

Minutes

Camden Town Council

Regular Meeting

October 8, 2009

Budget Public Hearing

The Regular Meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order at 7:00 by Council President Peter Wagoner. Present were Council Members Richard Fite and Andy Kelly, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, attorney Anne Briggs and four guests.

The minutes from the September 8th Regular Council Meeting which included the public hearing for the 2010 budget were approved by a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly. The October docket was also approved by a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

2010 Budget

The 2010 Budget was presented for adoption. Mrs. Casserly stated the 2010 figures would be relatively the same as 2009 and gave the Council a written comparison. The Funds were reviewed and no questions were asked. Mr. Wagoner noted the State's revenue is expected to be less than originally projected. This decline will be reflected in the revenue distributed to the local units of government. More cuts can be expected. Mr. Kelly made the motion to adopt the 2010 Budget, seconded by Mr. Fite and passed.

Additional Appropriation for EDIT Fund and Transfer of Funds

An *Additional Appropriation for EDIT Funds* in the amount of \$10,000 was approved by the Council. EDIT Funds were expended (in the amount of \$12,700) doing the routine maintenance needed at the Medical Clinic. Also, the annual EDIT dues were increased after the 2009 budget was adopted resulting in an unexpected expense. Motion to approve the *Additional Appropriation* was made by Mr. Fite and seconded by Mr. Kelly. The Council also approved "*Resolution 2009-, Authorizing the Transfer of Funds*" by a motion from Mr. Fite seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Updating Ordinances

The Clerk-Treasurer asked to have certain existing ordinances reviewed to see if they meet the current state requirements. The *Purchasing Ordinance (98-6)* and *Pre-Payment of Certain Claims Ordinance* were in question. An inquiry was also raised about getting a town charge card. Information on charge card use was given to the Council and Mrs. Briggs. The Council directed Mrs. Briggs to review the information on charge cards and the purchasing ordinance. Determination was made that if the town had a charge card, the *Pre-Payment of Certain Claims Ordinance* could remain as written. These issues will be discussed again at the November meeting.

Grant Progress

1. The Downtown Revitalization grant was submitted to OCRA for review. Information on that grant will become available on November 20.
2. The leaf vac purchased in part with grant funds from the Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District arrived. The unit cost \$30,200; grant funds were \$17,500, the trade in was worth \$6,800 and local funds were \$5,900. Mr. Snavely reported the machine has been put into use and is working well.
3. The town was awarded an ARRA grant for the purchase of a new police car in the amount of \$24,943. These funds will be expended in 2010. The current car was purchased in 1996.
4. Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corp, presented the Council with information for an ARRA grant for energy efficiency and conservation to purchase new heating & air conditioning units for the Medical Center. The current units are very old and inefficient. The town can request up to \$100,000 in this part of the funding. A second part has a limit of \$50,000 which can be used to make lighting more energy efficient. The Council expressed a strong interest in the funds due to the age of the heating and air conditioning units in the Medical Center building, which the town owns. The ceiling mounted furnaces in the community building are old and expensive to operate. Mr. Fite made the motion for the Clerk-Treasurer to pursue this grant by having an energy audit completed, seconded by Mr. Kelly and passed.
5. Mr. Smith spoke briefly about the new DR2 grant which can be used to upgrade water and wastewater systems. Mr. Wagoner stated the community needs to replace several fire hydrants and valves and one main line. Upgrading of the distribution system is an allowable project. The grant offers up to \$1M per application with no match required.
6. A third grant opportunity was given for the next round of *JAG \$10K and Under*. Officer Mullin will be given that information. He may have a need for equipment for the new car.

7. Star Development will hold a workshop on October 29th, 6:00 pm, for persons interested in applying for a grant for home improvements. Income guidelines must be met and the person must live in the house and own the house. Several people have expressed an interest but priority will be given to first time applicants.
8. Area IV in Delphi has ARRA funds to help homeowners with repairs and some utility bills. Interested persons were encouraged to call to gather more information.

Wastewater Project Update

Mr. Smith stated the project was “substantially completed – the generator and lift station pumps are still needed. The town still holds retainage for these items which have not yet been billed. The retainage will be held until the grant has been monitored and all is found to be in good standing. Mr. Wagoner felt once the project got underway it went very well. The men have been good people to work with. Mr. Wagoner signed the “Certificate of Substantial Completion”.

HHC and State Road 75 Extension North

Mr. Wagoner reported the County Commissioners recommendations for the Segment 3 connections included a connection for Co Rd 75 with an overpass. This was approved by INDOT, La Porte District. This information was passed along to their engineers, Structure Point. The completion of the project and construction of a new highway grade road between Camden and the HHH will probably be an LPA (county) highway projected with federal and state funding. This will not be an INDOT project because of the time frame. INDOT would take about 12 years for the project to reach completion and it would be better for the project to be built while the HHH is being constructed.

Third Ambulance Garage

The Carroll County Commissioners are considering where to place a third EMS facility in the county. The town has proposed a couple of locations within Camden for consideration. Ken Smith prepared a set of plans for a Camden EMS for deliberation as they study location options and grant funding.

Miscellaneous Business

- The Council approved the relocation of a defibrillator from Community Building to the Fire Department by a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelley. The town purchased two units with grant funds and one is at the Medical Clinic. The firemen will be taking training and would be skilled in defibrillator use.
- Citizens were reminded of the upcoming 2010 census and the importance of an accurate count. The town relies on the Census when seeking grants and in the distribution of tax dollars.
- The Marshal will be asked by Mr. Wagoner to follow up on the nuisance letters mailed last month to determine if the homeowners are now in compliance.
- The Camden Health Clinic opened September 8th. Memorial Hospital is planning an open house and ribbon cutting by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce October 14th from 4 until 6pm. Their business is growing slowly but steadily. The nurse practitioner mentioned to Mr. Wagoner that people can come in for treatment (flu shots, etc) without transferring their record.
- Town Office will be closed October 12th for Columbus Day and October 21st to allow staff to attend year-end training.
- Trick-or-Treat will be October 31st from 6 until 8 pm. The Lions Club will have their traditional party; the Camden Grocery will offer free hot dogs and soft drinks; the Firemen will have treats as will the Town Office and the Camden-Jackson Twp. Library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 by a motion from Mr. Fite.

Camden Town Council

Peter F. Wagoner, President

Richard Fite, Vice-President

Andrew Kelly, Member

ATTEST:

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer

