



Town of Wyoming
Council Meeting Minutes
March 4, 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 Denison, Vice-Mayor- Tracy Johovic, Treasurer- Kyle Dixon, and Parks and Streets Commissioner, Cathy George.

Council Absent: Secretary, Melissa Wooleyhand

Ms. Johovic moved with a second by Ms. George to excuse Mrs. Wooleyhand' s absence. Mayor Denison, Ms. Johovic, Mr. Dixon and Ms. George, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

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

Audience attending: Elaine Bilow, Donna Mason, Joyce Stockslager, Ernie Piazza Gwendolyn Colston, Sherry Greene, Barbara Williams Criss, Ashley Gilliss, Margie MacLeish and Louise Fair.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Denison amended agenda to include under New Business- additional camera for Pine Street.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – GOOD NEWS

- Mayor Denison stated that members of council had been sworn into their current positions at the 6pm Reorganization meeting.
- Mayor Denison advised it had been great working with current council members, town staff and police department.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- January 8, 2024- Council Meeting- corrected
- February 5, 2024- Council Meeting

Mr. Dixon moved with a second by Ms. George to approve the previous meeting minutes as presented. Mayor Denison, Ms. Johovic, Mr. Dixon 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.

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

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Baker presented February’s police report to the council.
- There were 360 traffic tickets, 70 warnings, 2 Town Ordinance, 1 criminal arrests, 2 local fugitives, 2 accidents, 2 DUI and 217 total complaints handled by the WPD.
- The speed trailer’s battery was replaced, and unit was placed on Camden Wyoming Ave.
- A total of 215,747 vehicles travelled on Camden Wyoming Ave between 2/7 and 2/29.
- 712 vehicles were above the excessive speed set.
- Chief Baker advised that the police department is running a raffle to support the K9 unit. Winner will get handgun sponsored by Pearson Firearms and classes sponsored by Delaware Tactical. 2nd place will get \$250 cash.
- Wyoming Police Department has designed a challenge coin and they have been ordered. Coins will be for sale for \$10 once received in about 30 days.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Mr. Piazza presented report from Fire Department.
- CWFD saw:
 - 50 alarms
 - 310 EMS
 - 651 total manpower hours
 - Manpower average per alarm – 13
 - Total time 19.5 hours
 - Average alarm 23 minutes
 - First truck enroute- 3.3 minutes

C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- None

PLANNING & ZONING

- Mr. Wooleyhand advised the committee discussed a marijuana ordinance for the town.
- Ordinance was tabled so that committee can do further research.
- Committee heard a proposal for a solar farm however the land will need to be rezoned in order for project to proceed.

BUILDING PERMITS

- Mr. Wooleyhand presented February's report to council.
 - 6 new permits, 33 open, 5 closed.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Mrs. Lindale advised that POD at 24 Blue Birch will be removed by end of month and 105 N. Mechanic refused certified letter. Letter was put in door and resident will receive violation penalty fee from 12/27 until current date.

PARK/STREET

- Ms. George advised that street sweeping will start on April 1st.
- Flashing lights for Old North Rd and N. Caesar Rodney Ave have arrived. New 36" stop signs will be here Wednesday.
- Sinkhole in parking lot of park is a work in progress.
- Ms. George stated that there is an issue with people cleaning up their dog's mess at the dog park. Ms. George would like to see a sign on the gate entrance quoting ordinance with fine information.
- Basketball court- 2 arrests made over weekend for trespassing as the court was closed due to excessive trash the previous week. Recommendations for signage and trash can modification.
- Park issues- older children throwing football inside of fenced area. Ms. George recommends updating park rule to post near entrance of playground.
- Wyoming Mills HOA is asking for new signs. Ms. George states that signs are in good shape and do not need to be replaced.
- MPO meeting where the town was able to express concerns and things they would like to see for the town. Those things included:
 - Walking trails.
 - Bike paths.
 - More crosswalks.
 - Dart bus stops.
 - Shelter booths for bus passengers.
 - Addressed truck traffic concerns when business park opens.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Mrs. Lindale stated the meeting got cancelled in February but will take place on Tuesday March 12th at 5:30pm to start planning the Peach Festival.
- Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on 3/23 at 11am at the park.

NEW BUSINESS

○ **Council Tribute- Georgette William**

- Mayor Denison read the Tribute.
- Mayor Denison shared a memory of when he worked for Dover Post and Georgette taught him about the town. Mrs. Williams was devoted to the town.
- Barbei Williams Criss (daughter of Georgette) stated that her mother loved Wyoming. The family would like to do a planting in honor of Ms. Williams. Will get information to staff when family decides on exactly what they would like to do.
- Mr. Dixon recalls fond memories of Ms. Williams.

Ms. Johovic moved with a second by Mr. Dixon to adopt the Tribute. Mayor Denison, Ms. Johovic, Mr. Dixon and Ms. George, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

○ **1st State Web Footers**

- Ms. MacLeish advised council that she and her mother, Louise Fair had met with Cathy and Dave at the park to discuss where and what could be planted in honor of past members.
- A maple will be planted, and a flat stone will be placed in an area where the town had lost several trees over the past winter.
- A memorial walk will take place when planting is done as well.
- Council approved plan and Ms. MacLeish will work with Dave and Cathy for the planting.

○ **Parking on Church Drive**

- Mrs. Lindale advised that the town was contacted by Pastor Dyer regarding the extra handicap space that was painted when Church Ln was marked.
- Discussion ensued regarding the space.
- Council approved removing the 3rd handicap spot.

○ **Pine Street Camera**

- Chief Baker explained that larger crowds are gathering at the basketball court and the cameras are a precautionary measure that can be used for investigations.
- A camera will be placed on side of building that will cover traffic coming onto Pine St. from Camden Wyoming Ave.
- Mayor Denison stated that this would be a realty transfer expense.

Mr. Dixon moved with a second by Ms. Johovic to approve the purchase of a camera for Pine St. Mayor Denison, Ms. Johovic, Mr. Dixon and Ms. George, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

○ **Ordinance #72-24- Establishing Traffic Regulations Including Penalties**

- Chief Baker explained the benefits to this ordinance. Tickets will be written under this town ordinance which helps keeps points off of offenders license and generates more income for town.
- Mayor Denison read synopsis as 2nd reading.

Ms. Johovic moved with a second by Ms. George to adopt Ordinance #72-24. Mayor Denison, Ms. Johovic, Mr. Dixon and Ms. George, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Special Events- Tuesday 3/12/2024 @ 5:30pm- Town Hall
- Coffee with a Cop- Saturday 3/16/2024 Mike and Mel's – 9-11am
- Easter Egg Hunt- Saturday 3/23/2024 @ 11am- Wyoming Park
- Planning & Zoning Meeting, 3/27/2024, @ 6:30 p.m.- Town Hall
- Town Hall Closed, 3/29/2024- Good Friday
- Town Hall Town Council Meeting, 4/1/2024, @ 6:30 p.m.- Town Hall

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Ms. Williams Criss asked if the CR store was considered a school zone. Stated that warmer weather is here and bar patrons are starting with public urination again.
- Ms. Williams Criss was advised to speak with Chief Baker after meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None

Ms. Johovic moved with a second by Mr. Dixon at 7:09pm to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Denison, Ms. Johovic, Mr. Dixon and Ms. George, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned.

Audrey Lindale
Clerk of Council