



Town of Wyoming
Council Meeting Minutes
Wyoming Municipal Building
May 12, 2016
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 Georgette Williams, Treasurer Kyle Dixon

Council Absent: Open Seat

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

Audience attending: Glenn Neese, Joyce Stockslager, Sheryl Ford, Gene & Carol McFann, Dave Reed, Greg Scott

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Rife asked to move the Building Inspector report to the beginning of the meeting as Mr. Snyder has somewhere else to go this evening. *Mr. Witt moved with second by Mr. Dixon to adopt the agenda as corrected. Ms. Williams, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Witt, Aye. None Oppose,. Motion carried.*

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT

- Mr. Snyder presented the open permit report
- Discussion ensued on the pending rental ordinance – it was suggested that Council schedule a workshop to have further discussion and to send additional letters out to all landlords to invite them to the workshop. Ask for an RSVP from them to confirm that we have enough room for them. *Mr. Witt moved with a second from Mr. Dixon to schedule the workshop and send out the letters. Mr. Witt, Mr. Dixon, Ms. Williams, Aye; None Opposed. Motion carried.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS – GOOD NEWS – MAYOR’S REPORT

- Mayor Rife stated that the Police Department has moved over to the Annex and the new meeting hall will now be at the Municipal Building where the Police Department used to be.
- The Charter Changes have now passed the legislature and have been sent to the Governor for signature.
- Mayor Rife and Ms. Haddick attended the DLLG meeting in April where healthcare was discussed.
- According to Pastor Lawhon of The Potter’s House, they are hoping to purchase the church on Broad Street from the Wyoming United Methodist Church. Plans are pending.
- DNREC has denied the permit to burn the house at 321 Broad Street as the burning ban has gone into effect for the summer. We can either wait and burn in October or look into the cost of rental a roll off and taking the building down ourselves. Mr. Larry Rife used to drive heavy equipment and could do it for us. Ms. Haddick is getting prices on the roll off and renting the equipment.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence is available in Town Hall for anyone interested.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- April 14, 2016 Council Meeting and April 14, 2016 Executive Session Minutes – It was stated that on page 4 under Unfinished Business: Vacant Building Ordinance, line 3 it states “they should be penalized for it.” It should state that “they should NOT be penalized for it.” *Mr. Witt moved with a second from Ms. Williams to approve both of the Council Meeting minutes with the above correction. Mr. Witt, Ms. Williams, Mr. Dixon, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.*

TREASURER’S REPORT

- Mr. Dixon presented the reports for council to review. *Ms. Williams moved with a second from Mr. Witt to approve the Treasurer’s Report subject to audit. Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt, Mr. Dixon, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.*
- Mr. Dixon presented the 2015-16 Budget Amendment. *Mr. Witt moved with a second from Ms. Williams to approve the 2015-16 Budget Amendment. Mr. Witt, Ms. Williams, Mr. Dixon, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.*
- The World Pay which would allow the Town to accept credit card payments was presented. There will be no fees to the Town; however, there will be fees for the user. Council questioned what the user will be charged to use the card. They would like to see a fee schedule – is it a percentage or a set fee for use?

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Willey presented his report (attached.)
- Our new officer, Lt. Chuck Groce, retired State Police officer, has started working.
- Norfolk Southern has notified the Town that they will begin ticketing cars that are being parked on their property along Railroad Avenue down near Southern Boulevard.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Mr. Neese presented the attached report.
- There will be an Open House at the fire hall on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- The carnival did fairly well but not great. It was suggested that maybe next year it might be a good idea to sell tickets in places other than the Fire Hall, possibly the Town Halls.

C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- Mr. Quinn reported that the Town of Camden has placed a stop work order on the new water tower because CWSWA refuses to pay permit fees. The Delaware Code says they should not have to pay these fees. A lawsuit is being filed by the authority's attorney.

PLANNING & ZONING

- Mr. Greg Scott was available from Scott Engineering. The Greens at Wyoming have requested a lot line adjustment in the back of the development due to a discrepancy in the surveys of The Greens and the surveys of Mr. Pflumm whose property backs up to the back of The Greens. This will probably be in litigation for many years so in order to move forward with building on Black Cherry Drive, The Greens has decided to shorten the properties to match the Pflumm surveys, dissolve one parcel and widen other parcels by moving lot lines to be able to have the required square footage necessary to build. If the suit ever settles in The Greens' favor, that land will become open space. Planning & Zoning has recommended that the Town Council approve this lot line adjustment. *Ms. Williams moved with a second from Mr. Dixon to approve the lot line adjustment. Ms. Williams, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Witt, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.*

PARK/STREET REPORT

- The park is in desperate need of mulch for the playgrounds. It was said that All Seasons is advertising certified playground mulch for sale. Ms. Haddick will call to compare their price to that of the companies that Kent County suggested we call. *Ms. Williams moved with a second by Mr. Witt to check with All Seasons first but to get mulch ordered and email costs to the Council. Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt, Mr. Dixon, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.*

ANNEXATION

- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Mayor Rife asked for nominations for the open council seat. Mr. Dixon nominated Doug Denison; Ms. Williams nominated Sheryl Ford; Mayor Rife nominated Dave Reed. A vote was taken. Mr. Denison received 2 votes; Ms. Ford received 1; Dave Reed received 1. Doug Denison will be the new member of Council until our next election in February.
- Discussion and possible vote on the Vacant Building Ordinance will be moved to June.
- Discussion and possible vote on the Rental Ordinance will be moved to June.
- Mayor Rife read the Handicapped Parking Resolution which will allow the police department to place handicapped parking spaces on town streets when needed. These will not be reserved spaces for specific people but can be placed in places where handicapped parking is not currently available. *Ms. Williams moved with a second by Mr. Witt to approve the Handicapped Parking Resolution. Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt, Mr. Dixon, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS

- None.

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

- Town Council Meeting – 6/6/2016, 7:30 p.m., Municipal Building
- CWSWA – 6/14/16, 7:00 p.m., CWSWA Office
- Planning & Zoning – 6/14/16, 7:30 p.m., Municipal Building

- Peach Festival Committee – 5/17/16, 7:00 p.m., Municipal Building

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mrs. Joyce Stockslager asked when the speed limit signs on Wyoming Mill Road will be moved. Chief Willey says it is in the works. It should be happening soon.
- Carol McFann questioned the vacant building ordinance and the letter received on the rental ordinance. These will be discussed in depth at the June meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- None

Council took a break at 9:03 p.m.

Council moved out of the regular meeting and into Executive Session at 9:06 p.m.

Council returned to Regular Session at 9:07 p.m.

Ms. Williams moved with a second by Mr. Witt to approve issue discussed in Executive Session. Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt, Mr. Dixon, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Dixon moved with a second by Ms. Williams to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dixon, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Pamela Haddick, CMC
Town Clerk