

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
PLANNING MEETING

JANUARY 21, 2019

Borough Chambers * 601 Water Street * Wrightsville

The Planning Meeting of the Borough of Wrightsville governing body convened at 6:32PM on Monday, January 21, 2019. Council President White called the meeting to order and led the salute to the American Flag.

In attendance: Council President White, Vice-President Gromling, Councilman Bair, Councilman McDonald, Councilman Kirkessner, Councilman Smith, Mayor Albert, Treasurer Brenner, Secretary Hoff

Absent: Solicitor Fields, Engineer Klinedinst

PATRONS:

Jim Markley:

Mr. Markley asked council member what caused the sink hole at 3rd and Locust Streets. Council President White responded that an excavator being used for the project on Locust Street was leaning towards properties and due to the weight of the equipment a trench formed washing out the road surface causing the sinkhole. President White relayed to those in attendance that the contractor was notified immediately and personnel responded immediately and a temporary fix to the road was made to ensure safety of residents and motorists.

Mr. Markley inquired what was being done about the rubbish located in the alley way at 7th Street and South Alley. Council members responded that action would be taken as quickly as possible to rectify matter.

Mel McDonald:

Mrs. McDonald expressed her dislike with Council President White's actions in making decisions in this town. Mrs. McDonald stated that the way he handled budget discussions this past year was poorly done and she asked Council President White to step down from his position and allow another individual to become president. She stated that he will not be on council next year due to his poor performance this past year. She vehemently expressed her dislike for him and stated "you are always putting people down unless you are involved and only then to make yourself look good".

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ACTION ITEMS:

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution 2019-4, a resolution designating the intent of the Borough of Wrightsville to erect a banner across State Route 462 /Local Roads Hellam and 4th Streets. Councilman Kirkessner seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-1 vote. Councilman McDonald was opposed to the motion.

BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

No report

Public Works:

Vice President Gromling realyed to those in attendance that work is progressing along on Locust Street; however, weather has not been favorable causing some minor setbacks.

Public Safety:

Mayor Albert and members of council will be working on implementing parking tickets for Wrightsville Borough. Current ordinances will need to be reviewed and updating through this process to allow Hellam Township Police Department to issue and enforce parking tickets in Wrightsville Borough.

Community & Economic Development:

No report

Parks & Recreation:

Council President White, Vice President Gromling, Councilmen Smith and McDonald attended a work session to discuss preliminary plans to move forward with Phase 2 of Riverfront Park Project. Engineer Klinedinst, members of Land Studies and Ben Craddock were also in attendance. An update will be provided to council in March 2019.

Personnel:

No report

Complaint Committee:

No report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Council discussed the need to update the trash ordinance for Wrightsville Borough in order to enforce action on those residents who do not comply. Councilman Smith will draft a rough draft of an ordinance for council to discuss and review. Ongoing discussions will continue in the upcoming monthly meetings.

President White will be reviewing and suggesting possible updates be applied to certain sections of zoning ordinance.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the following recreation/entertainment permits submitted by Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce (SVCC) for the following events:

1. Annual River Run - Saturday, May 18, 2019
2. Bridge Bust - Saturday, October 5, 2019 (rain date- Saturday, October 12, 2019)
3. MAG Fall Flash- Saturday, November 2, 2019

Councilman Smith noted that all emergency personnel will have full access to emergency routes in case of any emergencies. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-1 vote. VP Gromling was opposed to the motion. VP Gromling would like the 5K runs moved to Rail Trail.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Smith made a motion to adjourn the January 21, 2019 Planning Meeting of the governing body of Wrightsville Borough. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammie Hoff
Borough Secretary

