



Town of Wyoming
Council Meeting Minutes
Wyoming Municipal Building
March 4, 2019, 6:30 P.M.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rife called the Meeting to order at 6:33 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, Lieutenant Charles Groce and PFC Daniel Creech

Audience attending: Mary Sard, Sheila Sard, Cheryl Kenley, Donna Mason, Elaine Bilow, Seth Greenberg, Joyce Stockslager and Ernie Piazza.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Johnson moved with a second by Mr. Denison 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 proudly stated that Laura Connor recently received two (2) certificates from the University of Delaware, Institute for Public Administration. She completed the

required hours to receive a certificate for Academy for Excellence in Local Government Leadership and the Delaware Planning Education Program.

- Mayor Rife announced that there was an election held on Saturday, February 23, 2019. There were three (3) candidates for two (2) Council seats. Doug Denison received 129 votes, Seth Greenberg received 79 votes, and Carlen Kenley received 94 votes. Congratulations to Doug and Carlen. It is requested to receive pictures of all Council Members to update the website.
- Mayor Rife read the results from the ballot to re-name the new building. The top three (3) options with the most votes were: Town Hall (44), Town Square (39) and Town Plaza (17). She thanked everyone for the overwhelming responses received.
- Mayor Rife sadly announced that Brian Bushweller's wife (Rocky) and Terri DeSanto's mother recently passed away. Condolences to all.
- Mayor Rife mentioned the recent vandalism to the Wyoming sign located at the corner of Camden Wyoming and Caesar Rodney Avenues and indicated that Austin Signs provided a cost of \$950 to clean up.
- Mayor Rife stated that Standard Pipe Services has completed the first phase of the cleaning out of the pipes in Wingate. The final phase of repairing the pipes will occur within two (2) weeks.
- Mayor Rife stated that the Peach Festival held the first meeting of the year on Wednesday, February 20, 2019. She asked Council if they would be willing to held staff the Information Booth. Several Council members signed up to assist. Donna Mason stated that normally the Entertainers park behind the Train Platform and she is concerned on where they can park with the recent "no parking signs" that were posted. One solution is to have the Entertainers park at the Maintenance Building and shuttle them back and forth. Ernie Piazza questioned if the "no parking" next to the railroad was just in this area. Lt. Groce responded with it is statewide.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence is available in Town Hall for anyone interested.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The following minutes were presented:

- February 4, 2019, Public Hearing
- February 4, 2019, Council Meeting
- February 4, 2019, Council Executive Session

Mr. Johnson asked for a correction to the Council Meeting to include the clarification of the questioned permit for the mobile home to include the reasoning of being grandfathered.

Mr. Denison moved with a second by Mr. Kenley to approve the minutes for the Public Hearing and the Council Executive Session as presented. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kenley, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

Corrected minutes for the February 4, 2019, Council Meeting will be presented at the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Mr. Dixon presented the Treasure's Report Balances, Profit & Loss, Check Register, and Delinquent Taxes Report for review.

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

- Lt. Groce presented report for February.
- He stated that Cali Echeverri has been hired and she will be starting at the Academy on March 17, 2019.
- It was stated that the 2019 Tahoe has been ordered. Mr. Johnson questioned if this vehicle will be marked. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Johnson moved with a second from Mr. Kenley to mark the 2019 Tahoe with Town of Wyoming artwork and that there were to be no unmarked police vehicle. Mayor Rife, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kenley, Aye. Mr. Dixon opposed. Mr. Denison refrained from voting. Motion carried

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- No one present to report

C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- No one present to report.
- Mr. Kenley stated that he attended the last CWSWA meeting and there was mention that there was a possible increase from Kent County that would be passed on the Wyoming residents. There was also mention that CWSWA may change billing for residential customers from quarterly to monthly in the near future. Discussion ensued.

PLANNING & ZONING

- Mr. Greenberg stated that there is nothing new to report.

BUILDING PERMITS

- February Building Permit Report was provided for review.
- Proposed changes to the inspection charges were provided for review. It was requested to schedule a workshop to discuss - date/time unknown at this time.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Currently watching the activity on S. Layton Avenue and will address when we take ownership of the Pine Street lot.

PARK/STREET

- The pipe project at Wingate is currently in process and should be completed within the next few weeks. Notice to Residents that was hand-delivered was provided for reference.
- There is a possibility that the Park bathrooms will open before Good Friday depending on the weather.
- It was questioned if there has been playground mulch added recently. It was clarified that this was completed this past November.
- It was stated that the hot mix plants are scheduled to reopen in March and the repaving of Railroad Avenue should occur shortly after.

PEACH FESTIVAL

- Updates were discussed earlier in this meeting under Good News

NEW BUSINESS

- 2019 Election – results discussed earlier in this meeting under Good News
- Scholarship Committee – the Town of Wyoming Scholarship was forwarded to Caesar Rodney High School and the deadline for return submissions is April 8th. Kyle Dixon stated that his father Dennis Dixon has accepted the request to be on the committee.
- Mosquito Control – Information was presented for DNREC to spray for mosquitos within the town limits of Wyoming. Additional information on the Mosquito Control will be provided in the newsletter and on the town's website that will include email notification and website for DNREC.

Mr. Denison moved and was seconded by Mr. Johnson to move forward and agree for DNREC to spray for mosquitos within the town limits of Wyoming. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kenley, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

- Resolution Restricting parking on N. Caesar Rodney – the resolution was read. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Denison moved and was seconded by Mr. Kenley to adopt the Resolution as presented. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kenley, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- North and South Drive Public Hearing – Discussion occurred regarding the possibility of placing “No Thru Traffic” signs on North and South Drive. Lt. Groce mentioned that there is nothing in the traffic laws that could be enforced. Ernie Piazza mentioned that there are several vehicles that speed while cutting thru to avoid the Caesar Rodney/Front Street intersection. Mayor Rife stated that she feels we need to do something. She stated that an increase in police presence will help especially in the morning a couple of times a week. Mr. Dixon questioned if it is a crossing guard responsibility and stated that it is overall a bad intersection. Lt. Groce responded that it does depend on the training of each crossing guard and experience would benefit.
- Town Hall Status – Mayor Rife provided an update on the current status of the renovations. She stated that we are in the process of obtaining quotes for roofing, HVAC, electric, and plumbing.

- Mayor Rife stated that similar to Meet the Candidates, there will be Saturday meetings held once a month starting in April. These meetings will be open to the public to discuss anything with Mayor and Council.

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

- CWSWA, 03/12/19, 7:00 p.m., CWSWA Office
- Peach Festival Meeting, 03/20/19, 7:00 p.m., Municipal Building
- Planning & Zoning Meeting, 03/27/19, 6:30 p.m., Municipal Building
- Town Council Meeting, 04/01/19, 6:30 p.m. Municipal Building

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Donna Mason questioned the trailer permit and referenced the trailer next to her. She questioned the “grandfather” reasoning. This question will be forwarded to Planning & Zoning to clarify. Town staff will see review and see if there are any clarifications from the State or County.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- None

Mr. Denison moved and was seconded by Mr. Johnson to move into Executive Session at 8:22 p.m. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kenley, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

Council returned to regular session at 8:53 p.m.

Mr. Denison moved with a second by Mr. Johnson to move from Executive Session back to Regular Session at 8:53 p.m. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kenley, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Denison moved with a second by Mr. Johnson to accept the recommendation as discussed in Executive Session. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Johnson, 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 8:54 p.m.

Laura Connor
Town Clerk