

Minutes

Camden Town Council

Regular Meeting

February 12, 2009

Following the public meetings held for the housing rehabilitation grant and the downtown revitalization grant, the regular meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order at 7:20pm by President Peter Wagoner. Present were Council Members Richard Fite and Andy Kelly, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, town attorney Anne Briggs and six guests.

The minutes from the January 8th Council Meeting were approved by a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly. The February docket was also approved by a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Grants Updated Information

- Wastewater project – The preliminary permit from IDEM was received this week and is being reviewed. Work is expected to start in April or as soon as weather permits. The contract has been signed with R.E. Crosby for construction.
- Restrooms for the emergency shelter – Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corp, has prepared a Carroll County REMC Community Trust grant application requesting \$8,500 for the restrooms. Letters seeking donations will also be mailed to The Anderson's and Select Seed. Permission to proceed with the funding search was granted by a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly.
- Capital Equipment sought – An application will be submitted to Federal Surplus Property, Indianapolis, requesting a late model sedan for use as a police cruiser, a late model three quarter ton pick-up for town services, a trash pump to deal with flooding and general municipal use and a portable generator for emergency response.

HHC and 75 Extension Projects

Mr. Wagoner reported a meeting was held with INDOT in Delphi today on the HHC. No changes are planned and the schedule is still set for 2015 for total completion. Citizens have noticed some of the bridges are under construction in Carroll County and land acquisition is started. The road is still being modified in design to accommodate highway 75 extending north and intersecting with the HHC.

Carroll County Economic Development Corporation

Mr. Daryl Smith, EDC Director, gave a brief update on their 2009 Board of Directors and Officers. Also discussed were “shovel-ready” sights in Carroll County that might attract new businesses and new jobs. Mr. Wagoner supported the sites stating Camden would benefit if jobs were created anywhere in the County but went on to ask about the third site. A major industry would be interested in rail access because “cheap fuel” is a thing of the past. Mr. D. Smith stated there are not very many places in the state with a four lane highway, water, wastewater, fiber-optic, gas, rail and eclectic. Mr. Wagoner expressed this site needs to be a high priority because it has a good potential for creating jobs in the county. The question of why this is still “being pursued” and not “nailed down” was asked for Mr. D. Smith. Mr. Wagoner stated the mapping for the extension is still unknown. Another guest asked if anyone had expressed an interest in selling their land. Mr. Wagoner stated the project is not at that point. The other two sites are suitable for light industry and this sight will be more suitable for heavy industry. Mr. D. Smith stated the railroad will be drawing up some options and foreign countries may have an interest in a few years.

Mr. D. Smith next explained T.I.F. Districts and how they could finance utilities in the area.

Miscellaneous Business

- Unity Healthcare is renting the doctor’s office space on a month-to-month basis. Some maintenance issues have come up for which the town will take responsibility. The roof leaked due to ice build up and damaged a ceiling, wall and carpeting. Mold has developed and will need removed. Fite’s Construction submitted an estimate of \$1,900 for labor and material to remove the carpet, remove a wall, kill mold and fix the roof. To avoid a conflict of interest, Mr. Fite excused himself from the discussion of repairs to the building. The Council decided not to replace the carpet or finish the walls until it is known how the building will be used. Fite’s estimate was accepted by a motion from Mr. Kelly.
- Mr. Wagoner is still in communication with Unity about bringing a doctor to Camden. There is an interest in staffing the office and Unity will have further

discussion during a meeting next week. Their initial plan to have the doctors in Rossville oversee the office did not work out so other options are being considered.

- There are no updates on animal control.
- The alley behind the Lutheran Church may need a catch basin and not just graded. Mr. Kelly will investigate.
- Jackson Township Trustee, Bill Dittman, is planning a meeting at the Community Building to educate citizens on the impact of the Kernan/Shepard Study. The Town Council, Trustee and Board will meet soon to discuss issues in an effort to minimize the impact of the proposed plan on the library, park, cemetery and fire department.
- The Town Office will be closed February 16th for President's Day.
- The American Legion will sponsor a Broasted Chicken dinner on March 11th at the Community Building.
- The Community Club will have a Fish Fry on March 21st.
- Max Rude was allowed a second adjustment to his water bill. His leak carried over from one month's billing to a second billing. Motion to adjust made by Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 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