

BOROUGH OF YEADON
REGULAR LEGISLATIVE MEETING
JUNE 16, 2011
7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Asher Kemp Jr., Council President, called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

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

President Kemp announced that an executive session was held before the workshop meeting regarding personnel, legal, and land transfer issues.

President Kemp opened the meeting for public comment.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Marie Ransom-Jones expressed interest as a Yeadon resident to volunteer for the Elm Street Project to keep up with the status of the program. She stated she left several voice messages to receive information about the project and volunteering. The Borough Manager will contact her with information.

Rosalind Johnson expressed concern about Senate Bill 1 also known as the Voucher Bill. She asked Council if they made a resolution about this bill. Ms. Johnson also expressed concern about the planters around the trees along the 700 block of Church Lane are being used inappropriately.

President Kemp asked for a motion to delay the approval of minutes until the July Council meeting. He asked Council to note any changes.

Motion: Council to table the minutes until the July Council meeting.

Motioned By: Vice President Thomas

Seconded By: Councilor McDonald

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 7 to 0. Roll call vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Butler read the police department report. She also stated the Police Chief is requesting Council to move forward with entry level hiring of police officers. Mayor Butler asked for a motion to approve the police financial report.

Motion: Council to approve the Yeadon Police Department financial report for \$7,178.12 Revenue and 6,456 miles driven by police officers.
Motioned By: Councilor Holden
Seconded By: Councilor Stinson

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 7 to 0. Roll call vote.

Mayor Butler swore in Reverend Raymond A. Merriweather as Yeadon Borough Police Chaplain. Attorney Ewald read the resolution for Police Chaplain services.

Resolution: Reverend Raymond A. Merriweather to serve as Police Chaplain for Yeadon Police Department. Approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Kemp congratulated the graduates of the William Penn School District. He thanked several Council members, residents, and the youth groups for participating in the Yeadon Clean Up Day.

President Kemp explained the Youth Employment Program, six week employment program for residents age 14 to 18. The program is funded by monies from the rental of the Yeadon Swim Club. The teens must be Yeadon residents and have working papers. The youths will work throughout the Borough – Library, Public Works, Code Enforcement, Recreation, and Police Department. If approved the residents can apply at Borough Hall. President Kemp requested approval for \$7,550 to cover program costs.

Motion: Council to approve \$7,550 to cover the cost of the Youth Employment Program 2011.
Motioned By: Councilor McDonald
Seconded By: Councilor Stinson

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 7 to 0. Roll call vote.

President Kemp requested Council to appoint a seminar teacher for the Youth Employment Program.

Motion: Council to approve the appointment of a seminar teacher for the Youth Employment Program.
Motioned By: Councilor McDonald
Seconded By: Councilor Stinson

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 7 to 0. Roll call vote.

President Kemp requested Council to approve the appointment of Caren Andrews, Borough Manager as Chief Administrative Officer to the Police and Non-Uniformed pension plans.

Discussion: Question concerning permanent appointment for the Borough Manager position or if the job function will revert back to the Finance Director. Council will discuss duties of Finance Director when hired.

Motion: Council to appoint Borough Manager, Caren Andrews as Chief Administrative Officer to the Police and Non-Uniformed pension plans, and to discuss at time of hire job responsibilities reverting back to Finance Director.

Motioned By: Vice President Thomas

Seconded By: Councilor Holden

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 7 to 0. Roll call vote.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Todd Frey stated that the Borough received one bid for the road resurfacing program. He will question other contractors about their disinterest in bidding. Mr. Frey inquired about the Borough assisting residents with installation of backflow preventers on laterals to help protect the Borough from future liabilities. President Kemp stated that Council has considered assistance by allowing residents to use their own contractors to install the backflow preventers after Borough contractors dig up the street for road resurfacing. Mr. Frey explained that cost to residents depends on location and contractor wage rates. Road resurfacing work is tentatively scheduled for completion in August. No grants are available for this year. Mr. Frey is requesting approval to award road resurfacing contract to lowest bidder.

Motion: Council to award Road Resurfacing 2011 contract to JMC Contractors for \$88,695.

Motioned By: Councilor Byrne

Seconded By: Councilor Holden

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 7 to 0. Roll call vote.

Mr. Frey explained the Act 537 Sanitary Sewer Plan as a resolution from DELCORA and the Delaware County Planning Department to manage sewer flows directly through the municipalities instead of the City of Philadelphia. Since Philadelphia is raising rates on municipalities, DELCORA is proposing to build a wastewater treatment plant or holding tank to decrease flow into Philadelphia. Costs will be shared between municipalities. Other cost savings include the Elm Street project encouraging residents to use rain barrels to collect rain water, and the Delaware County Stormwater Collaborative educating the public about proper stormwater management.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Caren Andrews is requesting Council to approve the sale of the 1981 ladder fire truck and use an on-line auction site.

Motion: Council to approve the sale of Yeadon Borough's 1981 ladder fire truck.

Motioned By: Councilor Holden

Seconded By: Councilor McDonald

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 7 to 0. Roll call vote.

Ms. Andrews requested approval for a block party for 800 Laurel Road on July 3, 2011.

Motion: Council to approve block party for 800 Laurel Road on July 3, 2011.

Motioned By: Councilor Stinson

Seconded By: Councilor McDonald

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 7 to 0. Roll call vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Deborah Roundtree reported the General Fund \$3,141,616.42 and Expenditures \$1,966,082.77. Sewer \$952,117.88, Expenditures \$468,113.98. Capital Fund \$4,751.99, Expenditures \$238,252.10. Motor License Fund \$194,024.34, Expenditures \$40,692.12. Vehicle Replacement Fund \$112.65, Expenditures \$24,057.44.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice President Thomas encouraged residents to file their Earned Income Tax. Residents can go to Berkheimer website for more information on Earned Income Tax or contact Borough Hall. Vice President Thomas also reported that a \$50,000 grant filed by her with PennDOT has been granted. It will pay for signage and traffic signal upgrades.

Vice President Thomas is requesting approval for Accounts Payable through June 16, 2011.

Discussion: Borough Manager stated the Kelly Trophies invoice for the Flag Day basketball event was paid by volunteer, Robert Wright, Sr. Mr. Wright is requesting reimbursement of \$490.30.

Motion: Council to approve Accounts Payable through June 16, 2011 with the additional invoice of \$ 490.30 to Robert Wright.

Motioned By: Councilor Stinson

Seconded By: Councilor Holden

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 7 to 0. Roll call vote.

Vice President Thomas presented additional bills to include on the Accounts Payable list- \$120 for Flag Day referee fees & \$461 for basketball shirts to Robert Wright Sr., \$833.33 to Deborah Roundtree for May 2011 services as Council Treasurer, and \$455 to Lily of the Valley for Police and Crossing Guard Appreciation Luncheon, totaling \$1,869.33.

Motion: Council to approve additional invoices totaling \$ 1869.33 to Accounts Payable list through June 16, 2011.

Motioned By: Councilor Holden

Seconded By: Councilor Stinson

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 7 to 0. Roll call vote.

COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REPORTS

A. Code Department

Steve Travers presented the revised plans for the Family Dollar land development at Cedar Avenue and MacDade Blvd. Applicant will add a Welcome to Yeadon sign, historical marker, and six more trees at rear of building, as well as increase street trees to 4 inches. Yeadon Shopping Center LP representative, Attorney Herbert Sudfeld stated opposing views to the Family Dollar plans. He stated the plans are not in compliance with code regulations such as inconsistencies in piping size for stormwater controls and earth disturbance of more than one acre which requires an MPDS permit not yet obtained. Mr. Sudfeld distributed to Council an extensive report prepared by his client's engineer.

In order for Council to read the report President Kemp called for a recess at 8:53PM and returned at 9:05PM.

President Kemp requested a special meeting to consider the Family Dollar land development.

Motion: Council to hold a special meeting to consider the Family Dollar land development prior to the SALDO deadline.

Motioned By: Councilor Holden

Seconded By: Councilor Stinson

The motion passed 5 to 2. Vice President Thomas and Councilor McDonald voted no. Roll call vote.

Councilor Byrne presented the handicapped parking permit appeal for 816 Laurel Road.

Motion: Council to approve the handicapped parking permit for 816 Laurel Road.

Motioned By: Councilor Holden

Seconded By: Councilor Stinson

The motion passed 6 to 1. Councilor Byrne voted no. Roll call vote.

Senior residents are referred to the Emergency Management Department for assistance with yard maintenance.

B. Public Works

Councilor Byrne stated twice a week trash pickup starts on June 27. He also stated the Engineer is investigating a sinkhole on Cedar Avenue, possibly dug by the Water Department. Also, a complaint was received at Borough Hall about dirty water in the stream around Brookside Avenue. Water was clear upon investigation by the Engineer.

C. Public Safety

Councilor McDonald reported the Police Department and crossing guards received an appreciation luncheon at Borough Hall by Mayor and Police Chief. She also reported that Parkview Courts had 2 more cases of bedbugs after 26 cases were treated. Councilor McDonald explained Cypress School addressed issue of student overcrowding by staggering classroom leave times. She also read the Fire Department report.

President Kemp reminded residents that Yeadon and Darby Fire Departments are hosting a fundraising carnival until June 18.

D. Recreation

Councilor Stinson reported that Flag Day started with Walk/Run and Car Show. The event also featured a parade, bike decorating contest, flag raising ceremony, and basketball game. Councilor Stinson thanked the committee and local groups that participated in Flag Day events. She also reported Camp Garrett for youth will start June 20 thru August 12.. Residents can get information in the Yeadon FunTimes.

E. Education – No report.

F. Library

Councilor Howell reported the Library will participate in the SmithKline Science program for elementary school age children. She also reported Friends of the Library are hosting a bus trip to Harlem in New York on July 20. Also, Friends of the Library are participating in the Verizon Service Donation program. The summer reading program has begun.

G. Yeadon Economic Development Corp (YEDC)

President Kemp stated the YEDC Board members have been approved and a meeting scheduled for June 29, 2011. He asked Vice President Thomas to check funds for YEDC budget.

H. Personnel – No report.

I. Search Committee – No report.

J. Flag Day

Flag Day fireworks were postponed because of inclement weather and will be rescheduled. Flag Day committee starts in September for residents interested in joining.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Ewald stated the Wastewater Ordinance must be adopted for the Philadelphia wastewater facility to accept wastewater from Yeadon. Does not replace the PA Act 537 Sanitary Sewer Plan.

Motion: Council to adopt the Philadelphia Wastewater Ordinance for Borough of Yeadon.

Motioned By: Councilor Holden

Seconded By: Vice President Thomas

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 7 to 0. Unanimous voice vote.

Attorney Ewald stated the revised civil service regulations will be ready for approval at the July Council meeting.

Attorney Ewald requested approval for joining the Eastern Delco Stormwater Collaborative to provide education to residents on managing stormwater. It is a regional effort. The William Penn Foundation is offering a \$1,000 grant per municipality for the first year to encourage participation. If approved this will lead to an ordinance developed by the Stormwater Collaborative.

Motion: Council to approve the Borough of Yeadon joining the Eastern DELCO Stormwater Collaborative.

Motioned By: Councilor Holden

Seconded By: Vice President Thomas

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 7 to 0. Unanimous voice vote.

Attorney Ewald reported that Zoning Ordinance 1316 was not adopted in 2005. He requested a motion to initiate the development of an ordinance with this language.

Motion: Council to approve the Solicitor to initiate the process to develop an ordinance with the language from the unapproved Zoning Ordinance 1316.

Motioned By: Councilor Holden

Seconded By: Councilor McDonald

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 7 to 0. Unanimous voice vote.

Attorney Ewald explained that Zoning Code does not allow for group homes. The Pennsylvania Constitution states all uses must be accommodated in the zoning code. He is requesting the Borough allow him to prepare a resolution for curative amendment to address group homes.

Motion: Council to declare the Zoning Code invalid and direct Solicitor to prepare a resolution for the next Council meeting.

Motioned By: Councilor McDonald

Seconded By: Vice President Thomas

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 7 to 0. Unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

A resident expressed deep concern about Council allowing block parties for specific residents. She explained that Council previously voted against block parties, but now allows certain residents to host.

Clara Johnson asked if Treasurer is bonded. Borough Manager is completing the process.

Rosalind Johnson expressed concern about Council taking a recess. She states this recess is a violation of Sunshine law. Ms. Johnson also expressed concern about residents paving the sidewalks with asphalt. She stated that the William Penn School District needs to develop a summer reading lists for students.

ADJOURN

There were no other matters on the agenda. President Kemp asked for a motion to adjourn at 10:20PM.

Motioned By: Councilor Holden
Seconded By: Councilor McDonald

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Caren Andrews', written in a cursive style.

Caren Andrews
Borough Manager/Secretary