

BOROUGH OF YEADON
WORKSHOP & SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 4, 2011
7:55 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Asher Kemp Jr., Council President, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRAYER

Councilor McDonald said the prayer.

ROLL CALL

Asher Kemp Jr., President	Present
Sandra D. Thomas, Vice President	Present
Councilor John F. Byrne	Present
Councilor Denise H. Stinson	Present
Councilor John Holden	Present
Councilor Florence Penny McDonald	Present
Councilor Deborah Robinson-Howell	Absent
Dolores Jones-Butler, Mayor	Present
Carl Ewald, Solicitor	Present

Council announced that an executive session was held before the workshop meeting to consider a personnel matter and litigation issue.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Lacy Wheeler stated he had not been attending the meetings but able to keep up with the meetings. He also stated that Borough Council need to hire Yeadon residents and his street has many educated residents. He mentioned that Bob Scott is a competent attorney, but does not attend all meetings, and the solicitor should come to every meeting. He presses Council to hire a Borough Manager and Finance Director. His final words to Council, "Never put a squirrel in a seat where a lion should be sitting."

ACTION ITEMS

President Kemp asked Council to consider the Borough Manager candidate.

Motion: Borough of Yeadon to hire Caren Andrews as Borough Manager.

Motioned By: Councilor McDonald

Seconded By: Councilor Byrne

Discussion: Councilor Holden asked if a vote was allowed at the first meeting of the month. Attorney Ewald stated the meeting was advertised for legislative action and specifically advertised for selection of a Borough Manager.

All in Favor, No. Councilors Holden and Stinson – No.
The motion passed 4 to 2. Roll call vote.

Motion: Borough of Yeadon to hire CH Planning as Borough Planning Consultant to update zoning ordinances.

Motioned By: Vice President Thomas

Seconded By: Councilor McDonald

Comments: Councilor Holden said there should be a focus and it was agreed that it would be limited to zoning.

All in Favor, Yes.

The motion passed 6-0. Roll call vote.

Motion: Council to amend the agenda to consider check signors.

Motioned By: Councilor Stinson

Seconded By: Vice President Thomas

Comments: Vice President Thomas and Councilor Byrne are the only two check signors for the Borough. Councilor McDonald stated Councilor Byrne's experience is invaluable.

All in Favor, No. Councilor McDonald – No.

The motion passed 5-1. Roll call vote.

Motion: Borough to add Deborah Roundtree, Treasurer as a signor of checks to ensure a signor is available until the hire of a finance director.

Motioned By: Vice President Thomas

Seconded By: Councilor Stinson

All in Favor, No. Councilor McDonald – No.

The motion passed 5-1. Roll call vote.

Motion: Councilor Jack Byrne is removed as signor. The motion died for lack of a second.

Motioned By: Councilor Holden

Comments: Councilor Stinson said the Borough needs three signors. Vice President Thomas stated Councilor Byrne is the only signor available during the day.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Borough is developing the Yeadon Swim Club as a tennis complex and police department. The plans will be presented on May 5. State and county officials are invited. Residents are asked to attend. US Tennis Association is partnering with Yeadon Borough along with Arthur Ashe Association and Drexel University. Councilor McDonald inquired about the plans to build the recreation center. Mayor Butler responded that the meeting is about acquiring money for the project.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No report.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REPORTS

A. Code Department

Steve Travers reported the owner of Bonsall Avenue Development came before the Planning Commission, and will also present to Borough Council a request to make changes to his original plan. The first two twin houses are built, but, the last four are requested to be smaller without a garage. The Planning Commission recommended approval for the changes. Council should vote at the next meeting. Councilor Holden asked if there was an escrow account and why not if one not available. Travers responded there were no public improvements to be insured for completion. A letter of credit was put up for road restoration. Councilor Holden asked about selling homes at a lower value. Travers said the market crashed and the developer had to sell original homes at a loss. Councilor Holden said it will lower property values. Mayor Butler said that development of the empty lot is better. Travers said the housing market dropped and the developer should not be held up. The time frame requires a decision at the next meeting.

B. Public Works

Steve Travers reported the Firehouse is waiting for two more proposals on the heater bid. There are problems with the Borough clock because only one person on the east coast can perform the repairs. He is hoping to have additional bids by the next council meeting. Two bids are in for the front wall repairs. Waiting for one more bid from Cliff Brock. Since the deregulation of PECO, he is trying to obtain quotes on a new energy provider to save money. He is also working on getting pricing for Internet, phone and email from several providers for better savings. The Wayteck proposal on backup recovery system should be put on the agenda this month. Councilor Holden asked if Wireless is set up in Borough Hall. Travers reported it is available but password protected.

President Kemp recognized the Boy Scouts who were attending the meeting.

C. Public Safety – No report.

D. Recreation – No report.

Education

President Kemp reported the new governor is proposing \$750.37 in cuts per student. He encourages residents to write letters to the Governor. More information will be provided to residents when Council receives it. Councilor Stinson reported there is an eight million dollar gap in funding for school district. She is asking residents to attend the Budget and Finance meeting tomorrow night for solutions.

E. Library – No report.

F. Yeadon Economic Development Corp (YEDC) – No report.

G. Personnel – No report.

H. Search Committee – No report.

I. Flag Day – No report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Airport Ordinance is waiting on Planning Commission for decision. For Stormwater Collaborative, Southwestern Cog is exploring collaboration on complying with storm water regulations from EPA. They are concentrated on education requirements. The collaborative is looking for commitments to be established in seven communities. There would be a \$4,000 contribution required per year to advertise and provide brochures to residents. The Borough needs to evaluate current and future spending to decide if the commitment is worth the funding. The application was submitted for the Family Dollar at Cedar and McDade. Deadline is 90 days from general council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Patty Graham stated she is concerned that there is no follow up on public comments. When a news reporter was present, the public comments were put in the newspaper, but residents got no feedback. Ms. Graham would like to see more communication from Council. President Kemp said there is follow up, for example, the resident who complained about the backups at the last meeting met with the Borough engineer the following week. President Kemp also said he would explore a solution to report these actions. Vice President Thomas said they follow up after the meetings, and residents can see results after meetings. If there are any questions, please ask council members.

Clara Johnson said no one has responded to her concerns about the missing manhole on Whitby and Manor Avenues. Council asked the code director to follow up. Ms. Johnson inquired about

the new Borough Manager living in Yeadon. Since the new Borough manager does not live in Yeadon, she asked if someone in Yeadon was competent to fill the position. President Kemp stated residents were considered for this position, but Council selected the best person. The Borough also has a number of employees who are residents.

ADJOURN

There were no other matters on the agenda.
President Kemp asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:41 pm.

Motioned By: Vice President Thomas
Seconded By: Councilor McDonald

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Donna Turner
Borough Secretary