



Town of Wyoming
Council Meeting Minutes
Wyoming Municipal Building
September 11, 2017, 7:30 P.M.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rife called the Meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Dale Rife

MOMENT OF SILENCE – Mayor Dale Rife

ROLL CALL

Council attending: Mayor, Dale Rife; Vice-Mayor, Doug Denison; Treasurer, Kyle Dixon; and Secretary; David Reed; and Councilperson Jonny Johnson

Council Absent: Councilperson Jonny Johnson

Mr. Denison moved with a second from Mr. Dixon to excuse Mr. Johnson from the meeting due to illness. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Reed, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

Staff attending: Laura Connor, Town Clerk; Lieutenant Charles Groce and Richard Snyder, Building Inspector

Audience attending: Joyce Stocklager; Sheryl Ford; and Seth Greenberg

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mrs. Stocklager questioned the status of the pot hole on Downey Oak Circle. Mr. Reed responded and stated that communication with the original contractor was in progress and there was a concern with the thickness of the roadway.
- Mr. Greenberg communicated that he has experienced a sulfur smell in his water for at least a month or two. He has changed filters and indicated that it was really gross what the filter was catching. Mr. Dixon mentioned that it may have something to do with an issue reported from Lowes. Mr. Reed indicated that he has also experienced brown water recently.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Denison moved with second by Mr. Dixon to adopt the agenda as presented. Mayor Rife, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Denison, and Mr. Reed. Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – GOOD NEWS – MAYOR’S REPORT

- Mayor Rife stated that the Maintenance Building is making progress, but slowly. Some inspections have passed, but currently waiting on Sewer and Water. Mr. Reed stated his concern with it taking 10 months to complete a project that he thought should have only taken 3 months to complete.
- Mayor Rife communicated that Representative Yearick has set aside \$37,500 for the Town of Wyoming to finish the parking lots of the Park and Maintenance Building.
- Mayor Rife stated that our new police officer, Matthew Sarkissian, is currently in the academy and will be out in February. He should be on the road in April or May.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence is available in Town Hall for anyone interested.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The following minutes were presented:

- August 14, 2017, Town Council Meeting
- August 14, 2017, Executive Session

Mr. Denison moved with a second by Mr. Dixon to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, and Mr. Reed, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- Planning & Zoning – new member Joe Oman

Mr. Denison moved with a second by Mr. Reed to proceed and accept Joe Oman to the open Planning & Zoning seat. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon and Mr. Reed, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried

- Police – purchase of police vehicle
 - Mayor Rife provide copies of the quotes to order and equip a 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe for the Police Department. The information provided shows with a cost of \$42,937 it is under the budgeted amount of \$50,000.

Mr. Dixon moved with a second by Mr. Denison to purchase the 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe as per quotes provided. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, and Mr. Reed, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Maintenance Position opening status/retirement
 - Mayor Rife communicated that the Interview Committee conducted interviews last week and there were currently two (2) in the process of having background checks done. She indicated that we may have to schedule a Special Meeting to accept the candidate due to the need of having the candidate start at the beginning of October.
- Status of Applications/Licenses/Forms
 - Mrs. Connor indicated that all of the Business Licenses (43), Landlord Licenses (101) and Non-Resident Business Licenses (182) have been mailed.
- Ordinance #39-17
 - Ordinance #39-17 is the amendment to Ordinance #9-11 that eliminates references to building permit and Certificate of Occupancy fee amounts and incorporates these fees into the Town Fee Schedule.
 - The second reading of Ordinance 39-17 was read, certified and signed.

Mr. Dixon moved with a second by Mr. Denison to approve and proceed with the adoption of Ordinance #39-17 as presented. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, and Mr. Reed, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

- 24 S. Mechanic Street
 - Mayor Rife stated that Mr. Harmen is in the process of purchasing this property and has a desire to reuse the old oak from the building.
 - Mr. Reed requested that we mow the yard one last time. Mrs. Connor indicated that she would take care of this request.
- 46 S. Mechanic Street
 - Progress with Carrington Mortgage Services is being made. Three (3) bids have been provided to demolish the property – repair was not an option. They now have to internally process the request and will provide updates when available.
 - Mr. Reed requested that we mow this property again. Mrs. Connor acknowledged and indicated that she would take care of this request.
- 48 S. Mechanic Street (not on agenda)
 - It was communicated that the resident is no longer residing at the property and it is currently listed on an auction site.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Mr. Dixon presented Balances and Check Register for August for Council to review. The Profit and Loss reports are still not available. It was communicated that there was an overdraft notice received on the VFT account that was a mistake (due to initial set up of this account) and is now all clear.

Mr. Reed moved with a second from Mr. Denison to approve the reports presented subject to audit. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, and Mr. Reed, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

- Lieutenant Groce presented report for August
- He communicated that Matthew Sarkissian is in the academy. Mr. Dixon questioned his age. Lieutenant Groce stated that he will turn 18 while in the academy, was a seasonal police officer with Bethany Beach for two (2) years and is confident that he is a “good fit” for the department

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- No one was in attendance to give a report

C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- No one was in attendance to give a report.

PLANNING & ZONING

- No one was in attendance to give a report.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT

- Mr. Snyder presented August reports
- He indicated that there is some new construction in progress.
- Mr. Dixon questioned the work being done on Layton Avenue. Mr. Snyder stated that he is aware and is watching it closely since a building permit has not yet been issued.
- It was questioned and clarified that a Boarding House requires a Conditional Use.
- Mr. Snyder has talked with the developer of The Greens regarding the repairs needed on the roads and indicated that he is still responsible for the roads that have not yet been dedicated to the Town. There is additional research to be completed.

PARK/STREET REPORT

- Mr. Reed stated that the gate and the fence are almost completed at the Park, just waiting on the caps for the posts.
- He stated that we need to put a type of netting at the inside top of the pavilion but are in need of a larger ladder. Mr. Snyder indicated that he can assist.
- Mr. Reed questioned that status of Downey Oak Circle roadway. Mr. Snyder will research.

PEACH FESTIVAL REPORT

- No one was in attendance to give a report.

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

- CWSWA, 09/12/17, 7:00 p.m., CWSWA Office
- Planning & Zoning Meeting, 09/27/17, 7:30 p.m., Municipal Building
- Town Council Meeting – 10/02/17, 7:30 p.m., Municipal Building

It was also stated that Halloween will be held on Tuesday, October 31, 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mr. Greenberg questioned what are the events scheduled for Halloween. Mayor Rife was happy to respond
- Mr. Greenberg questioned where the police car was being purchased from. Mayor Rife responded with I.G. Burton in Milford
- Mrs. Ford questioned why the need to double the permit cost with the new Ordinance. It was communicated because hopefully it will deter work from being done without a building permit.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- None

Mr. Denison moved with a second by Mr. Dixon to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, and Mr. Reed, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Laura Connor
Town Clerk