

Minutes

Camden Town Council

Regular Meeting

November 12, 2009

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 nine guests.

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

Camden Health Clinic

Linda Stapleton, N.P., informed the Council she was working with the Carroll County Health Department to set an H1N1 clinic. Vaccine has been supplied by Memorial Hospital in Logansport. Currently she is planning the activity for next Friday provided she is able to comply with the state's required paperwork. Ms. Stapleton will have the first clinic as a one day event requiring an appointment. If that is successful and vaccine is available she is planning to offer shots four days a week from 3:00 – 6:30. Patients are encouraged to contact the clinic (686-2022) to ensure the clinic is connected to the state's system and ready to give shots. Inoculations will be offered to persons considered high risk; other groups may be considered eligible for the vaccine in a couple of weeks. Memorial Hospital will donate the supplies and staff so the service can be offered at no fee. Dave McDowell, Carroll County Emergency Management, stated he has spoken with the state and they have volunteers available provided a memorandum of understanding is in place.

Mr. Wagoner congratulated the Center on being awarded a Carroll County Community Enhancement Award.

Also mentioned was the addition of a chiropractor to the Center. Sherry Goble, Winamac, will have office hours starting about December 1st. Appointments are now being taken. Mr. Fite stated she is highly recommended.

Ordinances

Ordinance 2009-1

Regarding Use of Town Credit Card

Ordinance 2009-1 allowing the town to secure a credit card was passed with a motion from Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Fite. The ordinance specifies who is allowed to use the card, for what purposes, charge limits and accounting procedures. Employees are prohibited from using the card for personal purchases and to obtain cash advances.

2010 Salary Ordinance 2009-2

Salaries for town employees and elected officials were set for 2010 at the same rate as 2009. No increases were given. The employees insurance increased 8% which will be paid by the town. Compensator time earned was discussed and the paying down of hours worked overtime was reviewed. Mr. Fite made the motion to pay Mr. Snaveley for 100 hours of overtime. Mr. Mears had about the same hours in overtime as carried over into 2009 and asked not to be paid down.

Ordinance Violations

The marshals reported the property in violation of the nuisance ordinance was brought into compliance and there were no violations at this time.

Purchasing Ordinance

Action on updating the purchasing ordinance was delayed until the December meeting.

Carroll County Emergency Management

Dave McDowell, Emergency Management Director, reported to the Council on repairs to the emergency siren. During the routine testing it was noted the siren did not function when activated from the remote site. It can be manually activated by the fire department if an emergency occurs. Mr. McDowell asked a company from Kokomo to look at the unit as they were passing through town. As a result they replaced a part and submitted a

bill for \$817 for which Mr. McDowell was asking for assistance in paying. The unit is still not operational from the remote site so further repairs are needed. Mr. Fite made the motion to pay half the bill, seconded by Mr. Kelly and passed. Mr. McDowell was instructed to submit a claim to the Clerk-Treasurer for payment.

Grant Progress

1. Wastewater Project: Mr. Smith felt the project was very near completion and the update given would be the last on this project. A claim for RE Crosby was presented for signature. Retainage is still being held. The project has come in at expected cost with no over runs. Mr. Wagoner thanked Mr. Smith, Mr. Snively and RE Crosby for their efforts on the project.
2. JAG-ARRA Grant – The new police car has been selected but will not be ordered until after the first of the year.
3. Announcement for CFF funding for the Downtown Revitalization Project will be made on November 20th. Mr. Smith heard the scoring was “brutal”.
4. Community Foundation Grant awards, for which the town applied to for assistance in building additional restroom in the Community Building, will be announced on November 18th.
5. JAG \$10K and Under grant for police equipment was submitted.
6. Two additional grants – ARRA, Energy Efficiency Grant and DR2 Water Grant for fire hydrant replacement and other work- are being pursued.

Request for Proposals for Housing Grant

The Town properly advertised and solicited Request of Proposals from three firms and received a response from one, Star Development. The RFPs sought administrative services, program delivery, environmental review and lead bases paint testing services. The project will consist of approximately 12 -15 units and the grant amount will be approximately \$250,000. The total fee charged by Star Development for work on grant administration, environmental review, program delivery and lead base paint assessment will be \$62,000. All fees will be derived from grant funds and no fees will be assessed unless a grant is awarded. The fee is based upon 12 homes being funded and will be scaled accordingly if fewer homes have service. Following a review of the proposal and fees Mr. Kelly made the motion to accept Star Development’s services. This was seconded by Mr. Fite and passed.

HHC and State Road 75 Extension North

Mr. Wagoner attended the annual Hoosier Heartland Coalition luncheon last week in Wabash and gave a brief update on the road. In spite of the state's economic condition, the project is fully funded and on schedule for completion. The Governor is encouraging the work to be completed ahead of schedule. Significant construction will start in Carroll County next year.

INOT is pursuing Carroll County Commissioners recommendation on the 75 interchange. Mr. Wagoner believes a good job is being done to involve the community and keep the doors of communication open. Any issues that have developed have been resolved in a fair manner.

Third Ambulance Garage

The Carroll County Council included funding to operate a 3rd ambulance in their 2010 budget but there is no funding for the building to house the ambulance. The Town of Camden has no role in the process but has proposed a couple of locations in Camden for a new EMS facility and offered to house the ambulance, at no cost to the county and on a temporary basis. Mr. Smith has provided drawings on how the station could be built on lots now available in Camden.

Miscellaneous Business

- Bill Appleton requested an adjustment on his mother's (Hanna Appleton) water bill. A leak she had in September carried over into the October bill. The adjustment procedure was explained to Mr. Appleton. Once the Council was assured the leak was properly fixed and water usage was back to the normal amount, the adjustment, as directed by ordinance, was granted by a motion from Mr. Fite.
 - Mr. Wagoner reported the State Board of Accounts completed their audit for the years 2007-2008. The examination disclosed no material items that warrant comment.
 - The 2010 Census is rapidly approaching and citizens were reminded of their duty to "be counted". Each count is equal to about \$300 per year in tax revenue. During the ten years the figures are used this constitutes \$3,000 for the community.
 - Lynette Martin was introduced as the new Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. Lynette started working for the town on September 14th following the retirement of Linda Red Elk.
 - The town office will be closed November 26th and 27th for Thanksgiving holiday.

- Year End Council meeting will be December 30th at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 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