



Town of Wyoming  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Wyoming Municipal Building  
August 13, 2018, 6:30 P.M.

**REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rife called the Meeting to order at 6:30 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: Jacqueline Stokes, Steven Bilbrough, Sean Marcus, Teresa Dotson, Debbi Sorenson, Barbara Tragy, Joyce Stockslager, Nicole & Jon King, Mike Quinn, Cindy Dealet, Barb & Alex Gooden, Billie Shetteran, Kim Bonberger, Kay Wood Bailey, Seth Greenberg, Christopher Gor and Sheryl Ford

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Steve Bilbrough stated that he lives at 15 W Camden Wyoming Avenue and stated his complaints regarding the noise at the church. Chief Willey stated that the best way to report this type of complaint is to call 9-1-1 that will generate a ticket number and will show a trend and history. Mayor Rife summarized the meeting was held on Friday, August 10, 2018 with members of the church and Lieutenant Groce regarding the complaints that have previously been received. It was confirmed that the noise is coming from inside the church and sound like a very loud base drum.
- Several members of the public voiced their concerns in response to the recent communication regarding the railroad placing “no parking” signs along N. Railroad Avenue next to the railroad tracks.

## ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – GOOD NEWS

- Mayor Rife was very excited to announce that plans for the new Town Hall are in progress and Representative Yearick and Senator Bushweller have agreed to provide the funding to repave N. Railroad Avenue from Southern Boulevard to Front Street.
- She also stated that the Annual Fall Community Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 29, 2018.

## CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence is available in Town Hall for anyone interested.

## ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The following minutes were presented:

- July 2, 2018, Council Meeting

*Mr. Denison moved with a second by Mr. Dixon to approve 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, and Check Register for review.
- It was stated that all property taxes received prior to the July 31<sup>st</sup> discount deadline have been entered that represent about 70% of the projected income for property taxes
- The annual audit from Lank Johnson & Tull is scheduled for later this week.

*Mr. Denison moved with a second from Mr. Johnson to approve the reports as presented 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 July
- He stated that there have been several complaints received of the crosswalk between the bank and the market and vehicles passing on the shoulder on Railroad Avenue next to the railroad tracks. Officers will be monitoring these areas.
- Chief stated that there are several ordinances that have been recently loaded to allow for e-tickets to be processed. It is requested to provide a list of ordinances that are affected.
- The cost of a new Tahoe was presented to Council for review. The total cost with required equipment and markings is \$45,428.04.

- Chief Willey stated that CarLoad Express contacted him to communicate that they will be posting “no parking” signs along Railroad Avenue. He stated that it was to happen earlier in the month, but asked them to wait until after the Peach Festival. He was informed that they (railroad) owns 33’ from each edge of the track and have the right to post the signs. Discussion ensued. It was requested to contact our lawyer for clarification.
- Mrs. Bailey mentioned an incident where a suspect was seen running through the yards of Layton Avenue and Front Street. She questioned if this person ran through her yard. Officer Sarkissian was patrolling at the time and identified suspicious activity, but was unable to catch the suspect.
- Chief Willey stated that National Night Out was a success with approximately 1,000 in attendance.

#### FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Mr. Neese, CW Fire Department presented reports from April, May and June.
- He stated that there is a Crab Feast scheduled for Saturday, August 18 and tickets are going fast. Mr. Neese also stated that the Fire Department recently received two (2) new ambulances and a Gater to be used for events. Questions were raised regarding the Ambulance Subscription that is available – details will be provided to be placed in the next newsletter.

#### C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- Mr. Quinn stated that there is not much to report. They have been having challenges with the railroad regarding a request to bore underground and under the railroad.

#### PLANNING & ZONING

- Mr. Greenberg presented the recommendation from P&Z to allow the Conditional Use for a home daycare for Mr. & Mrs. King. He stated that it is recommended to hold a public hearing regarding the concerns on North and South Drive. It was recommended to work with DelDOT. It was confirmed that N. Caesar Rodney Avenue which is state-maintained does have parking challenges and should also be re-stripped. Lieutenant Groce stated that there have been several recent accidents that could result in “no parking” along N. Caesar Rodney Avenue. It was suggested to make contact with David Edgel from State Planning and see if he has any recommendations. There is no action to take regarding the Schoolview Crossing project.

*Mr. Denison moved with a second from Mr. Dixon to approve the Conditional Use for a home daycare at 216 Wynsome Boulevard, Wynsome Knolls. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kenley, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.*

#### BUILDING INSPECTOR

- July Building Permit Report was provided for review

#### CODE ENFORCEMENT

- No report available.

## PARK/STREET REPORT

- It was stated that the Park looks really good. Mr. Denison asked the status of any street sweeping – no action to take. A letter of appreciation was presented regarding the good job that David Reed has done with snow plowing and keeping the town looking good.

## PEACH FESTIVAL

- Jaci Stokes provided a summary of the successful 2018 Peach Festival with over 150 spaces rented. She stated that it started out a little slow with the morning rain, but resulted in a great turnout when the sun came out. She also stated that she is proud to have been part of this festival for 29 years. There is a follow-up meeting scheduled for August 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss the successes, challenges, and ideas for next year's event.
- Mrs. Kay Wood Bailey presented Jaci Stokes with an award from the Historical Commission for her continued support with the Peach Festival.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Landlord License / Business License

It was discussed to change the penalty for fees not received prior to the 9/30 deadline.

*Mr. Johnson moved to change the penalty to a one-time fee equal to 50% of the original license fee. No second. No action taken.*

- Community Yard Sale

The Annual Fall Community Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 29, 2018 from 7:00 am until 2:00 pm.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Noise Ordinance #2-11

It was discussed the possibility of this issue becoming a nuisance if it is not controlled. This issue can be enforced by calling 911 and issuing a formal complaint.

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

- CWSWA, 08/14/18, 7:00 p.m., CWSWA Office
- Planning & Zoning Meeting, 08/22/18, 6:30 p.m., Municipal Building
- Peach Festival Committee, 08/29/18, 7:00 p.m., Municipal Building
- Town Council Meeting, 09/10/18, 6:30 p.m. Municipal Building

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mrs. Stockslager questioned why she has not been receiving a delivery of the Dover Post. Several responded that they have not received a Dover Post delivery in several weeks. She also questioned the Landlord License late fee discussion – it was clarified that it was just for those who do not pay the fee prior to 9/30 due date. Mrs. Stockslager also stated her concerns with the crosswalk between the market and the bank. She stated that several cars park next to the crosswalk and it is difficult to see around them when crossing. It was clarified that Camden Wyoming Avenue is state-maintained and we will have to work with them for any changes.
- Mrs. Ford voiced her concerns regarding several overgrown trees. She also stated that she recently had an inspection completed for a deck from First State Inspections and the inspector had no identification. Mrs. Connor stated that she will follow up with First State Inspections.
- Mr. Greenberg stated his concerns regarding the railroad and asked if they could be fined under the noise ordinance and stated that they were traveling very fast through town during the Peach Festival. Lieutenant Groce has clocked the train at 25 mph and stated that they are required to press the horn at every intersection.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

- None

Council took a break at 8:10 p.m.

*Mr. Denison moved and was seconded by Mr. Dixon to move into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Kenley, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.*

Council returned to regular session at 9:13 p.m.

*Mr. Denison moved with a second by Mr. Johnson to move from Executive Session back to Regular Session at 9:13 p.m. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Kenley, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.*

*Mr. Denison moved with a second by Mr. Dixon to give Dan Creech a \$500 raise effective immediately. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Kenley, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.*

*Mr. Denison moved with a second by Mr. Dixon to give Charles Groce a \$1,000 raise effective immediately. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Kenley, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.*

*Mr. Denison moved with a second by Mr. Dixon to give Matthew Sarkissian a \$500 raise effective immediately with documentation provide by Chief Willey. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Kenley, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.*

*Mr. Denison moved with a second by Mr. Kenley to accept the resignation of Mark Brittingham. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Kenley, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.*

*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 9:16 p.m.

Laura Connor  
Town Clerk