

BOROUGH OF YEADON
REGULAR LEGISLATIVE MEETING
JULY 21, 2011
7:55 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	Absent
Deborah Robinson-Howell	Present
Florence Penny McDonald	Present
Denise H. Stinson	Present
Dolores Jones-Butler, Mayor	Absent
Caren Andrews, Manager	Present
Carl Ewald, Solicitor	Present

President Kemp opened the meeting with a request for citizen's comments.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

No citizen's request for public comment.

Carl Ewald announced that an executive session was held before the legislative meeting to review personnel and litigation matters.

President Kemp requested acceptance of minutes for July 8, 2011; June 6, 2011; May 19, 2011; April 21, 2011; April 4, 2011; March 7, 2011; March 1, 2011; February 17, 2011; October 4, 2010; August 25, 2010; August 19, 2010; and June 7, 2010.

Motioned By: Councilor Stinson

Seconded By: Councilor Byrne

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 6 to 0. Roll call vote.

Comment: Vice President Thomas requested to review the January 4, 2010 minutes to verify inauguration information.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Chief Molineaux reported on activities in the police department. The solicitor's office is updating the civil service regulations to allow the hiring of full-time police officers.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Kemp asked Virginia Gavin, President of Lansdowne Economic Development Corporation and Imogen Wirth-Granlund, Manager of Elm Street Project to give a brief synopsis of the Elm Street Project. Ms. Wirth-Granlund and Ms. Gavin requested Council to appoint two residents from Yeadon to serve on the Elm Street Project Neighborhood Advisory Committee.

Motion: Council to appoint Jacqueline B. Mosley and Marie Ransom-Jones to serve on the Elm Street Project Neighborhood Advisory Committee.

Motioned By: Councilor McDonald
Seconded By: Councilor Stinson

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 6 to 0. Roll call vote.

President Kemp asked Council to amend the agenda to accept a candidate for the Events Coordinator position at Borough Hall, and to appoint a candidate for the Events Coordinator position.

Motion: Council to amend the agenda to appoint an Events Coordinator for the Borough of Yeadon.

Motioned By: Councilor McDonald
Seconded By: Councilor Stinson

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 6 to 0. Voice vote.

Motion: Council to accept the appointment of Ricardo Bostic as Events Coordinator for the Borough of Yeadon.

Motioned By: Councilor McDonald
Seconded By: Vice President Thomas

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 6 to 0. Voice vote.

President Kemp scheduled the Red Cross Blood Drive for August 30, 2011. He reported on the 2011 Youth Summer Employment Program. Twenty youths are employed and attending classes with Kia Green, instructor for the Youth Career seminars. He also handed out free passes to a youth concert sponsored by PECO.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Todd Frey reported that the Road Restoration contracts are signed. He also stated the seven contractors he contacted did not bid due to their current workload or the size of the contracted job.

Mr. Frey requested release of Barrister Court escrow account #9 with a reduction of \$19,130.

Motion: Council to approve the release of Barrister Court escrow account #9 as recommended by the engineer.

Motioned By: Councilor Byrne
Seconded By: Councilor McDonald

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 6 to 0. Voice vote.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Caren Andrews reported on a block party request for the 600 block of Fern Street on August 6, 2011.

Discussion: President Kemp questioned the proper number of signatures on the request as well as the block party activities. Cary Johnson, block party organizer stated he only needed 50% of the resident signatures and will have activities for kids from 12pm to 8pm, no alcohol. Councilor Byrne asked if the two-way street should be turned into one-way street during the event. Chief Molineaux says no.

Motion: Council to approve the request for a block party on 600 block of Fern Street on August 6, 2011.

Motioned By: Councilor McDonald
Seconded By: Councilor Robinson-Howell

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 6 to 0. Roll call vote.

Ms. Andrews also reported on a request for a wedding in the driveway of 1010 Duncan Avenue on September 17, 2011. Council expressed concern about access for traffic and the fire department. Mr. Ewald stated the Borough cannot issue a permit to close the driveway. He will draft a letter to the resident.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Vice President Thomas gave the Treasurer's report for revenue and expenses for June 2011.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Laverne Johnson gave the Tax Collector's report for June 2011. Total revenue - \$122,711.80.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice President Thomas requested approval of the Accounts Payable for \$302,407.50 thru July 21, 2011 and bi-weekly payroll of \$617,764.04 from May 5, 2011 to July 14, 2011 for a total of \$920,171.54.

Discussion: Councilor McDonald questioned the \$5,000 entry for On Stage Productions. Ron Francis, Recreation Board member explained that the coordinator of the play was asked to submit

invoices before payment is received. Checks for payment will be written directly to vendors, not coordinator.

Motion: Council to approve the Accounts Payable list with one change regarding On Stage Productions. They directed the staff to remove the \$ 5000 On Stage Production invoice and replace it with authorization to pay up to \$ 3000 directly to the vendors for costumes, sound and lighting, license and script rentals, props, and other production expenses pertaining to Willy Wonka.

Motioned By: Councilor Stinson

Seconded By: Vice President Thomas

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 6 to 0. Roll call vote.

Vice President Thomas reminded residents to file the Earned Income Tax. For more information go to the Berkheimer website.

President Kemp stated the Borough received 19 resumes for the Finance Director position and will begin interviewing applicants.

COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REPORTS

A. Code Department and Planning

Councilor Byrne reported on Code Department activities.

Carl Ewald requested approval of the resolution for the Family Dollar land development on Cedar Avenue and MacDade Boulevard.

Motion: Council to approve resolution of the Family Dollar land development on Cedar Avenue and MacDade Boulevard.

Motioned By: Councilor McDonald

Seconded By: Councilor Byrne

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 6 to 0. Roll call vote.

Carl Ewald requested approval of resolution for the sewage facilities operation maintenance and oversight agreement with Darby Borough for Family Dollar land development on Cedar Avenue and MacDade Boulevard.

Motion: Council to approve resolution of the sewage facilities operation maintenance and oversight agreement with Darby Borough for Family Dollar land development on Cedar Avenue and MacDade Boulevard.

Discussion: Borough of Yeadon does not pay for sewage maintenance. Owner of the property is responsible for payment.

Motioned By: Councilor Byrne
Seconded By: Vice President Thomas

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 6 to 0. Roll call vote.

Councilor Byrne requested approval to fill the vacant position on Planning Commission and appoint Pamela Humphrey to the position to complete the unexpired term of Mr. Wooten.

Motion: Council to approve the vacant position on the Planning Commission and appoint Pamela Humphrey to the stated position to complete an unexpired term.

Motioned By: Councilor Byrne
Seconded By: Councilor McDonald

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 6 to 0. Voice vote.

B. Public Works

Ms. Andrews stated the electrician will begin work on the 700 block of Church Lane revitalization project after he completes the PennDot contracts.

C. Public Safety

Councilor McDonald reported on fire department activities.

D. Recreation

Councilor Stinson reported on recreation activities. Free production of Willy Wonka on July 27, 2011 at Penn Wood High School, Cypress Street Campus. Recreation committee members touring different facilities to gain information on developing a community recreation center. Flag football in August and September. Baseball and softball teams being developed for next spring. Soccer on Saturdays.

Councilor Stinson read a letter requesting Yeadon to participate in the annual Weekend of Peace event on July 30, 2011. This event will honor individuals that died due to violence. Yeadon participants will gather in Community Park at 12 noon for a moment of silence and the ringing of the fire whistle.

Ron Francis, recreation committee member asked for a resolution to begin a Yeadon Tennis program. Carl Ewald stated the Tennis program resolution was approved in February 2011. Council is seeking participation and donations from the community and elected officials for the new recreation center. Mr. Francis will provide a letter to Council regarding the sponsorship of Yeadon youths by the US Tennis Association.

E. Education

Councilor Stinson reported there is no school tax increase. All-day kindergarten remains in this year's school budget.

F. Library

Councilor Robinson-Howell reported on available seats for Harlem Renaissance trip on July 23, 2011 for \$45. She also stated the closing ceremonies for reading clubs will be in August: Children's Club on August 26, 2011, 1pm – 6pm and Teen Club on August 19, 2011 at 1:00pm.

Todd Frey reported on the leaking and structural issues of the library's roof. Framing and sheathing under shingles is in good condition. There is no termite damage. Problems with the roof include ductwork condensation in the ceiling and the need for insulation, eaves and siding on hip roof in bad condition, and contraction from heat and cold over the years. Mr. Frey will get quotes to replace the roof. He recommended repairing the eaves and make other minor repairs, but hold off on the roof replacement due to potential expansion plans.

G. Yeadon Economic Development Corp (YEDC)

President Kemp reported the committee is appointing officers and developing a budget.

H. Personnel

Vice President Thomas reported the Borough Manager is ensuring all employees are following proper policies and procedures.

I. Search Committee – No report.

J. Flag Day

Fireworks for Flag Day rescheduled to July 30, 2011 in Kerr Field at dusk. The event was delayed due to inclement weather. Suggestions were received for advertising the event in the Yeadon FunTimes and the Tribune, as well as on the cable station.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Carl Ewald stated Chief Molineaux is requesting two part-time police officers, Jonathan McGowan and Mark Hudson be appointed to the Yeadon Borough police force. Background checks have been completed.

Motion: Council to appoint Mark Hudson and Jonathan McGowan as part-time police officers to the Yeadon Borough police force.

Motioned By: Councilor Stinson

Seconded By: Councilor Byrne

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 6 to 0. Voice vote.

Mr. Ewald requested approval for the resolution authorizing the Verizon Right-of-Way Agreement for AT&T landline phone to serve the cell tower on Yeadon Swim Club property.

Motion: Council to approve the resolution authorizing the Verizon Right-of-Way Agreement for AT&T landline phone to serve the cell tower on Yeadon Swim Club property.

Motioned By: Councilor Byrne
Seconded By: Councilor Stinson

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 6 to 0. Roll call vote.

Mr. Ewald requested approval for the resolution to amend the bylaws of Yeadon Economic Development Corporation (YEDC) to allow a name change from Yeadon Community Development Corporation (YCDC) to YEDC, and to change the composition of the board to allow more autonomy for the appointment of directors without Borough Council. Borough Council will appoint two members and YEDC board will appoint nine members.

Motion: Council to approve the resolution to amend the bylaws of Yeadon Economic Development Corporation (YEDC).

Motioned By: Vice President Thomas
Seconded By: Councilor McDonald

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 6 to 0. Roll call vote.

Mr. Ewald reported the Delaware County SPCA deadline was June 30, 2011 to stop housing or receiving stray animals. He is requesting Council to ratify the 2011 stray animal contract to extend the service to December 31, 2011.

Motion: Council to ratify the 2011 stray animal contract to extend the service to December 31, 2011.

Motioned By: Councilor Byrne
Seconded By: Vice President Thomas

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 6 to 0. Voice vote.

Mr. Ewald also reported the Borough's insurance company is requesting approval of the settlement agreement regarding litigation for a former employee. The case is less costly through a settlement agreement.

Motion: Council to approve the settlement agreement for former employee litigation as recommended by the insurance company.

Motioned By: Councilor McDonald
Seconded By: Councilor Stinson

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 6 to 0. Roll call vote.

Mr. Ewald requested approval of the resolution to amend the medical benefit allotment of \$5,000 per Council member and Mayor to equal the amount the Borough pays for one person (no child) single rate premium, non-union plan.

Motion: Council to approve the resolution to amend the medical benefit allotment of \$5,000 per Council member and Mayor to equal the amount the Borough pays for one person (no child) single rate premium, non-union plan.

Motioned By: Councilor Byrne

Seconded By: Councilor McDonald

All in Favor, Yes. The motion passed 6 to 0. Roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve Travers reported Yeadon Borough is working with the City of Philadelphia and several groups to find a solution to Mt. Moriah Cemetery abandonment. Doors closed April 3, 2011. The Mt. Moriah cemetery association was taken to court and citations given to the spouse of a deceased board member.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Clara Johnson expressed concerns about executive level employees being licensed and bonded. She also thanked Ms. Andrews for getting the treasurer licensed and bonded in a timely manner.

Jacqueline Mosley expressed concern about the length of time Council has taken to approve minutes. President Kemp explained the minutes were behind because the previous Borough Manager was dismissed, and Council members needed more time to review the minutes.

Darlene Walker asked about the decision on the library roof. President Kemp explained the engineer is obtaining pricing.

ADJOURN

There were no other matters on the agenda. President Kemp asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:57 PM.

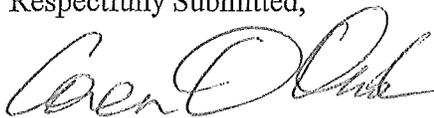
Motioned By: Vice President Thomas

Seconded By: Councilor McDonald

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

President Kemp announced that Council returned to the executive session to review personnel and litigation matters.

Respectfully Submitted,



Caren Andrews
Borough Manager/Secretary