



Town of Wyoming
Council Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2023, 6:30 P.M.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER –Mayor Denison called the Meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –Mayor Denison

MOMENT OF SILENCE –Mayor Denison

ROLL CALL

Council attending: Mayor- Doug Denison, Treasurer- Kyle Dixon, Tracy Johovic, Secretary and Council Person- Melissa Wooleyhand. Noted one council seat is vacant.

Staff attending: Chief Baker, Town Manager, Michael Wooleyhand; Town Clerk- Roseann Lamar; Clerk of Council- Audrey Lindale and Dave Reed.

Audience attending: Joyce Stockslager, Donna Mason, Cathy George, Dave and BJ Van Kavelaar, Jeff and Theresa Carrothers, Larry Kinnard, James Winchell, Mike Wolfer, Barbei Williams and Jennifer S.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Dixon moved with a second by Ms. Johovic to approve the agenda with addition of Public Comments before Council Comments. Mayor Denison, Mr. Dixon, Ms. Johovic and Mrs. Wooleyhand, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Larry Kinnard stated he is against Mrs. Brown’s recommendation that parallel parking be put out in front of their homes. Mr. Kinnard expressed concerns that she only wants parking for her patrons and caused his family enough pain and suffering. Advised that the family is in the process of cleaning out his father’s house and there is a lot of bulk which Mrs. Brown was referring to in her letter. Concerned that construction that is taking place at the tavern left a mess in front of his home. Residents received a letter from Mrs. Brown’s lawyer to advise against talking to patrons. Mr. Kinnard advised they only talk to patrons to ask them to turn down radios.

- Barbei Williams recalls the parking being 2 spots in front of the homes and then being changed to 4. She would like to know when that happened. Ms. Williams expressed concerns of trucks backing in and parking over the sidewalk causing problems for the disabled to get by on the sidewalks. Ms. Williams feels that Mrs. Brown has not thought about the safety of the residents. Ms. Williams advised that a patron threw her walker in the street and broke it.
- Jennifer from W. Third St. expressed concerns of safety regarding the patrons of the tavern. Jennifer stated she does not feel safe going to Ms. Williams' home in the evening due to the patrons of the tavern.
- Donna Mason advised that the street sweeper was out today. Mrs. Mason asked if there was a way to advise residents to remove their vehicles so that the whole street could be cleaned.
- Cathy George asked if official signs could be put on roads advising when not to park on street for street sweeping.
- Dave Van Kavelaar advised that he observed a motorcycle speeding at least 100mph down Mechanic St.
- Jimmy Winchell advised that cars are parking the wrong way in front of Simply Charming and too close to intersection. Mr. Winchell also asked about putting something on the shoulder at the corner of S. Railroad Ave and W. Camden Wyoming Ave to stop cars from going around to make a right turn. Mr. Winchell advised that he spoke to people on basketball court about using hoops for pull ups. Asked if a chin up bar could be installed outside court near rules.
- Mike Wolfer from Wyoming Mills HOA expressed concerns about safety for one resident due to the neighbor installed cameras being installed facing their neighbor's property. States they witnessed the removal of a hidden camera pointed at neighbor's home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – GOOD NEWS

- Mayor Denison stated that electric charging stations are being finalized. It will be a pay to use service that users will have to download an app to use and pay.
- Grand Opening of the Rider Country store will take place on Wednesday October 4th if anyone is interested in attending.
- Block party in September was a success. Food Truck was a little slow but it seemed that everyone had a good time.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- September 11, 2023- Council Meeting
- September 11, 2023- Executive Session

Mr. Dixon moved with a second by Ms. Johovic to approve the previous meeting minutes as presented. Mayor Denison, Mr. Dixon, Ms. Johovic and Mrs. Wooleyhand, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Mr. Dixon presented balances, profit and loss reports and check register to council for review.
- Mr. Dixon advised that the audit draft was included for their review. Mr. Dixon asked that everyone review before next meeting.
- Mr. Dixon advised that most taxes have been collected.

- Mr. Wooleyhand stated that a letter was received from the Fields regarding the property on Remus Lane. They would like an extension on their property taxes until they are able to research and speak to a lawyer.

Mrs. Wooleyhand moved with a second by Ms. Johovic to adopt reports as presented. Mayor Denison, Mr. Dixon, Ms. Johovic and Mrs. Wooleyhand, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Baker presented September's police report to the council.
- There were 261 traffic tickets, 50 warnings, and 19 Misdemeanors, 1 local fugitives, 8 accidents, 1 DUI and 228 total complaints handled by the WPD.
- The speed trailer was placed on W. Camden Wyoming Ave. near Southern Blvd. Data was incorrect. Chief Baker will get corrected report.
- Chief Baker explained that Officer Reed returned Friday from K9 training in NC. Officer Reed and Sig (K9) will start training at DSP mid- October.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- No one was present for report.
- Report was included in council packets for review.

C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- Mr. Winchell advised that there is nothing going on now. Mr. Winchell states that they are waiting for the builders of Savannah Farms.
- Mr. Winchell stated that with the Camden By-pass, the lines will be moved as they are found.

PLANNING & ZONING

- Mrs. Lamar advised that Planning and Zoning cancelled meeting due to no quorum.

BUILDING PERMITS

- Mrs. Lamar presented the September reports to council.
 - 5 new permits, 44 open, 2 closed.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Mrs. Lindale advised that there were no violations in September.

PARK/STREET

- Mrs. Wooleyhand advised charging stations will be finished up in next 2 weeks. Delmarva Power was on site today to finalize wiring.
- Handicap door in women's bathroom at park was damaged. Erco representative came to give estimate for repair. Feels they can replace brackets and adjust.
- Sealing of playground floor will take place in late October. Playground will need to close for a few days.
- Paving to start on Monday October 9th. Estimated to take 2 weeks for all paving.
- Stop signs and bars will be installed at intersection of Old North Rd and N. Caesar Rodney Ave approximately October 24th.
- Mr. Reed submitted a list of projects that need to be completed. Asking for PT employee to stay on through October.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Mrs. Lindale advised of the following events:
 - Trick or Treating October 31st 6-8pm
 - Christmas Parade December 9th 6pm.
- Camden will not be participating in the lights contest. Discuss ensued if we continued it for Wyoming residents. Council felt that we should continue this new tradition.

NEW BUSINESS

- Railroad Avenue Parking
 - Council reviewed letter submitted by Mrs. Brown regarding parking on N. Railroad Ave that was changed to no parking in front of the home.
 - Mayor Denison feels that a public hearing should be held to get public opinion.
 - Public Hearing will be held during next council meeting for public comments.
- Letters of Intent
 - Mayor Denison advised that one letter of intent was received from resident Cathy George.
 - Ms. George was asked to introduce herself and why she would like to be on council.
 - Ms. George stated that she is proud of all the improvements to the community the council has made. She likes that its community doing for community and wants to be part of the positive changes.
 - Ms. George obtained a criminal background check and filed with her letter of intent.

Mayor Denison nominated Cathy George for the open council seat.

Mrs. Wooleyhand moved with a second by Ms. Johovic to accept the nomination of Cathy George for the open council seat. Mayor Denison, Mr. Dixon, Ms. Johovic and Mrs. Wooleyhand, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

- Ordinance #71-23 Public Drinking
 - Mayor Denison explained that an ordinance was drafted by lawyer regarding public consumption of intoxicating beverages and public drunkenness.
 - Mayor Denison recommended a few changes with wording that will be sent back to lawyer for modification.
 - Chief Baker explained that it would give our police more authority regarding public consumption and public drunkenness.
 - Chief Baker explained that current ordinance only covered the park.
 - There is currently no open container law, but this ordinance would allow enforcement within Town limits on public property.
 - Mrs. Lindale read synopsis as first reading.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 10 S. Railroad Ave.
 - Mr. Wooleyhand advised council of realtor's suggestion for selling property.
 - Discussion ensued regarding necessary repairs to make building usable versus selling property as is.

- Realtor recommended an asking price of \$79,000-\$89,000 as is.
- Mayor Denison stated he is not in favor of town putting money into a building that will not increase in value.
- Building has no parking, no second-floor access and repairs will not increase value.
- Mayor Denison recommended a public workshop be held at next council meeting to get public opinion on future of this building and property.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Planning & Zoning Meeting, 10/25/2023, @ 6:30 p.m.- Town Hall
- Trick or Treat, 10/31/2023, 6-8pm
- Town Hall Town Council Meeting, 11/6/2023, @ 6:30 p.m.- Town Hall

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- BJ Van Kavelaar asked if 10 S. Railroad was a historical building. Mr. Denison advised that staff would look into it.
- Mrs. Van Kavelaar also asked if the open container ordinance would apply in vehicles even if they aren't intoxicated. Chief Baker advised if they were on public property in Wyoming, yes it would be a fine.
- Mrs. Mason asked about private parties on their property and open containers. Chief Baker advised that it would not affect any private property, only public property.
- Mr. Winchell said he was in favor of selling 10 S. Railroad. Also questioned Chief Baker as to how to determine intoxication. Chief Baker advised that this is something the department will work through.
- Mr. Carrothers advised that the trash company stopped picking up trash and recycling. Also stated they asked for permission for tree company to park in front of home and was denied permission.
- Larry Kinnard stated that delivery trucks park illegally when delivering to the tavern.
- Mrs. Stockslager stated they received a letter regarding sidewalks on N. Railroad Ave and advised that the ones in front of her property were fine.
- Mr. Van Kavelaar asked if anyone had seen Mrs. Faire as he had not seen her walking around town. Several residents advised that they had seen Mrs. Faire and she was fine.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None

Mr. Dixon moved with a second by Mrs. Wooleyhand at 7:25pm to adjourn the meeting.. Mayor Denison, Mr. Dixon, Ms. Johovic and Mrs. Wooleyhand, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned.

Audrey Lindale
Clerk of Council