



Town of Wyoming  
Council Meeting Minutes  
July 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 (arrived at 6:50pm), and Parks and Streets Commissioner, Cathy George.

Council Absent: None

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

Audience attending: Donna Mason, Elaine Bilow, Larry and Linda Dougherty, Joyce Stockslager, Dave and BJ Van Kavelaar, Mike Wolfer, Natalie Heyden, Sherry Greene, Mike Quinn, Gwen Colston and Karen Waters.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

*Mr. Dixon moved with a second by Mrs. Wooleyhand to adopt agenda with adding previous minutes for June 4, 2024, executive session. Mayor Denison, Ms. Johovic, Mr. Dixon and Ms. George, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Mrs. Bilow asked why the gas company was marking all over town.
- It was explained that sidewalks and paving will be taking place in certain areas of town.
- Mr. Van Kavelaar asked if the fishing derby could be renamed to the Dan Creech Memorial Derby in honor of its founder.
- Chief Baker advised that there is a plan for next year.
- Mrs. Van Kavelaar asked when Franklin Street would be paved.

- Mr. Wooleyhand advised that we were waiting for funding.
- Mr. Wolfer stated that a resident in Wyoming Mills is using a home as an Airbnb and that the community is against this. He wanted it on record that many of the residents are opposed to having something like this in the community.
- Mr. Wolfer states that his girlfriend was accosted by a dog that is staying at Airbnb.
- Mr. Wolfer advised that the HOA needs to update its deed restrictions.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS – GOOD NEWS

- Mayor Denison advised that the water tower is being worked on and to expect some low pressure for a few hours.
- Mayor Denison advised that the town received \$200,000 from the Bond bill for projects.
- Mr. Wooleyhand explained that the project were traffic cameras, old police station remediation, access control for town hall and police to comply with accreditation and town hall painting.

#### ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- June 3, 2024- Council Meeting
- June 4, 2024- Budget Workshop
- June 4, 2024- Executive Session
- June 24, 2024- Appeals, Assessment and Budget

*Ms. Johovic moved with a second by Mrs. George to adopt previous minutes as presented. Mayor Denison, Ms. Johovic, Mr. Dixon, 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 advised that Assessments and Appeal/Budget meeting was held and only Mr. and Mrs. Van Kavelaar were present.
- It was advised that council was able to cover the deficit and not increase taxes this year.
- Mr. Dixon encourages residents to attend quarterly budget meetings stating tough decisions must be made regarding next year. Would like opinions of the residents.
- Mayor Denison advised that due to increases to health care cost and expansion of the police force the budget has increased.
- Most of the capital projects have been covered by other funding sources.

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

#### POLICE REPORT

- Chief Baker presented June’s police report to the council.
- There were 73 traffic tickets, 161 town ordinance tickets, 34 warnings, 5 criminal arrests, 8 local fugitives, 4 accidents, 0 DUI and 266 total complaints handled by the WPD.
- The speed trailer was placed on Southern Blvd.

- A total of 146575 vehicles between 6/1 and 6/31.
- 1709 vehicles were above the excessive speed set.
- Chief Baker presented Officer Marvel with a promotion certificate. Officer Marvel was promoted to Corporal.

#### FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Council was presented report from Fire Department.
- CWFD saw:
  - 85 alarms
  - 404 EMS
  - 2230 total manpower hours
  - Manpower average per alarm –13
  - Total time 26.2 hours
  - Average alarm 35 minutes
  - First truck enroute- 2.8 minutes

#### C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- Council was presented with annual water report.
- Mr. Quinn was present and advised that the water tower was being cleaned and maintenance being done.

#### PLANNING & ZONING

- Mrs. Lamar advised that 307 N. Layton had applied for a zoning change and a public hearing was held on June 26, 2024.
- Oppositions were discussed.
- Wyoming Business Park presented signage they would place at the entrance to the business park.
- Deposition was held with Chetty Builders feels they are not responsible for the manhole covers being level with the black top or the base coat.
- Town Engineer was asked to look at base coating and curbing.
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#### BUILDING PERMITS

- Mrs. Lamar presented report to council.
  - 9 new permits, 46 open, 2 closed.

#### CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Mrs. Lindale presented code enforcement report.
  - 3 public nuisances.
  - 1 vehicle.

#### PARK/STREET

- Deposition was held with Chetty Builders feels they are not responsible for the manhole covers being level with the black top or the base coat.
- Town Engineer was asked to look at base coating and curbing.
- Staff are seeking funding for fence repairs at the park.
- Trees have been looked at and some work will need to be done with trees along edge of pond before fence is done.

- DeIDOT is installing ADA sidewalks along Caesar Rodney Ave, Railroad Ave. and Southern Blvd before paving.
- Crosswalks still need to be addressed.
- Mrs. George and Mr. Wooleyhand attended an MPO meeting regarding the intersection at Camden Wyoming Ave and Railroad Ave.
- Recommendations included putting signs and lines for no turning from shoulder.
- DeIDOT states intersection is wide enough for 2 lanes. Right and left turn lane.
- Discussion ensued.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

- Mrs. Lindale advised that Wyoming Night Out will be Tuesday August 27<sup>th</sup> at Wyoming Park.
- Hot dogs, buns, ice cream, chips and water have been acquired.
- Mrs. Mason advised that Peach Festival currently has 209 applicants.
- Food vendors will be spread out in 3 different spots this year.
- Help is needed at information booth.
- Resale and Raffle will be in same area.
- Mr. Wolfer stated he would post to their community page for volunteers for the booth.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Camden Cigar- liquor license
  - Mayor Denison explained that Camden Cigar applied for a liquor license and by law Wyoming was being informed as our limits were within a mile.
  - Mayor Denison explained that we could oppose it or not.
  - Mayor Denison excused himself from this discussion due to a conflict of interest.
  - Discussion ensued.
  - Council did not feel opposition was necessary.
- Rezoning of 307 N. Layton Ave.
  - Mrs. Lamar advised that 307 N. Layton had applied for a zoning change and a public hearing was held on June 26, 2024.
  - Oppositions were discussed.
  - Discussion ensued.
  - Council had questions but applicant was not present to answer questions.
  - Mayor Denison advised it would be tabled until applicant was able to attend to answer questions.
- ORPT Grant
  - Mrs. Lindale explained that the town was applying for funding to help repair fences in the park.
  - Resolution was necessary to show council's support for the grant.

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- 8 S. Layton Ave and 12 S. Layton Ave.
  - Council was presented with photos to show the state of the properties.
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  - Follow up in 30 days.
  - Letter has not been signed for as of meeting.
  - Mayor Denison asked staff to follow up with lawyer and question what we can do if owner does not sign for the letter.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Landlord License
  - Mr. Wooleyhand reviewed current charges compared to other towns.
  - Discussion ensued regarding a possible increase.
  - Discussion ensued regarding rental inspections.
  - Rental inspections are done on a honor system and should be done in between tenants.
  - Mr. Wooleyhand and Mrs. Lamar are currently matching addresses to mailing addresses for additional rentals.
  - Mrs. George questioned whether or not to put inspections on a schedule rather than in between tenants.
  - Council requested more information on how other towns handle inspections.
  - No change at this time.
- Johnson Square Sign
  - Mrs. Lindale advised that we are still awaiting quotes.
  - Tabled until further quotes could be obtained.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Special Events Committee Meeting, 7/9/2024 @ 5:30pm- Town Hall
- Planning & Zoning Meeting, 7/24/2024, @ 6:30 p.m.- Town Hall
- Peach Festival, 8/3/2024, 9-3pm.
- Town Hall Town Council Meeting, 8/5/2024, @ 6:30 p.m.- Town Hall

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Mrs. Van Kavelaar questioned whether the new assessment would affect the taxes.
- Mr. Wooleyhand explained that our tax rate would be adjusted for new assessments and any increase would happen after that adjustment.
- Mrs. Van Kavelaar stated that putting a right turn lane at the intersection of Camden Wyoming Ave and S. Railroad would affect the line of sight for drivers.
- Mrs. Stockslager questioned when the yard waste containers would be delivered.
- Mr. Wooleyhand stated it should be happening in the next few weeks and that we were waiting for a date from Republic.
- Mr. McFann questioned where the crosswalks that had been discussed would go and if they would go over the tracks.

- Mr. Wooleyhand stated that for crosswalks to go across railroad tracks, the town would need approval from the RR company. The state is still working on pedestrian counts for that area. Plans for pedestrian crosswalks are in the works.
- Mr. McFann stated that he had been trying to get the state to put in crosswalks for 6 years and he is willing to contact whomever if needed.
- Mr. McFann advised that the rate presented for Camden's landlord licenses were incorrect and that they only charge \$70.
- Mr. Dougherty (Camden Mayor) advised that Camden does charge \$100 and apologized that website was not updated.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

- None

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None

*Mr. Dixon moved with a second by Mrs. Johovic to adjourn meeting at 7:35pm. Mayor Denison, Ms. Johovic, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Wooleyhand and Ms. George, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.*

The meeting adjourned.

Audrey Lindale  
Clerk of Council