



Town of Wyoming
Council Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2024, 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, Vice-Mayor- Tracy Johovic, Treasurer- Kyle Dixon, Secretary, Melissa Wooleyhand and Parks and Streets Commissioner, Cathy George.

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

Audience attending: Michael Farley, Olusayo Fadiran, Elaine Bilow, Donna Mason, Carlen Kenley, Gwen Colston, Ron and Georgia Roll, Candance Dierkes, Joyce Stockslager, Ernie Piazza, Dave and BJ Van Kavelaar, Natalie Hayden, Myke Davis and Mike Wolfer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mr. Wolfer, vice president of Wyoming Mills HOA explained that there is a situation that has been going on for over 6 months regarding harassment and intimidation to a few of the residents in Wyoming Mills. HOA was informed by Attorney General that they have a moral obligation, and they can be held criminal liable if neighborhood is not informed. HOA is talking to lawyer to make a public statement.
- Mr. Davis, president of Wyoming Mills HOA stated they just want all members to live in peace and safety.
- Mrs. Van Kavelaar asked for an update on the stop sign.

- Ms. Dierkes explained that she has been a victim of harassment by her next-door neighbor. She wants this neighbor to be held accountable for his actions. She stated that neighbor is a retired cop and a member of the fire department.
- Mr. Piazza stated that he has been suspended until outcome of investigation.
- Mayor Denison stated that he received emails regarding this situation and has a conversation with the Chief of Police.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – GOOD NEWS

- Mayor Denison stated the annual Christmas parade was a success. Great participants and spectator turnout.
- Mayor Denison announced that the lights contest had a winner. Mr. Dixon at 207 Harrison Ave was our 1st place winner.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- December 4, 2023- Council Meeting

Ms. Johovic moved with a second by Mr. Dixon to approve the previous meeting minutes as presented. Mayor Denison, Ms. Johovic, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Wooleyhand, and Ms. George, 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 stated that a budget meeting needed to be set. Council agreed to a budget meeting on Tuesday January 30th at 5:30pm.

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

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Baker presented December’s police report to the council.
- There were 232 traffic tickets, 27 warnings, and 20 criminal arrests, 7 local fugitives, 4 accidents, 1 DUI and 190 total complaints handled by the WPD.
- Chief Baker presented 2022- and 2023-year end totals for review.
- The speed trailer is down at the moment. There has been a call placed to the manufacturer for resolution.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Mr. Piazza presented report from Fire Department.
- CWFD saw:
 - 68 alarms
 - 398 EMS
 - 825 total manpower hours
 - Manpower average per alarm – 12
 - Total time 27 hours
 - Average alarm 27 minutes

- First truck enroute- 3.2 minutes
- Mr. Piazza presented year end totals for fire department- total alarms 908 averaging 2.5 alarms per day. EMS total for 2023 was 4442 averaging 17-25 per day.

C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- None

PLANNING & ZONING

- Mrs. Lamar stated the committee heard the conditional use at their last meeting and was on agenda for tonight's council meeting. Public hearing was held before regular council meeting.

BUILDING PERMITS

- Mrs. Lamar presented the September reports to council.
 - 0 new permits, 38 open, 16 closed.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Mrs. Lindale advised that previous code violations from October were due to be resolved by 12/26.
- 46 Blue Birch was resolved.
- 24 Blue Birch has been given a one-month extension due to insurance settlement.
- 105 N. Mechanic- a follow-up letter was sent with a penalty invoice.

PARK/STREET

- Ms. George reported on the following street situations:
 - Hole on Southern Blvd was filled by DeIDOT.
 - Church St. parking lines have been completed.
 - Stop sign on corner of Front and CR Ave can not be moved. It was placed in accordance with DeIDOT guidelines and existing crosswalk.
 - Blinking lights for stop signs have been ordered. Mr. Wooleyhand advised they should be here in 2 weeks.
 - Storm drains have been cleaned and cleared.
 - Entering and Exiting Wyoming signs have been replaced.
 - Street signs are in process of being replaced.
 - Paving of North and South Railroad, Wyoming Mill Rd, Southern Blvd and N. Caesar Rodney are expected to be started by DeIDOT in the spring.
- Ms. George reported on the following park situations:
 - Ms. George stated the fence by the water in the park is a safety concern. Ms. George and Mr. Reed have discussed possible solutions and is scheduled to be fixed.
 - Ms. George stated that the dog park is being used regularly but visitors are not cleaning up after their pets despite bags being available. Ms. George reminded residents to clean up after your pets.
- Ms. George presented an update to the Camden Bypass.
- West Camden Bypass:
 - Design and right-of-way acquisition are underway. Demolition is complete and full construction will begin in 2024.
- East Camden Bypass:
 - Design and right-of-way are underway. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2024, starting with utility relocations.

- Mr. Van Kavelaar asked how soon the bypass would start and if all studies had been completed.
- Mr. Wooleyhand advised that construction would be starting soon and all studies had been completed.
- Mr. Wooleyhand advised that we did not have all the answers but residents are welcome to visit the DelDOT site for more information regarding the bypass.
- Mrs. Mason asked how many lanes. Mr. Wooleyhand advised that from the project map, it looks like one lane.
- Mr. Davis asked if this would be good for the community. Mayor Denison stated that it should lessen traffic through town.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Mrs. Lindale stated the committee will start meeting in February to start planning town events for 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Camden Wyoming Little League**
 - Mr. Denison advised that the town donates every year and it's in the budget.
 - Mr. Wooleyhand advised that the town gets the homerun package at \$500.

Mr. Dixon moved with a second by Ms. Johovic to approve the sponsorship to the Camden Wyoming Little League. Mayor Denison, Ms. Johovic, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Wooleyhand, and Ms. George, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

- **Conditional Use- 82 Pepperwood Drive**
 - Mrs. Lamar advised that a public hearing had been held at 6pm prior to the regular council meeting in regards to this conditional use.
 - Planning and Zoning had reviewed the application and approved the conditional use with conditions.
 - Conditions included a inspection twice a year, landlord license and a 3 strikes provision. Meaning if this property is cited for code or law enforcement 3 times, then conditional use will be revoked, and owner may reapply after a year lapse.
 - Ms. George asked for a definition of short term rental. It was explained that it would be for approximately a week but no longer than 30 days.
 - Ms. George asked if someone would be checking on property when not rented.
 - Mr. Fadiran advised that he had a friend who lived in Dover that would check on property as well as property management doing maintenance when not rented.
 - Ms. Johovic questioned how renters would access property.
 - Mr. Fadiran advised that it would have a keypad that would allow access and code would be changed between renters.
 - Ms. Johovic asked about outdoor cameras.
 - Mr. Fadiran advised that the residence currently has a doorbell camera.
 - Mayor Denison asked about maximum capacity of rental.
 - Mr. Fadiran advised that it would be 6 adults as it was a 3 bedroom home.
 - Mr. Denison asked if there was opposition to adding that maximum to the conditions.
 - Mr. Fadiran agreed.

Ms. Johovic moved with a second by Mrs. Wooleyhand to approve the conditional use with recommended conditions for property. Mayor Denison, Ms. Johovic, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Wooleyhand, and Ms. George, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Town Hall closed Monday 1/15/2024- Martin Luther King Day.
- Planning & Zoning Meeting, 1/24/2024, @ 6:30 p.m.- Town Hall
- Town Hall Town Council Meeting, 2/5/2024, @ 6:30 p.m.- Town Hall

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None

Mr. Dixon moved with a second by Ms. Johovic at 7:16pm to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Denison, Mr. Dixon, Ms. Johovic, Mrs. Wooleyhand, and Ms. George, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned.

Audrey Lindale
Clerk of Council