

Minutes

Camden Town Council Meeting October 13, 2011

The regular meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order at 7:00 by President Peter Wagoner followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Members Richard Fite and Andy Kelly, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, attorney Anne Briggs and seven guests. The minutes from the September 9th regular Council Meeting and the October Docket were approved following motions from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Camden Medical Center

Jim Schrader, Memorial Hospital Vice President of Operations and Physician Practices, spoke clarifying the termination of the hospital's service agreement with Dr. Meyer in Flora. Dr. Meyer is returning to private practice and will not be associated with the hospital nor the Camden Clinic. An interim collaborator will be assigned for the nurse practitioner, Linda Stapleton. The hospital is recruiting a physician for the Camden and Walton sites. Mr. Schrader stated the hospital is pleased with the clinic and expects to stay in town providing healthcare services. The client count continues to grow and additional services, such as lab draws, are being added. The hospital is also working towards accepting Medicaid patients. New patients are still being accepted.

Jeff Sieber asked for clarification on moving the patients' medical records. It was explained that due to HIPA and the hospital's own policies, the hospital takes ownership of care of the records until the patients give instructions on rather to send them to someone or keep them at the clinic. A form will be sent to the patients asking where they want their records sent (remain with Dr. Meyer, sent to the Camden Clinic or to another physician). Records can remain in Dr. Meyer's office until November 30th.

Mr. Wagoner thanked Mr. Schrader for the information and stated the town appreciates having the clinic. The town has a good working relationship with Memorial Hospital and hopes for success in retaining a physician.

Carroll County EDC Contract

Laura Walls, CCEDC Director, presented the contract for services for July 15, 2011- July 15, 2015 for approval. The cost to the town is \$10.50/person per year based on the town's population figure. The contract was signed by Mr. Wagoner following approval from the Council.

Mrs. Walls discussed her trip to Japan and visits with parent companies of plants located in central Indiana. Gifts of appreciation were taken to several manufacturers including Subaru and Mitsubishi. The goal of her trip was to attract suppliers to Carroll County.

The completion of the Hoosier Heartland Highway will make the county more attractive to large manufacturers. Mrs. Walls stated that in addition to cultivating new businesses to the county, she works with existing manufacturers. Many of the small shops already in the county offer potential for growth. She is also working with Indiana Packers to help them reach their growth potential in Carroll County.

The extension of the Camden/Flora Connection to the Hoosier Heartland Highway is a priority for EDC as is the Corridor itself.

Mrs. Walls arranged a meeting for local officials with the IEDC in Indianapolis. The lunch meeting gave county representatives an opportunity to share our goals and objectives while learning what is happening at the state level. Mr. Wagoner, who also attended the meeting, stated it was a good meeting. The IEDC learned more about Carroll County and what we have to offer. Mrs. Walls stated that it was good for them to see representatives from Carroll County and know the community is interested.

The EDC and Carroll County Chamber of Commerce will recognize the Camden Baptist Church at their annual meeting. The church will receive an award for the improvements they have made in their property's appearance.

Water and Wastewater Systems

Although F&K Construction has experienced some delays in getting started on the water line project, they do expect to do preliminary work next week. They have three days of work left in Chalmers and then will move their crew to Camden. Once they start work here, they expect to stay until the job is finished. The work should be completed by April 2013. The company submitted a claim for cost of materials, \$106,000, which is covered by the grant funds. These funds are expected to be deposited in the town's account in the next day or two and then the claim will be paid.

There was nothing new to report on alternative energy for the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Wagoner stated F&K generates their own power and we may talk with them for ideas.

Ordinance Issues

Updated purchasing and purchasing agent ordinances were distributed to the Council for their consideration and review. No action was taken to allow the Council time to review the ordinances.

Hoosier Heartland Highway

The HHIC Annual meeting was held October 7th in Peru with about 200 officials in attendance. The project update was given by Jim Earl, INDOT Project Manager. The Camden/Flora Connection is still expected to be included in the project. The entire road is on-track for completion in 2013. The portion of road from SR421 in Delphi to

Lafayette is expected to be completed in 2012. The Coalition had concerns about funding but feels that with contracts let, they are pretty well guaranteed the road will be finished.

By a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the Council approved continuing support for the HHIC with a \$1,000 donation for 2012 and 2013. Mr. Wagoner noted that during the meeting with the IEDC the statement was made that the Japanese manufacturers want their major suppliers within twenty miles of their plants. This being the case, Camden stands to greatly benefit with the completion of the Heartland.

Miscellaneous Items

1. The Council approved charging 50c per disk when copies of recorded events are made.
2. The Keystone yearly maintenance agreement was approved following a motion from Mr. Fite.
3. Halloween will be celebrated October 31 from 6-8 in the evening. The Lion's Club will have their party, hot dogs and soda will be served at the grocery and the fire department, town office and library will all be passing out treats.
4. TDS hung the new fall/winter street banners.
5. Mr. Fite requested the sign be replaced on the west edge of town. Vital Signs will make and install the sign, in cement, for \$700. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kelly and passed.
6. Town elections will be November 8th.
7. The Veteran's Day Program, sponsored by the American Legion, will be November 13th, 6:00pm.
8. Deer/Sugar Creek Working Group will hold a meeting October 19th, 5:00pm, at the 4-H Building.
9. The Lions Club will host a chili supper December 10th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45

Camden Town Council

Peter F. Wagoner, President

Richard Fite, Vice-President

ATTEST:

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer

Andrew Kelly, Member

