

Minutes

Camden Town Council

Regular Meeting

November 13, 2007

The regular meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order by President Peter Wagoner. Present were Member Andy Robison, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, attorney Anne Briggs and eight citizens. Member Michele Everett was absent.

The minutes from the October 16th Council meeting were approved by a motion from Mr. Robison.

The docket was approved as presented and signed by a motion also from Mr. Robison.

Sidewalk Construction

Resolution 2007-D Sidewalk Maintenance & Repair

Work planned for sidewalk improvements in 2007 has been completed. Baker Construction submitted invoices totally \$14,138.70. Kendal Excavating has not submitted an invoice for work performed on North Water Street. Mr. Robison made the motion to allow payment of no more than \$1556.00 to Mr. Kendall for the work once a proper invoice is submitted, motion passed.

Resolution 2007-D, establishing an appropriation in the general fund for sidewalk maintenance and repairs, was adopted by the Council. Necessary funds will be transferred in to the appropriation.

Ordinance 2007-5

An Ordinance Establishing a Crime Control Fund

Ordinance 2007-5, Establishing a Crime Control Fund, was passed by a motion from Mr. Robison. The town has received DUCC funds from Carroll County to be used for crime control, investigation and police equipment. Per SBA these funds are to be deposited into a fund established by ordinance by the Council. Deputy Marshal John Chapman secured \$2,700 to help the Camden Police Department.

Emergency Shelter Volunteers Needed

Generator Status

The generator for the community building has been ordered with one modification. The unit will be equipped with a dual regulator to allow for use of natural or LP gas. The decision to have a dual regulator was made after learning the gas company will discontinue service in a situation where there is a possibility of several gas leaks, as when the tornado struck Monticello. Cost for the regulator is expected to be around \$700. The contractor will do preliminary work prior to the arrival of the generator and expects to complete the work by early December.

The Red Cross will conduct classes for volunteers in the proper manner to run an emergency shelter on December 10th and 13th from 6:00pm thru 9:30pm in the Community Building. Information requesting volunteers has been sent to the local churches and posted around town. The American Legion Auxiliary has volunteered their services and offered to provide supplies.

Housing Grant

Word has been received that Camden was awarded \$216,450 to help 13 families improve their homes. Local contractors will be encouraged to submit bids for the work as a means to help the local businesses. Disappointment was expressed that there were no local contractors awarded bids in the last round.

Mr. Wagoner noted the “Reminder” had run a nice article on Camden and the progressive programs implemented for the community. The town has received a number of grants and started several programs. The Council will keep working on grants that will benefit the town and its citizens.

Carroll County Economic Development

Daryl Smith, Director, presented a contract for services between the CCECD and Town of Camden to run from 2007 until July 15, 2011. The contract is very much like the past contract except for two changes. EDIT funds are not a determining factor in maintaining the service and the contract becomes void if a majority of the entities withdraw from the contract. Prior contracts were void if one entity left. The contract can be voided with a one year's notice by either party. Mr. Smith stated it was important for all local unites to be part of the contract because of the power of a united community.

Mr. Wagoner expressed Camden could not succeed on its own and it is important to stay in the Commission. The effectiveness of EDC is to get jobs that can pay a living wage in Carroll County. The economic condition of the County is a testament to the importance of having jobs that pay a decent wage. Camden does not have many empty houses but there are more and more with only one person. The County needs to attract families that will buy homes and be self-supporting.

This success will come by supporting the businesses the county currently has per Mr. Smith. The first thing to do is to retain the decent jobs that are in the county. In looking towards the future, the county needs to have infrastructure in place, ready to support small/medium size businesses.

The motion to accept the contract for four years, as presented, was made by Mr. Robison and passed.

Miscellaneous Business

- A recipient of the Ralph Rohrabough Scholarship for Leadership Carroll County will be selected at the December council meeting.

- The Nuisance Ordinance passed at the October meeting becomes effective 30 days after publication. Mr. Robison is working with Signs by Jerry for engine brake signs to be posted along Main Street.
- More information on Animal Control will be presented at the December council meeting.
- Discussion was held on the old dump truck and rather it would be good to keep the truck or put it up for auction. Mr. Robison made the motion to dispose of the truck through Hickman Auction at the earliest time possible and empower the Clerk-Treasurer to investigate proper procedure. Motion passed.
- Grants will be announced on November 14th for the wastewater project. Funding is very much needed to move forward on improving the system. If the town does not receive funding this round, we will try again.
- Both marshals have been certified on long-range rifles at Camp Atterbury.
- The Lions Club, Jill Moudy and Mark Abbott were thanked for their Halloween Party. It was a very successful evening with lots of fun.
- The town office will be closed November 22nd and 23rd for Thanksgiving.
- Mrs. Everett and Mr. Robison chose not to run for re-election to the Council. Elected on November 6th were Peter Wagoner, Richard Fite and Andy Kelly. The Clerk-Treasurer did not have opposition.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40

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Peter F. Wagoner, President

Andrew Robison, Member

Michele Everett, Member

ATTEST:

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer