



Town of Wyoming  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Wyoming Municipal Building

September 9, 2019, 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; and Council Person Carlen Kenley.

Council absent: Jonny Johnson, Secretary

Staff attending: Chief Martin Willey; Patrolman Cali Echeverri; Laura Connor, Office Manager

Audience attending: Joyce Stockslager; Seth Greenberg, Mike Marasco, Donna Mason, Tracy Johovic, Randy Richardson, Cheryl Kenley, Elaine Bilow, Steven Bilbrough, Fred Traute, Mary Sard, Shelia Sard and Franklyn Sanchez.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Seth Greenberg addressed concerns with grass edge at park not being trimmed.
- Seth Greenberg raised concerns with flooding on the corner of Railroad Avenue and Second Street when it rains.
- Steve Bilbrough questioned whether or not meeting with lawyer had been scheduled.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – GOOD NEWS

- Chief Willey introduced our new officer Cali Echeverri.
- Mayor Rife provided a brief Town Hall status update – more details provided later in the meeting.

## CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence is available in Town Hall for anyone interested.

## ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- August 12, 2019, Council Meeting
- August 12, 2019, Executive Session

*Mr. Denison moved with a second by Mr. Kenley to adopt the August 12, 2019 minutes as presented. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, 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.

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

- Draft Audit presented.

*Mr. Denison moved with a second from Mr. Kenley to approve the draft audit as presented. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Kenley, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.*

## POLICE REPORT

- Chief Willey presented report.
- Fatal on 8/17/19 was handled by Delaware State Police. Wyoming officer was on duty when accident occurred.
- Trucks by the Track will be a street dance with food trucks will be held on September 28<sup>th</sup> from 6-10pm. This will be a fundraiser for Community Outreach Program. Several food trucks will be on site.
- Mr. Marasco questioned recent burglaries. Chief Willey advised that none were forced entry, properties/windows were unlocked.

## FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Fire Report presented.
- 10 alarms on Sunday during Labor Day weekend with two double fatalities.

- Upcoming event- November Fund Drive. Chris Cloud will bring flyer by office.

#### C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- No report
- It was questioned when the next Sewer and Water meeting is scheduled. Regular meetings are now being held quarterly. Advised that budget meeting should be soon.

#### PLANNING & ZONING

- Meeting on 8/18/19- New member Ashley Spencer appointed as Secretary. Information presented to Council. Seth Greenberg stated that additional clarification is needed and will be addressed at the next P&Z meeting.

#### BUILDING PERMITS

- Building Permit Report provided for review. Shows that permits are slowing down.

#### CODE ENFORCEMENT

- August Code Enforcement Report provided for review.

#### PARK/STREET

- Discussion regarding Girl Scout event at the Park. Concerns of the number of people expected to attend. Will schedule meeting with event coordinator.
- Eastern Shore Gas to start putting in pipeline in October from Ice Cream shop to Southern Blvd.
- Wyoming Pond- plastic along the edge of pond will be covered with dirt to help with erosion.
- Tree Maintenance being done. Using feedback from garbage truck as to what the trucks are hitting.
- Bathrooms- grant is in State's possession. Will know results in mid-November.
- Resurfacing on Second and Third Streets - awaiting bids for possible funding.
- Ditch behind Camden Wyoming Auto - working with Soil and Water to resolve drainage problem in tax ditch.
- Curb paint has been bought and will start soon.
- Mrs. Bilow questioned if new park bathrooms will be open year round. Mr. Kenley advised that they will not due to the increased cost associated with heating during the winter months.
- Ms. Echeverri advised that trees at Wingate entrance are hanging into turn lane on New Burton Road. It was determined that this is a DeIDOT issue and they will be contacted.
- Mr. Denison requests a small end sign for the no parking zone on Caesar Rodney Ave. Maintenance will be contacted to see if we have one in stock.
- Wingate drainage- cable through drainage pipe. Report from Miss Utility will be done by 9/11/19.

#### PEACH FESTIVAL

- Wrap up Meeting was held on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

- Peach Festival agreed to reimburse the Town \$600 for newsletter delivery as of 9/1/19.
- Reimbursement of electric charges is still in discussion. Additional backup documentation will be provided prior to the next meeting.
- Discussion on purchasing either grills and/or picnic tables will be handled in January meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Council Resignation- Jonny Johnson provided an email resigning from Wyoming Town Council effective immediately due to health reasons. Mayor Rife read email to all present.

*Mr. Kenley moved to accept Mr. Johnson's resignation with a second from Mr. Denison. Mayor Rife, Mr. Kenley, Mr. Denison and Mr. Dixon, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried. Mr. Denison added "with appreciation to Mr. Johnson for the time and dedication to the Wyoming Town Council".*

- Discussion occurred regarding the new appointment of a replacement Council member. Deadline for Letters of Interest and a completed background check will be October 15<sup>th</sup> by end of business day. Special meeting held on October 23<sup>rd</sup> for appointment of new member.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Town Hall Status – Status provided. Carpet has been installed in some areas, electrical work is still in progress, front ramp has been demolished, new ramp and sidewalks will follow, outside painting has started, inside painting is in progress, HVAC and plumbing are almost completed. Tentative target for completion is December.
- Questions regarding plans for current Town Hall. Advised that there is a possibility that it will be rented out once the move is complete.
- Mrs. Bilow questioned status of the small building on lot behind bank. There are no plans for this building at this time. She also suggested painting of Stokes Square to match bank. This may be a possibility next Spring, but has not yet been discussed.

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

- Chat with Council, 09/14/19, 10:00 am – noon
- Planning & Zoning Meeting, 09/25/19, 6:30 p.m., Municipal Building
- Town Council Meeting, 10/07/19, 6:30 p.m., Municipal Building
- CWSWA, October 8, 2019, CWSWA Office
- Halloween October 31<sup>st</sup>, 6-8pm, Train Platform

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Joyce Stockslager questioned the number of police officers the Town has due to several recent newspaper articles noting that there are 4 officers. Chief Willey clarified that we currently have 3 officers.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

- None

Council took a break at 7:30 p.m.

*Mr. Denison moved and was seconded by Mr. Kenley to move into Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Kenley, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.*

Council returned to regular session at 8:32 p.m.

*Mr. Dixon moved and was seconded by Mr. Kenley to adjourn meeting at 8:33 p.m. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Kenley, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.*

The meeting adjourned.

Laura Connor  
Town Clerk