

Minutes

Camden Town Council

Regular Meeting

December 19, 2013

The regular meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order at 7:00 by President Richard Fite, followed by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Members Jeff Sieber and Kandance Funk, Attorney Anne Briggs, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, and three guests.

The minutes from the November 21st regular meeting were approved following a motion from Mr. Sieber, seconded by Ms. Funk. Minutes of the Executive Meeting, held the same evening, were approved by a motion from Ms. Funk seconded by Mr. Sieber. Being as there were no questions on the claims, the December Docket and Allowance Report were approved following a motion from Mr. Sieber, seconded by Ms. Funk.

New Business

Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corporation, suggested the Council move forward with an income survey, the first step in qualifying for certain state and federal grants. The 2010 Census shows the citizens' income exceeds the qualification guidelines but an independent survey may have a different outcome. Mr. Smith will get quotes from a couple of companies but does not expect the cost to be over \$1,000.

Mr. Smith also reported he is working on the updated well-head protection plan and expects it to be completed by February.

Mr. Fite expressed his disappointment in not qualifying for any of the grants to install a sidewalk along the west edge of Monroe Street. Mr. Smith stated he would re-submit applications if letters of support from the people who would benefit from the improvement were provided. Mr. Fite will ask the Senior Citizen Complex residents to provide letters.

By a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Sieber, the health insurance carrier will be Anthem B/C B/S effective as soon as possible.

Council Members were given copies of "OSHA Hazardous Plan" for review.

Board appointments:

1. Jeff Sieber will continue to serve on the K-IRPC Board
2. Diane Wertz was re-appointed to the Camden-Jackson Twp. Library Board

3. Bob Overman will serve another three years on the CCEDC Board with his term to expire 12/31/2016

The Camden Town Council will continue to hold their regular monthly meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm at the Library Reading Room by a motion from Mr. Sieber, seconded by Ms. Funk.

Amendment to Ordinance Number 2007-4, Sections III and V, adopted September 12, 2012, requires public nuisance violators be notified by certified mail. State statute was revised and this notice can now be sent via first class mail which is a cost savings to the communities. Discussion was held on whether the above mentioned ordinance should be revoked & re-written or just amended. Because the ordinance addresses appeals to the violations, changed the number of days given to correct the violation and allows for continuance abatement notices, *Amendment to Ordinance Number 2007-4* will be repealed. The new ordinance incorporating the appeals process, 14 days to abate the violation, allowing continuance of abatement notices and first class mailing of the notice violations will be prepared for the January meeting.

The liability insurance will have a slight increase if the current carrier continues. Mr. Fite asked to have the insurance fact sheets forwarded to the DeWart Agency in Delphi for a quote. This quote should be available for consideration at the December 30th meeting.

Old Business

1. All the elected officials signed the annual certifications for nepotism in direct line of supervision and the compliance with municipal nepotism policy. These certifications will be held in file in the town office.
2. The year-end meeting will be held December 30th, 9am at the town office.
3. Mrs. Briggs was instructed to write a letter directing the garage at 388 N. Armstrong be torn down by February 1st, 2014, or the town will tear it down and a lien attached for the associated costs.

Miscellaneous Business

Water meters will be estimated for the January bills due to the extreme cold.

The office will be closed December 24th & 25th for Christmas.

Mr. Sieber asked if there is an ordinance requiring snow removal from the businesses sidewalks. Camden does not require snow removal. Mrs. Briggs was asked to investigate the town's options and liability and report back at the January meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

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Richard Fite, President

Kandance Funk, Vice President

ATTEST:

P. A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer

Jeff Sieber, Member