

Minutes

Camden Town Council Regular Meeting February 20, 2014

The Camden Town Council regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Jeff Sieber, followed by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Members Richard Fite and Kandance Funk, Attorney Anne Briggs, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, and seven guests.

The minutes from the January 16th meeting were approved following a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Fite. Being as there were no questions on the claims, the February Docket and Allowance Report were approved following a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Fite.

New Business

1. Committee Reports:

a. Suzie Waymire, Carroll County Area Plan Commission representative, gave the Council a copy of the new Carroll County Zoning Ordinance which will be presented to the County for approval at their Tuesday meeting. They will then have one year to make changes without any issues and then it will become permanent.

b. Bob Overman, Carroll County EDC representative, thanked the Council for asking him to serve on the Board. He has found the experience to be educational and enjoyable. The county is moving in a positive direction but there are challenges to be worked through. Mr. Overman also serves on the Camden-Flora Rail Corridor Commission and finds this Board very interesting and is excited for the possibilities the rail may bring to the county.

c. Bob McCain submitted a written report for E-911. Improvements have been made with integrated headsets, new camera system and the touch screen. The new HHH has been challenging with developing accurate mapping for the dispatchers. The system now has the capacity to text cell phones when the caller does not answer return calls. Generally, people text back they "pocket dialed" and the issue is resolved. E-911 now has a Face book page.

d. Peter Wagoner, Carroll County EDC, reported they secured a land option for the Liberty Industrial Park. The Rail Commission continues to work with the EDC and US Rail trying to attract rail industry to the area. The Rail has plans to upgrade their service sometime this year. Rail tourism is also being looked into. The Town of Flora, Logansport and Kokomo are considering a joint project. The Carroll County Chamber is taking an active role in developing this project. The Rail Commission meets every other month and Mr. Wagoner asked the Council if the town would provide a light lunch for the next meeting held in Camden. Ms. Funk made the suggested motion, seconded by Mr. Fite and passed. Mr. Wagoner also serves on the Tippecanoe/Carroll County Metropolitan Planning Organization. Currently, traffic counts and collections of road data are being developed to assist in planning. A count will be done on CR75W, north of Camden this year. Most of what is happening for Carroll County this year is being directed towards the City of Delphi with the Stellar Grant. However, SR 18 east of Flora

will see work this year. Camden has projects on the list but they are not yet funded. The MPO worked to have CR 75 classified as a major connector so it will be eligible for federal funds.

Mr. Sieber thanked the representatives for serving on the boards and commissions and for coming in to give their reports.

2. The shooting range contract with Purdue University was tabled on the advise of Ms. Briggs due to a change in the contract language in regards to liability. Ms. Briggs requested time to review information presented before making any recommendations.

3. The DLGF requires a new form, Other Post Employment Benefits Report, to be submitted by January 31st of each year. This report deals with insurance offered to employees after employment is terminated. The Council decided if a past employee wants insurance through the town, that person will be responsible for all cost in securing the insurance and the town will have no additional responsibilities. The post-employee will pay the full premium for themselves and any spouse and/or dependants for any form of health insurance they secure.

4. The "**Statement for Camden Disaster Plan Manual**" was adopted by a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Fite. The updated manual will be distributed to the county emergency departments.

5. **Resolution 2014-A Rainy Day Transfer** was approved by a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Ms. Funk allowing \$35,723 to be transferred into the Rainy Day Fund.

6. A small ad promoting the town will be placed in the *Carroll County Information Guide*, a publication of the Monticello *Harold Journal*. The Council approved expending \$85 with the stipulation copies of the publication will be available at the town office. This guide is distributed through the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce and is available at that office, in local restaurants, and tourism areas.

7. A water bill adjustment for Maple Leaf on Main was approved by the Council. The store had a leak that carried over into an additional billing month.

8. The back, lower roof at the medical building has a major leak and will need immediate repairs. Jeff Watson, Watson Construction, examined the roof and stated the rubber roof needs replaced and other repairs made. This work will be started as soon as possible. Dave Smith, Christian Brothers Painting, will be in Monday to remove damaged drywall and ceiling, allowing the area to dry. Mr. Fite stated he knew a company in Frankfort that could do the work and will contract them.

Old Business

1. **Amendment to Ordinance Number 2007-4, Sections III and V**, was approved by a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Fite.
2. Ken, Smith, Municipal Civil Corporation, updated the Council on the sidewalk ramps and gave them a list of possible contractors. He will be working on the marketing brochure and income survey.

3. Mr. Sieber spoke with Wray Masonry and they will start to work on the front of the community building in two weeks.
4. An ordinance requiring snow removal will not be pursued per Council decision. Members felt it would be too much of a burden and not enforceable.
5. Mr. Sieber reported the employees now have their health insurance cards.

Miscellaneous Business

Water meter readings will be estimated for the March bills due to the snow.

The Camden Community Club will host a fish fry on March 15th.

The town's webpage is being updated and businesses were encourage to submit information for listing in the "Local Business" section.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Camden Town Council

Jeff Sieber, President

Richard Fite

Kandance Funk

ATTEST:

P. A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer