

**BOROUGH OF YEADON
WORKSHOP MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2011
7:35 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

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| 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 | Present, Arrived Late at 8 pm |
| 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. Mayor Butler participated in the Executive Session.

President Kemp announced due to the reorganization meeting of the William Penn School District the tennis presentation by Mayor Butler will be rescheduled.

Caren Andrews gave a presentation on the new website. Rosalind Johnson asked if the popular ordinances, meeting agendas, and Council reports can be added to the site. Solicitor Ewald asked if there was a section to post proposed ordinances before they get adopted. Caren Andrews welcomed the input, stated the new website is a work in progress, and said she will explore these suggestions with the web designer. President Kemp thanked Caren Andrews for a job well done. President Kemp stated the Borough has improved our communication with the public by adding this website and repairing the robocall system.

Caren Andrews stated in the first month of activity there was eight hundred thirteen (813) visits to the new website with five hundred forty two (542) being unique visitors.

President Kemp welcomed the newly elect officials, Rosalind Johnson and Gracie Snead, to the meeting.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Kemp asked Council to review the meeting dates for Year 2012. The Reorganization meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

The Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on December 9th at 6:30pm, Yeadon Borough Hall Lawn. The William Penn School District Band (WPSD) will be playing and possibly a local church choir will sing. Everyone agreed to give the WPSD Band a \$50 donation.

Linda Osinupebi and the NAACP is having their annual Kwanzaa celebration on December 27, 2011. Councilor McDonald asked to have the \$ 100 monitor fee waived because the kitchen and the hall were not presentable for her event last year.

Vice President Thomas asked if Council waives the fee for other non-profit organizations. She wanted to know if there was a list of non-profits that use the hall. Caren Andrews read the criteria for the non-profit organizations. Vice President Thomas expressed an interest in having the Women of Faith and Hope organization use the hall in October for a breast cancer awareness event.

Councilor Robinson-Howell stated if you waive the fee once you will have to waive it again. President Kemp said Council will follow the guidelines that were previously approved for non-profit organizations and not waive the monitor fee.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – No Report

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Caren Andrews informed Council that they needed to think about potential projects for the Year 2012 CDBG application. She read aloud the criteria. The County has established as a priority revitalization projects.

Mayor Butler arrived at 8:00pm

President Kemp said his wish list consisted of Code and facilities improvement. Mayor Butler expressed an interest in the historic preservation project for documenting historic sites.

Councilor McDonald asked if there was a deadline for the application. Caren Andrews said January 11, 2012. The Borough must choose a project with one (1) alternate project, have a public hearing, adopt a resolution, have minutes available, and the Engineer must submit a cost proposal. All this must be done prior to January 11.

Vice President asked the status of the \$50,000 ARLE grant. Ms. Andrews stated she is waiting for PENNDOT's sign off. In the meantime, a strategy has been developed to divide the Borough into thirds and begin the evaluation.

TREASURER'S REPORT – No Report

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT – No Report

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

President Kemp stated that Council is working on the 2012 Budget. Caren Andrews read aloud the dates of the scheduled budget meetings: December 6, December 8, and December 13; all starting at 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm with an Executive Session after each meeting.

COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REPORTS

- A. Code Department - No Report
- B. Public Works
Councilor McDonald mentioned it is very dark on West Cobbs Creek Parkway at the end of Fern Street down to St. Louis Church. Councilor Byrne will look into it.
- C. Public Safety – No Report
- D. Recreation
Councilor Stinson stated Pride & Passion requested \$500 for the Holiday party scheduled for December 10, 2011. President Kemp asked that someone follow-up with Councilor Stinson.
- E. Education – No Report
- F. Library – No Report
- G. Yeadon Economic Development Corp (YEDC) – No Report
- H. Personnel – No Report
- I. Search Committee – No Report
- J. Flag Day – No Report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Ewald announced the City of Philadelphia is waiting for direction regarding the creation of a non-profit organization to address the needs of the Mt. Moriah Cemetery. This proposal calls for two (2) people to sit on the Board from Yeadon Borough and two (2) from the City. From the initial four (4) three (3) more members will be added to make a total of seven (7) Board members. Solicitor Ewald recommended a staff member or a resident serve on this Board. Whoever is put on the Board must be aware of the substantial commitment of time. Councilor McDonald expressed concern that if this goes to a staff member they will have less time to do their assigned tasks. She mentioned that Steve Travers currently attends these meetings. She suggested a job description.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Vera DeLoatch complained about abandoned cars and debris in the rear yards. She complained that the children on cutting through the circle on Longacre Boulevard. She expressed her dissatisfaction with the limited holiday decorations at the circle.

Rosalind Johnson thanked Council for their support. She asked for a historical marker to be placed outside the St. Louis Church honoring the recent visit of President Obama. She suggested this might be funded under the CDBG program. Ms. Johnson stated there is a tree in the middle of the sidewalk on the 500 block of Church Lane that prohibits free access.

Solicitor Ewald announced there were no other citizen's requests.

Vice President Thomas stated it was a humbling experience to serve as a public servant. She thanked Council for choosing her as Vice President. She thanked Councilor Stinson for co-chairing the Search Committee.

ADJOURN

There were no other matters on the agenda. President Kemp asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:35 PM.

Motioned By: Councilor McDonald

Seconded By: Councilor Byrne

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote, 6 to 0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Caren D. Andrews
Borough Manager/Secretary