

Minutes

Camden Town Council

Regular Meeting

October 14, 2010

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the regular meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order at 7:00 by President Peter Wagoner. Present were Council Members Andy Kelly and Richard Fite, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, Attorney Anne Briggs and four guests.

Mr. Fite made the motions to approve the minutes from the September 9th Regular Meeting and the October 1st Housing Bid Opening. Motions passed. The docket was also approved by a motion from Mr. Fite. Mr. Wagoner asked the council members if there were any questions and the docket was approved without comment. The 2011 Budget was presented for approval. Mr. Wagoner stated the properly called public hearing on the budget took place at the September meeting and the Council was now ready to adopt the budget as presented. Mr. Fite made the motion to adopt the budget as presented. Motion passed following a second from Mr. Kelly.

Amended Ordinance 2006-1

Providing for Claim Payments in Advance of Board Allowance

Mrs. Casserly explained the Ordinance 2006-1 allows for the payment of some claims (utility bills, Insurance premiums, bond payments, etc.) between the times of the regular Council meetings. There are three other situations where it would be a benefit to be able to pay certain claims prior to the meetings:

1. To take advantage of a discount when the bill is paid by a given date.
2. Payment of a customer's deposit towards their final bill to avoid the standard late fee - when the penalties are applied prior to the council meetings.
3. Payments to avoid penalties or fees for late payments – the town's credit card statement has a short turnaround time.

The Council approved the amended ordinance by a motion from Mr. Fite.

Street and Banner Issues

An Inter-Local agreement with the Town of Flora was proposed for the sweeping the Main Street, Hwy 218, and the hanging of banners. A representative from the town visited with Jerry Snavely and Mr. Wagoner to understand the scope of what was being requested. Flora officials responded offering to provide the services at a fee of \$200/hour to sweep the streets and \$100/hour to hang the banners. This week Mr. Wagoner had the opportunity to speak with a representative from TDS and they volunteered to hang the banners two times per year at no charge. The offer was also made to purchase a second set of banners with a winter/holiday theme. Mr. Fite made the motion for Mrs. Briggs to draw up an agreement to have Flora sweep the streets two times each year at a cost of \$200/hour and to accept the generous offer from TDS. Motion carried. Since Flora is reimbursed by INDOT for sweeping the highways in their town Mr. Wagoner will make the same request once an agreement with Flora is complete.

Utility Billing and Accounting

The annual agreement with Keystone Software Systems costing \$4,270 for support in billing, budget, assets and payroll, was approved by the Council.

Mrs. Briggs will investigate options to require property in town that are not currently on town supplied water to be required to connect. One such property owner has approached Mr. Snavely asking the cost to connect and has expressed an interest in doing so. The other property is in foreclosure and will sell on November 24th. Mrs. Briggs was asked to prepare options by the November council meeting.

Grant Updates

Housing Rehab Project

The bid opening for the homes qualifying for the grant assistance was held on October 1st but there was only one contractor who submitted on the projects. Due to the high bid, the Council and Star Development felt it would be best to re-bid the project. The second bids are due October 20th and will be opened at 2:00 in the afternoon. Local contractors

have been encouraged to bid on the project. If the second bids come in acceptable, it is hoped some of the work can begin by early November.

Community Building

Grant funds awarded by the Carroll County Community Foundation and REMC are waiting to be used on new restrooms in the community center but it has been difficult finding a contractor who can do the project at an acceptable cost. The bid received last month was higher than expected and rejected. Mr. Wagoner requested a meeting with contractors who may be interested in the project and review options that will reduce the cost while still providing a quality product. Mr. Smith and Mr. Snavelly were asked to take part in the meeting.

Wastewater Project

Mr. Smith reported the plant is working and IDEM's limits are being met but there is still a little "tweaking" that needs done. Mr. Snavelly and Mr. Mears have completed the operator training course and have taken the required certification exam required for the system. Currently they are operating the system under a provisional certification.

DR2 Water Line Distribution Grant

Notification of a grant award of \$737,875 was received on September 24th. The town will provide a match of \$30,000. The project will replace 5,700 lineal feet of 4" water main, approximately 20 fire hydrants and add a few new hydrants where needed. Vicki Powers, Grant Administrator, and Ken Smith were thanked for their work on securing the grant. Members from the fire department provided information on disaster prevention should there ever be a major fire in a larger building. The engineer design work will be complete by year end and the project will be put out for bid in the spring. Some citizens may be inconvenienced when construction begins because of digging in the alleys but work will be done as carefully as possible.

Miscellaneous Items

- The customer deposit for water and sewer utilities is now set at \$75 per utility.
- The Lion's Club 1st Toy Tractor Show will be at Community Building on September 11 starting at 10:00a.m.
- Kentucky Mountain Mission will collect items at the Community Building September 25th & 26th.
- The Jackson Twp. Fireman's Breakfast will be October 2nd.
- The 2011 budget will be adopted on October 14 during the regular Council meetings.

- Un-used and/or un-wanted meds can be disposed of at the local Marsh Supermarkets or through special envelopes supplied by NWISWD. The District can be reached at 800-856-0980 to request a disposal bag.
- Halloween will be celebrated on October 30th from 6 until 8 in the evening. The Community Club will have their annual costume party starting at 7:00pm.
- The town office will be closed November 3 for staff training.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 by a motion from Mr. Kelly

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Peter F. Wagoner, President

Richard Fite, Vice-President

Andrew Kelly, Member

ATTEST:

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer