife

ROLL CALL

Council attending: Mayor Dale Rife, Treasurer Kyle Dixon, Secretary Georgette Williams,
Councilmember Paul Cable

Council Absent: Vice-Mayor Terry Witt *Ms. Williams moved and Mr. Dixon seconded to excuse Mr. Witt due to illness. Mr. Cable, Ms. Williams, Mr. Dixon, Mayor Rife, Aye. Motion carried.*

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

Audience attending: Joyce Stockslager, Mike Quinn, Lisa Fulcher

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Cable moved with second by Mr. Dixon to accept the agenda as presented. Mr. Dixon, Ms. Williams, Mr. Cable, Mayor Rife, Aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – GOOD NEWS – MAYOR’S REPORT

- The mayor will be awarding the Mike Brown Scholarship to the recipient at the Thursday night awards program at CRHS
- Mayor Rife attended the May DLLG meeting. Senator Carney spoke to the group and the mayor said he was an excellent speaker.
- Mayor Rife stated that the holes have been punched in the pool at the 105 N. Layton Avenue property by the Camden Wyoming Sewer & Water Authority making it ready to be filled in.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence is available in Town Hall for anyone interested.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- 4/6/15 Council Meeting – *Ms. Williams moved with second made by Mr. Dixon to approve the corrected minutes. Ms. Williams, Mr. Dixon, Mayor Rife, Aye. Mr. Cable, No. Motion carried.*
- 5/4/15 Reorganization Meeting – *Ms. Williams moved with second made by Mr. Dixon to approve the minutes as published. Mr. Cable, Ms. Williams, Mr. Dixon, Mayor Rife, Aye. Motion carried.*
- 5/4/15 Council Meeting – *Ms. Williams moved with second made by Mr. Dixon to approve the minutes as published. Ms. Williams, Mr. Dixon, Mayor Rife, Aye. Mr. Cable, No. Motion carried.*
- 5/4/15 Executive Session – *Correction needs to be made to signature from Jacqueline Stokes, Secretary to Georgette Williams, Secretary. Mr. Dixon moved with a second by Mr. Cable to approve the minutes as corrected. Mr. Cable, Mr. Dixon, Ms. Williams, Mayor Rife, Aye. Motion carried.*
- 5/15/15 Budget Meeting - Mayor Rife stated that there is an error on page 3 in the first motion made after re-entering the regular meeting. The dollar figure for the Chief's salary increase should be \$4,303.44 rather than \$4,403.44 as printed. It appears to be a typographical error. Some discussion ensued. *Ms. Williams moved with a second by Mr. Dixon to accept minutes as corrected. Mr. Dixon, Ms. Williams, Mayor Rife, Aye. Mr. Cable, No. Motion carried.*
- 5/15/15 Executive Session – *Ms. Williams moved with a second by Mr. Cable to accept the executive session minutes as presented. Mr. Cable, Mr. Dixon, Ms. Williams, Mayor Rife, Aye. Motion Carried.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Mr. Dixon presented the reports for council to review. *Ms. Williams moved and seconded by Mr. Cable to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Mr. Dixon, Mr. Cable, Ms. Williams, Mayor Rife, Aye. Motion carried.*

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Willey gave the monthly report for May.
- Mayor Rife asked what we can do about the dogs on Mechanic Street. Discussion ensued. Species specific ordinances were suggested. The Chief discussed the SPCA. Mr. Cable said he had contacted Captain Sherri Warburton of the First State Animal Center & S.P.C.A. and she had offered to come to a Council Meeting. She would discuss what services they offer the Town's Citizens and bring printed information on the State of Delaware's Dog Laws. She would also field questions from Citizens and Council. Mr. Cable agreed to set up Captain Warburton coming to the July 13, 2015 Council Meeting.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- No one was present to report.

C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- Mr. Mike Quinn stated that there is nothing related to Wyoming to report.

PLANNING & ZONING

- No one was present to report.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT/ CODE ENFORCEMENT

- The open permit report is in the packets.
- Mr. Snyder stated that the bid opening for the demolition of the two dangerous buildings will be held on June 3rd.
- Discussion ensued on ordinances and enforcing them. We need to look at the City of Dover's Nuisance Ordinance. The Chief suggested having Mr. Snyder trained in Deljis so that he would have access to the ordinances in the law library and he could enforce the ordinances through that. This would save the Town money as we would no longer have to go through our attorney in order to collect fines.
- The Grass Ordinance needs to have higher fees. Ms. Haddick will check with other towns to see what their fees are. We may also get some quotes from lawn care companies for mowing the properties in violation of the grass ordinance rather than Lew having to do it. Some of this tall grass has caused the belts to repeatedly break on the town mower.

PARK/STREET REPORT

- Mr. Cable stated that several signs have been raised in town to prevent pedestrians from hitting their heads as they walk past them.
- A small pot hole at 124 S. Layton has been filled.
- One of our residents that is blind has requested that "blind" signs for the corner of Layton and Camden Wyoming Avenue be installed. Once we get a letter from her doctor stating that she is blind, we will be able to request that Del DOT put up these signs.
- Discussion ensued in reference to the grant that could help us with remodeling the park bathrooms. Nicole will get together the grant application for Mr. Cable so that he can proceed with the application.

ANNEXATION

- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Ms. Williams recommended that Council set up a workshop meeting to be held on Saturday, June 13, 2015, to set the tax rates and pass the budget. The meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. Council was in agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Cable recommended having Public Comments at the beginning of the meeting after the Roll Call. Discussion ensued. It was decided to try it.
- Mayor Rife suggested 2 minutes for Public Comments.
- Mr. Cable has some council rules he feels need to be followed. He will email them to everyone.
- Mr. Cable mentioned that if Mr. Snyder is going to be taking Deljis classes and using that for Code Enforcement, he will be putting more time on the job so the budget for Code Enforcement may need to be adjusted. That will be addressed as needed.
- Mayor Rife stated that she and Ms. Haddick had met with a company called Shore Scan about a program for document retention (scanning documents and housing them off site.)

The quote from them is not ready yet. It will be discussed once the quote is in and copied for everyone.

- Mayor Rife met with Republic Services about our trash contract. They have agreed to extend the contract for three more years. This first year the price will stay the same as last year. The next two years will increase 2% each year. They will also be adding a Bulk Pickup Day each Wednesday where that is all they pick up. *Ms. Williams moved with a second from Mr. Dixon to sign the 3 year contract with Republic Services with the first year staying the same and the second and third years increasing by 2% each. A weekly bulk pickup day will also be added. Ms. Williams, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Cable, Mayor Rife, Aye. Motion carried.*

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

- Town Council Meeting – 7/13/15, 7:30 p.m., Annex
- CWSWA – 6/9/15, 7:00 p.m., CWSWA Office
- Planning & Zoning – 6/9/15, 7:30 p.m., Annex
- Peach Festival – 6/16/15, 7:00 p.m., Annex

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Lisa Fulcher asked exactly what bulk pick up is. Mayor Rife explained. If it involves any refrigeration, it must have a sticker on it that says a licensed refrigeration person has removed all the refrigerant from the item.
- Ms. Fulcher also asked if we would also be having Public Comments at the end of the meeting as well as at the beginning. It was stated that we would be trying that as well.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Mr. Cable stated that he has talked to Carl Luft about some questions he had about Council and Delaware League issues.
- Mr. Cable stated that SB66 which involves purchasing vacant properties is moving on in the Legislature.
- Mr. Cable has typed up a picnic sheet to sign up on if anyone plans to attend the picnic and to say what they will be bringing.
- Mr. Cable stated that he called Deborah Moreau at the Public Integrity Commission and she referred him to Katisha Fortune at the Attorney General's Office. Katisha Fortune is the Attorney General Office's Freedom of Information Act Coordinator. She explained the definition of a Serial Meeting and said that none of us can discuss Town Business with each other except in a Posted, Public Meeting. Ms. Fortune is also in charge of composing the Freedom of Information Act Manual that will be posted on the Attorney General's website on July 1st.

Council took a recess at 9:32 p.m.

Council returned from recess at 9:36 p.m.

Mr. Dixon moved with a second from Mr. Cable to move into Executive Session. Mr. Dixon, Mr. Cable, Ms. Williams, Mayor Rife, Aye. Motion carried.

Council moved into Executive Session at 9:37 p.m.

Council left Executive Session at 10:00 p.m.

Mr. Cable moved with a second by Mr. Dixon to adjourn. Mr. Cable, Mr. Dixon, Ms. Williams, Mayor Rife, Aye. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Pamela Haddick, CMC, Town Clerk/Office Manager