



Town of Wyoming
Council Meeting Minutes
Wyoming Municipal Building

October 7, 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: None

Staff attending: Chief Martin Willey, Patrolman Cali Echeverri, Audrey Lindale, Roseann Lamar.

Audience attending: Joyce Stockslager; Seth Greenberg, Mike Marasco, Donna Mason, Tracy Johovic, Randy Richardson, Elaine Bilow, Steven Bilbrough, Mary Sard, Shelia Sard, Sheryl Ford, Tom Lehman and Jeff Gravett.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mike Marasco stated he is disappointed with lack of professionalism regarding the refusal of his request for a meeting with Councilman Carlen Kenley. States weekly emails were sent to Mr. Kenley and Laura, Town Clerk. Mr. Marasco left building after comments.
- Mr. Kenley responded to Mr. Marasco's comments. Mr. Kenley would like to include the emails between Mr. Marasco and himself in the minutes so that the public could see the interaction.
- Seth Greenberg expressed concern that the public only gets 2 minutes to speak but Mr. Kenley responded for a total of 8 minutes. Feels it's unfair.

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

- Mayor advised that local resident has recently gotten their sight back and we were able to remove the “blind” signs that were near resident’s home.
- 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

- September 9, 2019, Council Meeting
- September 9, 2019, Executive Session

Mr. Denison moved with a second by Mr. Dixon to adopt the September 9, 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. Kenley moved with a second from Mr. Denison to approve the reports as presented subject to audit. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Kenley, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

- Final Audit presented.

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

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Willey presented report.
- Trucks by the Track held on September 28th was a success and had a really good turnout.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- No official report.
- Numbers provided from memory- 297 EMS runs with the help of 17 volunteers.

- October is Fire Prevention Month.

C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- No report

PLANNING & ZONING

- Seth Greenberg reported that last meeting on September 25th was cancelled due to chair not showing and committee was unable to get into building.
- Mr. Denison expressed that he would like lawyer's guidance in changing the conditional use rules so that they are more specific. He would like to see them state that new owners of properties with conditional uses will need to re-apply.
- Mr. Denison also expressed concerns on whether or not anything can be done with existing uses or if it will only apply to those after the Ordinance change.
- Discussion ensued regarding Conditional Uses.

BUILDING PERMITS

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- September Code Enforcement Report provided for review.

PARK/STREET

- Girl Scout event at the Park- coordinator is working on a date for event.
- Eastern Shore Gas- test line in. Advised to watch out for raised line on E. Railroad Ave.
- Wyoming Pond- working on grant for bulkhead.
- Curb painting has begun.
- Wingate drainage- Still working on who owns the line.
- Mrs. Bilow stated that N. Layton Ave is in need of repairs. – Mr. Dixon recommended cold patches until we can secure funding for paving.

PEACH FESTIVAL

- No report- on hiatus until January 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

- Harvest Hustle 5K donation.

Mr. Denison moved to donate \$100 with a second from Mr. Dixon. Mayor Rife, Mr. Kenley, Mr. Denison and Mr. Dixon, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

- Council Opening- Mayor Rife advised there is one letter of interest but not all paperwork (background check) is turned in.
- Mr. Bilbrough advised that background check should be completed this week and will drop it to office.

- Advised that deadline is October 15th and that a council member must nominate 7 days prior to appointment meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Town Hall Status – Status provided.
- Mr. Denison advised that any expenses over the set budget will need to be presented to council for approval.
- Mr. Dixon would like a more formal presentation including pictures and a list of what is left to be done.
- Chief Willey advised that there is still questions and concerns on doors in the new Police area.

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

- Chat with Council, 10/05/19, 10:00 am – noon
- CWSWA, 10/8/19, CWSWA Office
- Special Council Meeting, 10/23/19, 5:30pm
- Planning & Zoning Meeting, 10/23/19, 6:30 p.m., Municipal Building
- Town Council Meeting, 11/4/19, 6:30 p.m., Municipal Building
- Chat with Council, 11/09/19, 10:00 am – noon

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Sheryl Ford advised that S. Layton is still in need of repair as the side of the road is chipping. She feels that this is a hazard to motorist as there have been several near accidents.
- Advised that Mr. Reed's plan is to fill with packed dirt. A work order will be issued.
- Ms. Johovic questioned on whether or not the answer was found regarding how many members are to be on Planning and Zoning. Was advised that we found information that only 5 members for Planning and Zoning.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- None

Mr. Denison moved and was seconded by Mr. Kenley to move into Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Kenley, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

Council returned to regular session at 8:20 p.m.

Mr. Dixon moved and was seconded by Mr. Dixon to adjourn meeting at 8:21 p.m. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Kenley, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned.

Audrey Lindale
Receptionist

Laura Connor

From: Mike Marasco <marasco5@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, October 07, 2019 9:43 PM
To: Laura Connor
Cc: Frankie Dale Rife; dougdenison@gmail.com; Kyle Dixon; Carlen Kenley
Subject: Re: Councilman Kenley

Hello Laura.

Here is the txt of what I spoke at tonight's October 7, 2019 council meeting so you have an accurate account of what was said. Feel free to attach this note, as well as the email threads from both Carlen & this one between you and I to tonight's meeting minutes so everyone has the same factual information to formulate an opinion on the matter if they so desire.

I am mike marasco

I am speaking to tonight to express my extreme disappointment with Mayor Rife and Councilman Kenley. Never before in the history of the town of Wyoming has it been abundantly clear that new leadership is needed. The lack of professionalism these two public officials have demonstrated towards me over the past two months shows the ignorance they have about the position they hold.

In August, both Councilman Kenley and Mayor Rife spoke on the importance of communication between council members, citizens and business leaders.

Since the August meeting I have sent weekly emails to Councilman Kenley requesting a meeting to discuss a parks & streets item, of which he is the commissioner of. The only response from him I received was to attend the chat with council workshop, of which I was out of town for.

At the September meeting, Mayor Rife denied my public speaking opportunity stating that my comments were not of importance to listen to.

Since the September council meeting I have sent weekly emails to Councilman Kenley & Laura the town clerk requesting a meeting with one or both to discuss a park & street item, among other items. All unanswered with no explanation why. Other than the town clerk apologizing that she could not broker a meeting.

10 days ago I requested to be placed on the agenda under parks & streets for discussion. Only to look at the posted agenda for tonight's October 7 meeting to see that my request was denied.

I consider myself to be a respected business owner in the area. I am a property owner within the town of Wyoming. And as a former Councilman and mayor of the town, I am appalled by the behavior and decisions these two so called public officials have demonstrated towards my request for a meeting and to be added to the agenda for discussion.

The item you wonder, is to donate much needed landscaping revitalization at all of the town gateway flowerbeds, which are currently overgrown, weed ridden with dead shrubbery.

I have a large amount of pride for this community and like to give back when a need arises. Our town deserves inviting gateways from which to enter.

So, even after the obvious breakdown of communication on Councilman Kenley's behalf. And the blatant denial for my request to be added to the agenda on mayor Rife's behalf. I am still interested in a meeting to formulate a plan to revitalize our town's gateways, in terms of its landscaping needs. I believe you have my contact information. Please reach out to me at anytime if there is an interest to do so. Thank you for acknowledging me this evening.

Mike Marasco

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 26, 2019, at 1:25 PM, Laura Connor <townofwyoming@comcast.net> wrote:

Mike,

After several attempts to schedule a meeting with Councilman Kenley, I am still unsuccessful.

I would suggest if there are specific questions you have you can email and I will do my best to get answers for you.

Laura

-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Marasco [<mailto:marasco5@icloud.com>]

Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 11:29 AM

To: Laura Connor

Cc: Frankie Dale Rife; dougdenison@gmail.com; Kyle Dixon; Carlen Kenley

Subject: Re: Councilman Kenley

Good morning Laura,

Following up on last weeks email seeking a meeting with Councilman Kenley...

I presume he keeps an extremely busy schedule, and I can appreciate that.

But, can you please let me know when we can meet? Preferably a weekday.

Or at least let me know why he is unable to meet with me to discuss town related topics...

Thank you so much,

Mike Marasco

302-363-1909

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 17, 2019, at 10:13 AM, Mike Marasco <marasco5@icloud.com> wrote:

Good morning Laura,

After several attempts via email over the last six weeks to try an arrange a meeting with Mr. Kenley to discuss some important town related items, it appears that a breakdown in communication on Mr Kenley's behalf has occurred.

The only means of contacting Mr Kenley I have is the email above that the town provided to me some time ago. I presume it is still an active email as he did reply to my initial email and after cc-ing everyone, it has not been kicked back to me as undeliverable...

I believe you were part of that email thread and are aware of my reaching out to Mr Kenley for a meeting.

Since Mr Kenley has failed to do so, is it possible for you to facilitate a meeting time and location for Mr Kenley and myself sometime soon? 20minutes or so to discuss some town related items...

Mr Kenley's one response back to me was to attend the council chat held on a Saturday morning each month. Unfortunately I was out of town this past weekend and upon reviewing the dates for October will be out of town again for the next scheduled chat.

I sure hope, as an elected official representing the town of wyoming, Mr Kenley recognizes the importance of meeting with its citizens, business leaders and property owners on a variety of topics.

If a meeting cannot be brokered on Mr Kenley's behalf, is it possible to add my name to the October town council meeting agenda under parks & streets and again under new business as discussion with the mayor and council? The 2 minute time limitation will be inadequate to converse productively either

before or after the meeting.

Thank you in advance.

I look forward to hearing back from you in the near future.

Mike Marasco

302-363-1909

Sent from my iPhone

Laura Connor

From: Mike Marasco <marasco5@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2019 2:37 PM
To: Laura Connor
Cc: Laura Connor; dougdenison@gmail.com; Carlen Kenley; Kyle Dixon; Frankie Dale Rife
Subject: Re: Council Agenda

Thank you Laura.
I hope you are feeling better.
That's not the answer I was looking for but close enough...
I'll be in touch soon.
Thanks for replying.
M Marasco

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 2, 2019, at 1:06 PM, Laura Connor <lconnor@wyomingde.com> wrote:

Mike,

I have been receiving your emails. I have been out sick the last couple of days sorry for the delay in responding.

As I recall, you copied all of Council on your email threads, but I did not receive instruction/direction from anyone from Council to add you to the agenda.

Laura

From: Mike Marasco [<mailto:marasco5@icloud.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2019 9:34 AM
To: Laura Connor; lconnor@wyomingde.com; dougdenison@gmail.com; Carlen Kenley; Kyle Dixon; Frankie Dale Rife
Subject: Fwd: Council Agenda

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mike Marasco <marasco5@icloud.com>
Date: October 1, 2019 at 10:26:39 AM EDT
To: Laura Connor <townofwyoming@comcast.net>, lconnor@wyomingde.com
Subject: Council Agenda

Good morning Laura,
Are you receiving my emails?
Specifically the Carlen Kenley thread...
I'm a little confused by the lack of a response.
Can you please explain to me what the procedure is to be added to a council meeting agenda?
Thanks

Mike Marasco
391-363-1909

Sent from my iPhone