



Town of Wyoming
Council Meeting Minutes
November 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- Doug Denison, Vice- Mayor, Tracy Johovic (arrived at 6:33pm), Treasurer- Kyle Dixon, Secretary- Melissa Wooleyhand 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: Elaine Bilow, Donna Mason, Joyce Stockslager, Ron and Georgia Roll, BJ and Dave Van Kavelaar, Ernie Piazza, Jane Sweeney, Mike Wolfer and Candance Dierkes.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mr. Van Kavelaar stated there were end road work signs still in his yard.
- Mr. Wooleyhand explained that it was left from the paving on Railroad Ave and that DELDOT had been contacted.
- Ms. Sweeney inquired about the children at play signs for S. Layton Ave.
- Mr. Wooleyhand advised it was in the works.
- Mr. Roll stated that he is having issues with his neighbor and his cameras. Neighbor is posting videos of his wife, house and about her job online.
- Chief Baker advised that they obtain a private civil attorney.

- Mayor Denison stated that all issues that the police have been notified of have been turned over to the Attorney General. There is no law against being a jerk to your neighbors. Mr. Denison advised that they obtain an attorney for the issues they are experiencing with their neighbor.
- Mrs. Roll asked about a restraining order.
- Chief Baker advised that a restraining order could only be issued if they were related and is issued through family court. A no contact order could only be issued if there is a victim of a crime.
- Mrs. Roll asked if there was a way to get a higher fence as the HOA will only allow 6ft.
- Mr. Denison advised that there are fence height restrictions, and all are listed in the Land Use and Development Code.
- Mrs. Bilow stated that the streets are swept twice a month in Camden and our streets have not been done in months.
- Mr. Wooleyhand advised that Mr. Reed has been out with an injury and that he was the only one trained to run the street sweeper.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – GOOD NEWS

- Mayor Denison stated that Halloween was a success this year. He thanked the staff for the event at Town Hall and the police for their presence around town on that evening. Mrs. Stockslager stated that she counted 450 who visited her home.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- October 7, 2024- Council Meeting

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

TREASURER’S REPORT

- Balances, profit and loss reports and check register were in council’s packet for review.
- Mr. Dixon advised there would be a budget review on Monday November 18th at 5:30pm and encouraged residents to attend.
- Mr. Dixon stated that many homes were decorated and saw a lot of people in town on Halloween. Feels that it’s great that people feel safe and want to come to Wyoming for our events.

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

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Baker presented October’s police report to the council.
- There were 73 traffic tickets, 210 town ordinance tickets, 71 warnings, 3 criminal arrests, 2 local fugitives, 1 accident, and 249 total complaints handled by the WPD.
- The speed trailer was placed on S. Layton Ave.
- A total of 60,197 vehicles between 10/1 and 10/30.

- A total of 443 vehicles were above the excessive speed.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Mr. Piazza presented report for October and the end of year report for fire company.
- CWFD saw:
 - 88 alarms
 - 389 EMS
 - 1146 total manpower hours
 - Manpower average per alarm –13
 - Total time 27 hours
 - Average alarm 27 minutes
 - First truck enroute- 3.1 minutes

C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- None.

PLANNING & ZONING

- Mrs. Lamar advised the committee had 2 items on their agenda- lot line adjustment for Mechanic Street and a conditional use for E. Third Street.
- Both had been tabled until further information could be presented.

BUILDING PERMITS

- Mrs. Lamar presented report to council.
 - 3 new permits, 41 open, 7 closed.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Mrs. Lindale advised that all violations had been resolved.
- S. Layton property had been purchased. New owner assumed violations and cleaned up immediately.

PARK/STREET

- Mrs. George advised that the parking lines had been completed on W. Third and visitors were parking within lines.
- Mrs. George and Mr. Wooleyhand had previously met with FEMA and will be applying for a grant for the erosion at the park, flooding and storm drains. The grant is a 75-25 meaning the town would need to supply 25% of the funding which could consist of volunteer hours.
- Mr. Wooleyhand advised that the University of Delaware Grant Assistance Program would be assisting with this grant.
- Mrs. George presented some suggestions for the park issues:
 - Hiring a PT attendant, mainly on the weekends to help with rentals and park rules.
 - Allow fines for violations.
 - Cameras in the pavilions. Mr. Wooleyhand advised this is in the works.
- Mayor Denison recommended an ordinance that would enforce the rules at the park. Evidence would be needed to fine.
- Police will watch live feed for violators.
- Chief Baker stated that they had issues with feed freezing and made it impossible to watch.
- New DVR has been installed and police will obtain new IP address.
- Pavilions will be reservation only.
- Discussion ensued regarding a deposit or having credit card information on file to collect for excessive cleaning or violations.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Mrs. Lindale advised that the Christmas parade will be Saturday December 7th at 6pm.
- Mr. Rigby has been in contact regarding cars left in the parking lots that happened in years prior. Mrs. Lindale will be working with Mr. Rigby to ensure the lots are clear.

NEW BUSINESS

○ **Johnson Square Sign**

- Council reviewed updated designs received for the replacement of the Johnson Square sign.
- Discussion ensued regarding colors and designs.
- Council agreed to go with Mimesis design.

○ **Industrial Needs Assessment**

- Mr. Wooleyhand explained that this assessment will be of the property in Kent County that could be used for industrial businesses done by the Kent Economic Partnership (KEP).
- Wyoming would get a copy of the assessment.
- The assessment is \$60,000. \$30,000 will be covered by a grant, \$20,000 will be covered by KEP and \$10,000 is coming from towns in Kent County.
- Mr. Denison felt this would be beneficial to not only Kent County but Wyoming as well.
- Mr. Wooleyhand advised council of other town's contributions.
- Mr. Denison recommended that Wyoming contribute \$500 to the assessment.

Mrs. George moved with a second by Ms. Johovic to contribute \$500 to the Industrial Needs Assessment for Kent County. Mayor Denison, Ms. Johovic, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Wooleyhand and Ms. George, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

○ **Paving**

- Mayor Denison has been in contact with our local legislators regarding more funding for our paving projects.
- Representative Yearick stated he would consider more funding after looking at his projects.
- Senator Paradee agreed to give more if the representative did.
- Mayor Denison will be following up in a couple of weeks.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **None**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Town Hall Closed, 11/11/2024- Veterans Day.
- Budget Review, 11/18/2024, 5:30pm- Town Hall
- Planning and Zoning, 11/20/2024, @6:30pm.- Town Hall
- Thanksgiving- Town Hall Closed – 11/28 and 11/29.
- Town Hall Town Council Meeting, 12/2/2024, @ 6:30 p.m.- Town Hall
- Christmas Parade, 12/7 @6pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None

Mr. Dixon moved with a second by Ms. Johovic adjourn meeting at 7:11pm. Mayor Denison, Ms. Johovic, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Wooleyhand and Ms. George, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned.

Audrey Lindale
Clerk of Council