



Town of Wyoming
Council Meeting Minutes
Wyoming Town Annex
March 7, 2016
7:30 P.M.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rife called the Meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Dale Rife

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR TROOPS: Dale Rife

ROLL CALL

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

Council Absent: Vice Mayor Terry Will

Ms. Williams moved with a second from Mr. Dixon to excuse Mr. Witt from the meeting due to illness. Ms. Williams, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Cable, Aye. Motion carried.

Staff attending: Town Clerk Pamela Haddick, Finance Clerk Nicole Armour, Chief of Police Martin Willey, Corporal Mike Petyo, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Richard Snyder

Audience attending: Glenn Neese, Joyce Stockslager, Sheryl Ford, Doug Denison, James Winchell, Mike Marasco

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Williams moved with second by Mr. Dixon to adopt the agenda as published. Ms. Williams, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Cable, Aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – GOOD NEWS – MAYOR’S REPORT

- Mayor Rife stated that the maintenance building is moving forward in good shape.
- Mayor Rife stated that she has just had surprise notification the Cheswold’s mayor, Donald Tinari, is retiring.

- Caesar Rodney is having a 100th Anniversary Celebration dinner at Dover Downs and tickets are on sale at \$65.00 each.
- Mayor Rife is in receipt of two letters praising Cpl. Mike Petyo for how he handled two incidents in town. They both asked that he be commended for his service. She presented Cpl. Petyo with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Town Council of the Town of Wyoming.
- Mayor Rife announced that Nicole Armour, Finance Clerk, has received her Certified Municipal Clerk designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. She called her forward and awarded her a certificate of appreciation from the Town Council of the Town of Wyoming.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence is available in Town Hall for anyone interested.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- February 1, 2016, Council Meeting –*Ms. Williams moved with a second by Mr. Dixon to approve the Council Meeting minutes. Ms. Williams, Mr. Dixon, Mayor Rife, Aye. Mr. Cable, No. Motion carried.*
- February 1, 2016 Executive Session – *tabled*

TREASURER’S REPORT

- Mr. Dixon presented the reports for council to review.
- Mr. Dixon stated that Nicole was meeting with various banks looking into the Town choosing a new bank. At this point PNC, Citizens and M & T appear to be the best choices. They are all doing an analysis and should have more information for us by next month.
- Council needs to start setting up Budget Workshops.
- The Town has six properties up for monitions.

Ms. Williams moved with a second by Mr. Cable to approve the Treasurer’s Report subject to audit. Ms. Williams, Mr. Cable, Mr. Dixon, Aye. Motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Willey presented his report (attached.) He stated that most of the accidents this month were due to the snow.
- Mr. Cable questioned parade permits. A lot of people throw candy out to children during both the Peach Festival Parade and the Homecoming Parade. He feels this is extremely dangerous and would like something on the parade permit stating that this can’t be done. Discussion ensued. The Chief said this needs to be handled by the individual parade planners; it does not belong on the parade permit form.
- Mayor Rife stated that she and Chief Willey would like to move the police department from the train station building to the Annex. They feel this will make it better for both the police department and the Town Hall staff. The current police side of the building will become the meeting hall. Chief Willey feels he can make this move for \$1,000 or less. Most of the items will be donated. The locks will be changed. Ms. Williams stated that she feels the emergency phone at the door of Town Hall should be moved to the Annex. Mr. Dixon thinks this is a good idea. Mr. Cable feels it is a great idea. There are plans to replace the pull down steps with stronger metal steps and the Chief will have security put in. He will still be able to monitor Town Hall from the Annex and officers will periodically stop by Town Hall just to check in.

Ms. Williams moved with a second from Mr. Cable to move the Police Department to the Annex as economically as possible. Ms. Williams, Mr. Cable, Mr. Dixon, Aye. Motion carried.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Mr. Glenn Neese was present to give the report – January and February reports attached. Mr. Neese also gave us their Good Neighbor’s Report explaining how a volunteer fire company saves the residents quite a bit of money. On Saturday, March 26th the fire company will be holding a beef and beer benefit for Natasha Artigliere. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. The Good Neighbor Report and a flyer advertising the Beef & Beer Benefit were given to us to put in our March Newsletter.

C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- Mr. James Winchell reported that the new water tower is coming along well; the welders are actually ahead of time. There will be no rate changes again this year.

PLANNING & ZONING

- Mr. Doug Denison reported that last month Mr. Frank DiMondi came to the meeting with a preliminary proposal for his property on N. Caesar Rodney Avenue and Center Street. There is an issue with our Comprehensive Plan and the zoning on his property. Mr. Denison stated that the Planning & Zoning Committee cannot prejudge until an official plan is turned in. Mr. Denison stated that the committee would like to have someone from the U of D (Linda Raab) come to a meeting. Ms. Haddick stated that the Town has just received the contract to complete the Comp Plan Amendment that is pending and it includes 1 meeting for Ms. Raab to attend. It was suggested that a joint meeting with Planning & Zoning and Town Council be held. Mr. Cable also suggested having our attorney present at the meeting.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT/ CODE ENFORCEMENT

- The open permit list is in the packet and Mr. Snyder discussed it.
- Mr. Snyder is going to start working on abandoned, inoperable cars soon. It was also brought up that the house next to the Annex is a mess. There is a lot of stuff outside and the front door is not secure. Mr. Snyder will try to get up with the owner.
- The vines growing up into wires at 6 Old North Road are still there. The wires are not electric, and cable and telephone will not do anything unless service is broken. A code enforcement letter will be sent to the property owner to remove this tree and vines within 14 days or we will call a tree man to remove it.

PARK/STREET REPORT

- Mayor Rife stated that the Park bathrooms will be open by Easter and the port-a-potty removed.

ANNEXATION

- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 321 Broad Street is moving along quickly – the asbestos testing is done and we are getting prices to have it removed. Three companies have been contacted for quotes.

NEW BUSINESS

- A Vacant Property Ordinance was given a first reading.
- A Rental Property Ordinance was given a first reading.
- An Administrative Variance Ordinance was discussed. It has to go to Planning and Zoning and have a Public Hearing before Council can do anything with it.
- The Mosquito Control contract was presented and the Mayor signed it.

- A Resolution for “No Parking This Side” was presented for Pine Street. *Mr. Cable moved with a second from Mr. Dixon to pass the resolution. Mr. Cable, Mr. Dixon, Ms. Williams, Aye. Motion carried.*
- A Resolution was presented to allow Del-DOT to move the 35 MPH speed limit on Wyoming Mill Road farther out almost to the north entrance to the Wyoming United Methodist Church. *Mr. Cable moved with a second from Mr. Dixon to pass this resolution. Mr. Cable, Mr. Dixon, Ms. Williams, Aye. Motion carried.*
- Camden Wyoming Little League Park – there have been issues with people going back there at night. There was a shooting there recently; no one was hurt. However, the neighbors are upset by it and have asked if there is any way to close off the park when not in use to prevent future occurrences. Chief Willey and Corporal Petyo both feel that locking the gate to the parking lot at this time is impossible. The season is about to start and little league members are back there preparing the fields for the season. It is their recommendation that this gate only be locked during the off season. This is not the area that is really the problem anyway. Most incidents are occurring in the dirt area north of the parking lot. This area can be accessed by three different entrances and the alley they open to is not owned by the Town so we have no say in what happens there. The police will be stepping up the patrolling of that area especially at night.
- Mr. Cable stated that he is glad he is getting the emails between the office and our attorney. He hopes that will continue.
- Mr. Cable stated that he doesn't like the threatening tone of what the Town is putting out in the Newsletter, on Facebook and on the Website, specifically in reference to snow shoveling and mowing grass. Ms. Armour explained that none of this is intended to be a threat. These were just reminders to residents of how long they have to shovel sidewalks after a snowfall. The grass ordinance has a requirement to publish the ordinance each year prior to mowing season so everyone understands what the Town expects. Here again, this is a reminder to residents, not meant as a threat.

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

- Town Council Meeting – 4/4/16, 7:30 p.m., Annex
- CWSWA – 3/8/16, 7:00 p.m., CWSWA Office
- Planning & Zoning – 3/8/16, 7:30 p.m., Annex
- Peach Festival Committee – 3/15/16, 7:00 p.m., Annex

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Sheryl Ford stated that she has heard gun shots and others have heard them as well. Chief Willey thinks he knows where they are coming from and he will be looking into it.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- None

Ms. Williams moved with a second from Mr. Dixon to accept the February 1, 2016 Executive Session minutes that were tabled earlier in the meeting. Ms. Williams, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Cable, Aye. Motion carried.

Council took a break at 9:30 p.m.

Council moved out of the regular meeting and into Executive Session at 9:35 p.m.

Council returned to Regular Session at 10:10 p.m.

Mr. Cable moved with a second from Mr. Dixon to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Williams, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Cable, Aye. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

Pamela B. Haddick, CMC
Town Clerk/Office Manager