

Minutes

Camden Town Council

Work Session

January 31, 2008

Camden Town Office

Mr. Peter Wagoner, President of the Camden Town Council, called the properly advertised work session of the town council to order at 7:00pm. Present were Members Richard Fite, Andy Kelly and Clerk-Treasurer, Pat Casserly. Mr. Wagoner distributed a list of items the council would consider for goals during 2008 with the understanding some would be more urgent than others. Each item was allowed no more than five minutes for discussion.

Utility Projects and Needs

A brief review of the wastewater funding needs and sources was given by Mr. Wagoner. The council agreed that this item would be the number one goal for 2008. The third application will be submitted in March. Letters of support for the grant application are still being accepted. Pictures of manholes in need of updating were recently taken and submitted for use in the application.

Mr. Fite and Mr. Kelly will be given tours of the water and wastewater systems when the weather is more favorable.

Mrs. Casserly informed the council the water rates need to be reviewed. Rate adjustments were last made in 1999. The loan for the water project will have a balloon payment go into effect in 2010 when the interest payments will increase from \$9,000 to \$28,000. Much more research is needed and if a rate increase is deemed necessary a rate case will be necessary. Determination of a rate adjustment was set as a 2008 goal.

The second phase of the well-head protection policy will be worked on but it is not due until 2014. This is a long term project mandated by the state.

Indiana Housing Program

Homes approved for the second round of housing rehab will soon go through their work write-ups and repairs will begin in the spring. If there is enough interest, the town will consider applying for a third round of assistance.

Emergency Shelter Needs

Red Cross shelter volunteers met Tuesday evening to review building and storm victim needs. The greatest improvement for the building would be more restrooms. The council agreed the improvement was important and Mr. Fite has been working on determining cost. Mrs. Casserly asked for time to research grants and funding source before the council moves forward. Mr. Fite was given permission to get more information together on building cost.

Ellen McCain, local volunteer, stated the Red Cross had portable trailers stocked with REMs, cots, blankets and pillows. She will check into the possibility of a trailer being housed in a Community Building bay.

Sidewalks and Downtown Improvements

The Council would like to offer citizens another opportunity to improve their sidewalks with the same 50/50 program offered in 2007. Mr. Fite inquired about expanding the program to include new construction walks and encouraged the walks be installed from the senior citizen housing complex south to the downtown area. Sidewalk improvement was set as a goal for 2008.

Also discussed were improvements needed for the downtown area. In the next few years, grant funding will be sought for new streetlights and sidewalk improvements.

HHH & SR75 Extension Project

Resolution 2008-A expressing support for the extension of SR 75 north to the HHC was reviewed and passed by the council. A copy will be faxed to Mr. Daryl Smith, Carroll County Economic Development Director, to be included with a packet of support for Congressman Joe Donnelly. Interest is building in the project and support is being gathered.

Ordinance Discussion

Several local ordinances need reviewed:

1. nuisance ordinance for junk and dilapidated buildings

2. stricter enforcements of all ordinances; Deputy Marshal Chapman and Mr. Fite will be working together on this issue
3. Camden participation in animal control under the supervision of Mr. Kelly; dog and cat tax are a possibility
4. employee compensation and salary will be reviewed
5. lease on Dr. Anderson's office requires review prior to September
6. Council approved payment of \$100 class registration fee and mileage for Mrs. Casserly to attend a grant writer seminar
7. Street maintenance was briefly discussed; the council will review the program with Mr. Snively at a later date

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

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Peter F. Wagoner, President

Richard Fite, Vice-President

Andrew Kelly, Member

ATTEST:

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer