



Town of Wyoming
Council Meeting Minutes
Wyoming Town Annex
November 2, 2015
7:30 P.M.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rife called the Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

INVOCATION – Pastor Ron Lawhon from The Potter’s House

ROLL CALL

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

Council Absent: None

Staff attending: Town Clerk Pamela Haddick, Chief of Police Martin Willey

Audience attending: Joyce Stockslager, Dave & BJ Van Kavelaar, Michael Clough, Andrea Hurd, Sheryl Ford, Jesse Welch and Pastor Ron Lawhon

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

Mayor Rife stated that Secretary Georgette Williams was absent last month due to illness. She would entertain a motion to excuse Ms. Williams from last month’s meeting. *Mr. Dixon moved with a second from Mr. Witt to excuse Ms. Williams from the October 5, 2015 meeting due to illness. Mr. Dixon, Mr. Witt, Mr. Cable, Ms. Williams, Aye. Motion carried.*

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS – GOOD NEWS – MAYOR’S REPORT

- Mayor Rife stated that the Town’s Halloween event went smoothly and everyone had a good time. Thanks go out to Ron and Bobby Lawhon and Nicole from The Potter’s House, Dave

and BJ VanKavelaar, Erika Reigle, Louise Fair, Susan Savage, Pam Haddick, Jimmy Williams and Family, Boy Scout Troop 24 and Council Woman Georgette Williams for helping out with everything from giving out hot dogs and pizza to directing people to the train platform.

- Mayor Rife and Pam Haddick attended the DLLG meeting on October 22nd.
- An accident in town took down the Wyoming sign on Chatto Square at the corner of Camden Wyoming Avenue and Caesar Rodney Avenue. It also damaged a tree on that corner. We are not sure if the driver had insurance. Ms. Williams will check with our insurance company to see if our property insurance will cover it.
- Ms. Williams stated she met with our insurance coordinator and stated that we have saved thousands of dollars over the years since we joined DFIT and became self-insured for our Workman's Comp. They are now looking into a new company which would provide commercial and liability insurance. Down the road in 4 or 5 years we hope to have health insurance as well.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence is available in Town Hall for anyone interested.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- September 14, 2015 Town Council Meeting – *Mr. Cable moved with a second from Mr. Witt to adopt the 9/14/15 minutes as published. Mr. Cable, Mr. Witt, Mr. Dixon, Ms. Williams, Aye. Motion carried.*
- October 5, 2015 Town Council Meeting – *Mr. Witt moved with a second by Mr. Dixon to adopt the 10/5/15 minutes as published. Mr. Witt, Mr. Dixon, Ms. Williams, Aye. Mr. Cable, No. Motion carried.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Mr. Dixon presented the reports for council to review.
- Mr. Cable asked where Shore Scan was listed. He had asked that it have a separate line. It does have a separate line but is listed as capital outlay, office. Mr. Cable asked that it be re-named Shore Scan (5210.)
- Mr. Cable also asked how many scans were done during the month of October. Ms. Haddick stated that she did not know. Nicole had been scanning the week before but she has no idea how many sheets it was. He would like to have that figure at the next meeting.
- There were several questions on what checks were for and they were answered.
- *Ms. Williams moved with a second by Mr. Witt to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt, Mr. Cable, Mr. Dixon, Aye. Motion carried.*

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- No one was present to give report.

C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- No one was present to give report.

PLANNING & ZONING

- No one was present to give report.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT/ CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Mr. Snyder was not present to give report but the open permit report is in the packet.

- Mr. Cable asked how Mr. Snyder gets paid. He saw only a couple of small checks in his name. Mr. Snyder gets paid on payroll for his time.
- Mr. Cable asked how the work was coming on the houses on Mechanic Street. We have 30 days from the date of the letter sent with the resolutions before we can go in and do the work.

PARK/STREET REPORT

- Ms. Williams commented on the park inspection we had that recommended the fence at the park between the playgrounds and the water. She said that the inspection we had was through our insurance company. It was a courtesy and only suggestions. Several other parks in the area have the same issues with water and none of them are putting up fences.
- Ms. Haddick stated that she spoke to someone at Kent County Parks and got the name of two companies that we can get the mulch from that we need for the park playgrounds and what the prices from them were when they last used them. She was told to go ahead and call these companies and get current prices.
- Mr. Cable stated that he checked with Lew to see what size dump trailer he needed. Lew said it should be 12 to 14 feet long, 7 to 8 feet wide, and at least 2 feet high with a scissor dump heavy duty tail.
- Mr. Cable also stated that Lew asked if he could keep Norma Jean until the end of November in order that she be able to help him pick up the leaves on the streets. That way one can drive the truck and one can use the leaf collector. Council agreed.
- It was asked whether we were going to paint the curbs on Camden Wyoming Avenue yellow since there are signs up stating no parking and the contractor who did the road work painted solid lines on the road edge. Some discussion ensued and it was decided that we would wait until spring to make that decision.

ANNEXATION

- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Ms. Haddick stated that last month when Council approved the Comprehensive Plan Amendment and the Comprehensive Rezoning it was done wrong. It should not have been taken to Council yet because it needed to go to PLUS first. She has now sent it to State Planning and it will be scheduled to go on the Plus agenda for November. It is important that someone from Wyoming attend the PLUS meeting and Linda Raab has agreed to go. Pam would also like to go because she has never seen a PLUS meeting and would like to see how it works. A few other Council members are also interested in going.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mayor Rife passed around some photos sent to her by Delmarva Pole showing some of the styles of buildings we could get and an actual drawing of what we would like with the two 14 foot high doors and two 9 foot high doors as well as an entrance door. It was asked where we would put it and she said in the park at the east end. We would try to choose colors that would blend in with the colors of the bathrooms.

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

- Town Council Meeting – 12/7/15, 7:30 p.m., Annex
- CWSWA – 11/10/15, 7:00 p.m., CWSWA Office
- Planning & Zoning – 11/10/15, 7:30 p.m., Annex - CANCELLED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Sheryl Ford stated that she is in favor of getting someone else to do an inspection of the park and if that recommendation does not include putting up a fence, then we have some backup for not doing it. Ms. Haddick did call Kent County Parks and asked about who does their inspections and was told Mr. Mike Rigby is their head of maintenance and he does their inspections. *Mr. Witt moved with a second from Ms. Williams to call Mr. Rigby at Kent County to see if he would be willing to inspect our park. Mr. Witt, Ms. Williams, Mr. Dixon, Aye. Mr. Cable, No. Motion carried.*
- Ms. BJ Van Kavelaar stated that she does not want to see a fence blocking off the water at the park. Many people fish at the park and this would be a deterrent.
- Sheryl Ford asked if the town had considered putting up “Play at Your Own Risk” signs as she had suggested last month. Maybe we could also put up signs that say “Children Under 8 Must Be Accompanied by an Adult Over 18.” *Ms. Williams moved with a second by Mr. Witt to order signs stating that “Children under 8 Must Be Accompanied By An Adult 18 or Over.” Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Cable, Aye. Motion carried.*
- Ron Lawhon from The Potter’s House stated that they will be hosting a Police Appreciation Breakfast from 10:00 a.m. to Noon on Saturday, November 21, 2015. All police officers welcome. Ms. Haddick will contact Camden PD to be sure they know.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- None

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Willey gave the police report (attached.)
- The Chief also stated that the road construction is almost done. The milling is done and the adjustments were done last night and will be finished tonight. All the work on the Wyoming side should be done by the end of the week.
- The police department is down one man as Officer Jarvis resigned.
- There are some streetlights out. One is on the corner of Layton & CW Ave by the parking lot behind the apartments. Then there are two by The Potter House Church that stay lit and never go out. A squirrel was electrocuted on those poles and is still hanging on the wire.

Council took a break at 8:45 p.m.

Council moved into executive session at 8:50 p.m.

Council returned to regular session at 9:28 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Pamela Haddick, CMC, Town Clerk/Office Manager