

Minutes

Camden Town Council

Regular Meeting

February 11, 2010

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, Legal Council Anne Briggs, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly and four guests.

The January 14th Regular Meeting and January 25th Planning Meeting minutes were approved by motions from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly. The docket was also approved by a motion from Mr. Fite.

Bob McCain submitted his resignation to the Carroll County EDC effective 12/31/2009. Mr. McCain has served on the Board since January 2003. A letter of appreciation will be sent to Mr. McCain thanking him for his six years of service. Mr. Wagoner stated this position was discussed during the January 25th Planning Meeting but no action was taken. Following a motion from Mr. Fite, Dan Casserly was appointed to fill Mr. McCain's position until 12/31/2012. An email was sent to EDC but the Clerk-Treasurer will check to see what, if any, other written notification may be required.

Ordinance Issues

Ordinance 2010-1 Water Deposit Refunds Under \$5.00 was introduced. It was explained that from time to time a small balance may remain in the Water Fund after a customer has moved and failed to leave a forwarding address. This ordinance will allow for the small balance to revert to Water Operating Fund if not claimed by the customer within 60 days after the account is closed. The ordinance only applies to the water fund, not sewer, and the balance on the account must be \$5.00 or less. Motion to approve the ordinance was made by Mr. Fite and seconded by Mr. Kelly. Motion passed.

Resolution authorizing Application Submission and Local Match Commitment permits the application for the downtown revitalization to be submitted for funding and states the Town will commit \$60,000 for the local match. At the time the proposal for this project was submitted the local match was expected to come from the General Fund and EDIT Fund. A review of the funds on hand determined funds could be drawn from other local sources and those sources are now General Fund (\$35,000), EDIT Fund (\$15,000), Motor Vehicle Highway Fund (\$5,000) and Local Roads and Streets Fund (\$5,000). Motion to approve the Resolution was made by Mr. Fite and seconded by Mr. Kelly.

2010 pet tags are available at the Town Office. By ordinance, pets (dogs and cats) are to be register with the town office. Cost is \$5.00 for unneutered and \$3.00 for neutered pets. Everyone who owns a pet needs to purchase a tag.

Mrs. Briggs investigated the best legal approach to take with a “demolish derby” car that is parked in a resident’s front yard and feels the best approach to this problem is through the nuisance ordinance. The Council requested a letter be sent to the property owner. Mr. Fite stated the vehicle needs to be removed from the front yard and placed where it is not noticeable.

Payphone Issue with TDS

During 2009 TDS did not pay their share of the payphone cost as agreed upon when the phone was installed. Letters and phone calls have been made by the Clerk-Treasurer and Mrs. Briggs. Mrs. Briggs stated a promise to pay was made but the Clerk-Treasurer said the check has not arrived. Mrs. Briggs asked the Council what they wanted her to do because the next step would be small claims court. Mr. Fite made the motion to move forward with a small court claim if a check is not received by March 1st. Mrs. Briggs will send one more letter informing TDS of the Council’s decision. If TDS chooses to discontinue paying on the phone the Council will give consideration to having the phone removed.

Grant Updates

1. The awards for the Indiana Housing Authority Rehab Grant will be announced on February 25th.

2. A fence will be installed around the wastewater treatment facility. Mr. Fite wants to get with Mr. Snavelly to ensure he understands the requirements of what is needed. It was also noted post/barriers and “No Smoking” signs are needed at the above ground fuel tank near the wastewater treatment facility as suggested by the insurance risk management representative. Mr. Snavelly stated there are probably a couple of posts at the treatment plant that he and Mr. Mears could put in. The post will be installed when the ground thaws. Mr. Ken Smith reported there was one issue on the permit that he was working to correct and did not see it as a major problem. He is also working on securing a partial refund from SRF for funds the town applied to the project. Ways to cut the electrical cost to operate the new wastewater system are being tested. Mr. Snavelly is rotating the use of the aspirators to try to cut cost. The next bill from REMC will tell if it is working.
3. The Marshal has ordered a black Impala Police car from Mann’s in Flora. The car is being purchases with funds from an ARRA/JAG grant.
4. A grant was submitted to SIA to help with the new restrooms in the community center. The grant for \$4,500 was mailed on January 26th and a response is usually received in 30 days.
5. The additional information requested for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Grant (ARRA) was emailed February 2nd. Those awards will be announced in late February or early March.
6. The request of grant administrators for the DR2 Water Distribution Grant have been emailed to five certified grant administrators, using the small purchase method allowed in this grant. The engineer request for qualifications will be mailed before the end of February. The application is due July 2nd.

Camden Health Center

The Health Center had a leak in one of the restrooms which has been fixed and the entry wall was repaired. The lock on the front door does not always work properly, being difficult to open. Haley Lock, Safe, and Key checked the lock and said the entire door would have to be replaced due to the way it was assembled. Harris Glass submitted an estimate of \$1,599 to replace the front door. Due to budget constraints, the Council voted to table the matter until next month. The small leak has returned to the back room roof. Toby Schock was contacted and will try to make repairs when weather permits. Mr. Schock checked the roof and suggested the leaves be removed because they were restricting rain and melting snow from draining properly. Mr. Mears corrected the problem but the roof may need replaced. Mr. Fite suggested the tree next to the building be removed but it is not known where the funds will be taken to pay for the work.

Miscellaneous Business

- Citizens were reminded the 2010 Census will be underway soon. A representative from the Census will be at the Library from February 26th through April 19th during regular library hours to answer questions. Mr. Wagoner stated for each person missed during the count, the community loses \$4,000 per year in revenue. It is very important that everyone completes a form because the count is used for ten years.
- The Comet did a nice job reporting on the three well attended HHIC meetings. Good information was given out and questions were fully answered. Segment 3 design is being changed to reflect the interchange move to 50W and the closing of Meridian Road. It is still an open question on how to get the road improved from 750N to the light at 75 and 218 in Camden. The County Commissioners intended to replace the bridge on 50W but the County Council blocked those plans.

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

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Peter F. Wagoner, President

Richard Fite, Vice-President

Andrew Kelly, Member

ATTEST:

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer