



Town of Wyoming
Council Meeting Minutes
May 6, 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, Treasurer- Kyle Dixon, Secretary- Melissa Wooleyhand, and Parks and Streets Commissioner, Cathy George.

Council Absent: Tracy Johovic, Vice- Mayor

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

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

Audience attending: Elaine Bilow, Donna Mason, Ernie Piazza, Gwendolyn Colston, Joyce Stockslager, Mike and Rebecca Marasco, Sarah Ottinger, Dave and BJ Van Kavelaar, Vivan Hernandez and Jane Sweeney.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Denison advised the item of the Farmer's Market will be moved before reports as Mr. Marasco had a school board meeting to attend. Also add to New Business Franklin Street closure.

Mr. Dixon moved with a second by Mrs. George to adopt agenda with proposed changes. Mayor Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Wooleyhand and Ms. George, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mrs. Mason asked if yard waste was picked up this week as hers was missed.
- Staff will look into missed yard waste.
- Mrs. Mason also asked Chief Baker if the police truck would be moved to police only parking side.
- Chief advised it would be moved.
- Mrs. Van Kavelaar stated that the new lights on the stop signs at intersection of Front and CR Ave. make it easier to see.

Farmer's Market (Corner RR Ave. and CW Ave)

- Mr. and Mrs. Marasco and Sarah Ottinger were invited to present their ideas for a Farmers Market on the corner of RR Ave. and CW Ave.
- Mr. Marasco described what would be sold at the farmer's market. Products grown or made by the seller themselves. No information booths or flea market type products.
- Mr. Marasco stated that he talked to Department of Agriculture, Mayor Denison, businesses, friends and family who felt this would be a great asset to not only Wyoming but Kent County and offer healthy options.
- Market would be named Wyoming Station Farmer's Market.
- Parking would be in municipal parking lots on N. Railroad Ave. and Tre Sorelle's parking lot.
- There are plans to bring interactive activities to the market such as live music, face painting and education programs through the Department of Agriculture.
- Vendors would be charged \$10 per day or \$90 for the year- running May through September.
- Mr. Marasco asked if the town feels it would be beneficial, questioning temporary signs on the day of the market and if vendors would need a business license.
- Mayor Denison felt this was a great idea and thought it was great that someone stepped up to be in charge of such an event.
- Council agreed that no business license would be necessary for vendors.
- Mr. Van Kavelaar asked how many vendors the market could accommodate>
- Mr. Marasco stated 24 vendors.
- Chief Baker raised concerns about pedestrian traffic. It was recommended to have signs that state watch for pedestrians.
- Mr. Marasco suggested that they could hire fire police for the days of the event.
- Mr. Wooleyhand advised that the town was working with DeIDOT to get additional crosswalks placed throughout town.
- Mayor Denison stated that council gives Mr. Marasco permission to move forward with the Farmer's Market.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – GOOD NEWS

- Mayor Denison reminded residents it's that time of the year. Keep grass cut and yards maintained.
- Mayor Denison also advised that street sweeping has begun.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- April 1, 2024- Reorganization Meeting

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Mr. Dixon advised that balances, profit and loss reports and check register were in council's packet for review.
- Mr. Dixon stated that council would need to look at dates for upcoming budget meetings. Mr. Wooleyhand will send out an email with possible dates.

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

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Baker presented March's police report to the council.
- There were 71 traffic tickets, 145 town ordinance tickets, 23 warnings, 26 criminal arrests, 2 local fugitives, 4 accidents, 0 DUI and 201 total complaints handled by the WPD.
- The speed trailer was placed on Meadow Ave.
- A total of 6120 vehicles between 4/1 and 5/1.
- 7 vehicles were above the excessive speed set.
- Chief Baker advised that raffle tickets for gun sponsored by Pearson Firearms were still available for sale. Drawing is May 10th.
- Challenge coins designed by Chief Baker and Mrs. Lindale are available for sale, \$10 each.
- Mr. Denison asked if the town ordinance was in Deljis yet.
- Chief Baker reported that it was, and the department has been writing tickets using ordinance.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Mr. Piazza presented report from Fire Department.
- CWFD saw:
 - 96 alarms
 - 422 EMS
 - 1209 total manpower hours
 - Manpower average per alarm – 12.6
 - Total time 31.6 hours
 - Average alarm 35 minutes

- First truck enroute- 3.2 minutes

C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- None

PLANNING & ZONING

- Mrs. Lamar advised meeting was cancelled due to no quorum.

BUILDING PERMITS

- Mrs. Lamar presented report to council.
 - 4 new permits, 32 open, 3 closed.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Mrs. Lindale advised that all PODs in violation have been removed.
- Moose Lodge Rd POD is due for follow up mid-May.

PARK/STREET

- Ms. George advised that staff has started the process of having the streetlights on Layton replaced. An application has been filed with Delmarva Power.
- Alternating schedule for multipurpose court is working.
- Ms. George is still working on visiting the court when is full to stop and talk to the visitors about keeping the court clean so that it does not get closed.
- The town is looking for a grant to help with the erosion of the park shoreline. Mr. Wooleyhand is working with the Grant Assistance Program through the University of Delaware.
- Staff has also applied for the ORPT grant for the fence in the park.
- Mr. Dixon suggested that we purchase pickle ball paddles and balls to loan out to anyone who wants to try without purchasing equipment.
- Mrs. Lindale asked Mrs. Mason if this was something the Peach Festival would purchase.
- Recommendation to get someone to come in and do lessons or demonstration. Put notice out to local leagues that court is open to public.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Mrs. Lindale advised that Fishing Derby is June 8th and event is ready to go.
- Mrs. Mason advised that Peach Festival currently has 116 applicants. 20 community, 10 food, 1 politician and 85 crafters/vendors.
- Mr. Van Kavelaar asked how many were at last's years event. Mrs. Mason believes there were 173 applicants.

NEW BUSINESS

- Waste Management Quotes
 - Mr. Wooleyhand explained the quotes from Republic and Casella.
 - Casella was a 5-year contract and Republic was a 3-year contract.
 - Mr. Wooley advised that Republic, even with an increase, was the cheaper bid and they will now be providing yard waste cans to all residents.

Mrs. Wooleyhand moved with a second by Ms. George to accept the quote given by Republic and continue using Republic as the town's waste management provider.

Mayor Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Wooleyhand and Ms. George, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

- Peach Festival T-shirt Contest
 - Council reviewed entries submitted for the contest.
 - Ms. George asked if there was some kind of recognition that could be given to the other entries that did not win.
 - Discussion ensued and suggested that all entries be displayed at the Peach Festival.

Ms. George moved with a second by Mr. Dixon to declare the entry submitted by Sean Griffith as this year's winning T-shirt design. Mayor Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Wooleyhand and Ms. George, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

- Peach Festival Street Marking
 - Mrs. Mason advised council the Apple Scrapple Festival in Bridgeville has side streets permanently marked for festival. Mrs. Mason was asking if the town could do the same.
 - Only N. Railroad Ave from Broad St. and E. Railroad Ave will be marked.
 - Mr. Denison advised that Mr. Reed could assist with this marking.
 - The Peach Festival would purchase the stencils for the numbers.
 - Council agrees to marking spots on N. Railroad and E. Railroad Ave for the Peach Festival.
- 233 N. Railroad Ave. (Three B's building)
 - Removed from agenda.
- Municipal Clerks Week (May 5th- May 11th)
 - Mr. Denison read proclamation.
 - Council adopted proclamation with no objection.
- National Police Week (May 12th- May 18th)
 - Mrs. Lindale read proclamation.
 - Council adopted proclamation with no objection.
 - Mayor Denison thanked Chief Baker for building the force with great officers, always available, bringing new ideas to the table such as traffic ordinance and accreditation.
- Franklin Street Closure
 - Mr. and Mrs. Cherry asked that Franklin Street be closed from 2-9pm on Saturday June 8th due to a triple graduation party.
 - Explained that they wanted it to be safe for the kids to ride bikes and enjoy the bounce houses that will be present.

- The Van Kavelaar family is the only house located on Franklin St and sent an email to the town stating they were ok with the street being closed for those hours.
- Mr. Denison stated that this is not a usual policy and does not set a precedence for street closures. This is a small section of a side street and feels it would not impede traffic through town.
- Council agreed to allow Franklin Street to be closed between 2-9pm.
- Chief Baker asked when bounce houses would arrive and at the earliest the street needed to be closed.
- Mr. Cherry advised 2pm as party did not start until 3pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Signage for Playground, Dog Park and Multipurpose Court
 - Estimates were gotten for signs from Eastern Shore Screen Printing and My Parking Signs.
 - Eastern Shore Screen Printing had the cheaper prices and was owned by a local resident. No shipping cost involved.
 - Mr. Wooleyhand advised that we had gotten signs from My Parking Signs before and the quality was not good.

Mr. Dixon moved with a second by Mrs. Wooleyhand to contract with Eastern Shore Screen Printing for the signage needed for the playground, dog park and multipurpose court. Mayor Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Wooleyhand and Ms. George, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Special Events- Tuesday 5/14/2024 @ 5:30pm- Town Hall
- Planning & Zoning Meeting, 5/29/2024, @ 6:30 p.m.- Town Hall
- Town Council Meeting, 6/3/2024, @ 6:30 p.m.- Town Hall
- Fishing Derby 6/8/2024, @8am-11am- Wyoming Park

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mrs. Van Kavelaar asked Chief Baker how the K9 dog is doing.
- Chief Baker advised that he is doing great and has been deployed a few times.
- Ms. Sweeney asked about the current sign within the dog park that states dogs must be on leash at all times.
- Explained that the rule of leashing does not apply within the fenced area.
- Mrs. Sweeney advised that when she visited dog park, there was a man feeding his dog and a lady sitting on bench eating lunch.
- It was explained that the new signs will address this issue.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Johovic moved with a second by Mrs. Wooleyhand to enter executive session at 7:45pm. Mayor Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Wooleyhand and Ms. George, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

Ms. Johovic moved with a second by Mrs. Wooleyhand to enter regular session at 7:55pm. Mayor Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Wooleyhand and Ms. George, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

Ms. Johovic moved with a second by Mrs. Wooleyhand to adjourn meeting at 7:55pm. Mayor Denison, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Wooleyhand and Ms. George, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned.

Audrey Lindale
Clerk of Council