



Town of Wyoming
Council Meeting Minutes
Wyoming Municipal Building
July 2, 2018, 6:30 P.M.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rife called the Meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Rife

MOMENT OF SILENCE – Mayor Rife

ROLL CALL

Council attending: Mayor, Frankie Dale Rife; Vice-Mayor, Doug Denison; Treasurer, Kyle Dixon; Secretary, Jonny Johnson; and Council Person Carlen Kenley

Council absent: None

Staff attending: Laura Connor, Town Clerk; and Chief Martin Willey

Audience attending: Joyce Stockslager, Seth Greenberg, and Cherly Kenley

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- Addition of June 18, 2018 Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- Removal of Amendment to Budget under Treasure’s Report.

Mr. Denison moved with a second by Mr. Dixon to adopt the agenda with the noted changes. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kenley, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – GOOD NEWS

- Mayor Rife mentioned the dedication of the Maintenance Building was held on Friday, June 22nd. It did rain, but it was well attended by the Barber family, Brian Bushweller, Lyndon Yearick, Hans Reigle, Carlen Kenley, and staff members. Mayor Rife is proud to announce that the Town Council has passed a balanced budget that includes no increase in the tax rate and a decrease in the trash fees to our residents. She stated that 46 S. Mechanic Street has been purchased and the new owners are in the process of cleaning it out. The new dump truck has been buffed out to remove the old decals and a new Town of Wyoming decal will be ordered soon. The two (2) scholarship winners were acknowledged at the Awards Ceremony at the CRHS on Thursday, May 31, 2018. Mayor Rife would like to introduce our newest employee Mark Brittingham as Finance Clerk and reminded everyone of Pam's last day get-together on Friday, June 29, 2018.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence is available in Town Hall for anyone interested.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The following minutes were presented:

- June 4, 2018, Council Meeting
- June 18, 2018, Assessment Appeals
- June 18, 2018, Sr. Citizen / Disability Exemptions, Tax Rate & Budget Workshop
- June 18, 2018, Special Meeting Executive Session

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Mr. Dixon presented the Treasure's Report Balances, Profit & Loss, Check Register and Delinquent Tax Report for review. It is noted that there is an error on the Balances – Transfer Tax should have a balance of \$333,668.17 (not \$33,668.17).
- The delinquent taxes on Wingate at Wyoming Mills was questioned and clarified that it does not include any cutting of open space grass. The pond insurance through Kent County needs to be pursued.

Mr. Denison moved with a second from Mr. Johnson to approve the reports with the noted change subject to audit. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kenley, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Willey presented report for June
- Mr. Johnson asked Chief Willey about the accident he was involved in. Chief Willey explained that someone backed into his car after pulling him over near N. Layton Avenue and Front Street. Mr. Kenley questioned why complaints are rising and Chief explained

that this number includes property checks which increase during the summer with residents away on vacation. Chief Willey provided a summary of the recent accident that occurred on Wyoming Mill Road. He stated that the vehicle rolled 6-7 times, the driver was ejected and flown by helicopter to Christiana Hospital – current status is unknown. Chief presented a listing of inventory received from the military surplus and stated that some of the inventory was sold at a recent auction. Mr. Denison asked for a list of items that were sold. Chief questioned the capital outlay budget item of \$35,000 for a police vehicle and stated that a 2018 Dodge Charger could be purchased from IG Burton for \$24,000 and a 2018 Tahoe for \$47,000. It was mentioned that a Ford Explorer is not an option due to the fact that they are being recalled.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- No one was in attendance to give a report. It was noted that Glenn Neese was not feeling well.

C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- No one was in attendance to give a report.

PLANNING & ZONING

- Mr. Seth Greenberg presented draft changes they would like to make to the LUDC. Mr. Denison questioned the multi-family definition – Seth responded with he would get clarification from the P&Z committee. There is a possibility there will be ordinances ready for the next meeting.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

- June Building Permit Report was provided for review

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Not much going on with Code Enforcement except for a couple abandon vehicles.

PARK/STREET REPORT

- It was stated that the Park looks really good. Mayor Rife provided details of Dave's accident with the zero turn mower and mentioned that he was lucky and walked away with some bruising on his ankle.

NEW BUSINESS

- New Hire Introduction – Mark Brittingham

Mayor Rife introduced Mark Brittingham as the new Finance Clerk.

- Open Container waiver

A Resolution was presented to allow the Buffalo Stampede to hold the awards ceremony at the Train Platform and block off the street between Browns Tavern and the Town Hall to allow alcohol and food to be served on Saturday, July 21, 2018 between the hours of 6:00 am and noon.

Mr. Denison moved with a second from Mr. Dixon to approve the presented Resolution. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Kenley, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Rife and Chief Willey signed the Resolution

- Noise Ordinance #2-11

Ordinance #2-11 was distributed for reference. Discussion occurred regarding the noise complaints that have been received from the church on Camden Wyoming Avenue. Section H of Ordinance #2-11 was referenced. A question was raised if it is an option to enforce “quiet times”. It was requested that a meeting be scheduled with the property owner. Mayor Rife and Mr. Dixon want to be present during this meeting. Chief Willey raised concerns with fining a church that could possibly result in a civil case. Chief Willey agreed that officers will enforce this Ordinance and any complaints received.

- Property Tax Bills

Mrs. Connor informed everyone that the tax assessments were posted and all property tax bills have been mailed to property owners and mortgage companies.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No Unfinished Business at this time

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

- CWSWA, 07/10/18, 7:00 p.m., CWSWA Office
- Peach Festival Committee, 07/18/18, 7:00 p.m., Municipal Building
- Planning & Zoning Meeting, 07/25/18, 6:30 p.m., Municipal Building
- Town Council Meeting, 08/13/18, 6:30 p.m. Municipal Building

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Mr. Johnson questioned Correspondence on file. Mr. Denison clarified that emails are not considered correspondence on file.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Laura Connor
Town Clerk