

Minutes

Regular Meeting

Camden Town Council

February 13, 2007

The regular meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order at 7:30 by Council President Peter Wagoner following the adjournment of two public hearing meetings. Present were Council Member Andy Robison, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, attorney Anne Briggs and twenty-one guests. Member Michele Everett was absent.

The minutes from the February 20th meeting were accepted by a motion from Mr. Robison. Minutes of the March 6th Planning Meeting could not be approved due to proper quorum of members present at that meeting.

The docket for March was approved by a motion from Mr. Robison.

Rainy Day Transfer

Resolution 2007-B, Rainy Day Transfer, was read by Mr. Robison and accepted. The Clerk-Treasurer explained the state allows 10% of the prior year's total budget to be transferred into a Rainy Day Fund if that amount remains in the budget. The Town's budget allowed for \$31,836 to be transferred into the fund.

Countertop Damage

Following negotiations with TAP Enterprises a settlement was reached on repairs to the countertops on the east side of the community building. Mr. Rohrabaugh had notice the tops were damaged by chain saws at the last tool sale but there were delays in getting back with the company. The original tops were installed by Wolf Countertops who submitted a bid of \$1200 for replacements. The initial plan was to have the scratches filled as best possible but that process would not work. This resulted in the need to replace the surface. TAP Enterprises offered to pay \$300 - \$350 toward replacement. Mr. Robeson made the motion to accept the settlement with the stipulation the company would not be allowed to have further sales here. Motion passed.

Nuisance Ordinance Violation Updates

Three follow-up letters were mailed to residents who have made no attempt to come into compliance with the nuisance ordinance. One of those three did contact the town office to inform the Clerk-Treasurer that their problem had been corrected. Mr. Wagoner reminded people the Council was lenient due to the poor weather but it is time to correct the violations. He requested the marshal do a follow-up inspection and then Mrs. Briggs is to proceed with the legal action in one week on those who have not contacted the

office. Marshal Mullin is to inspect properties and compose a letter for those who have corrected some of the violation commending them on the work but reminding them to finish cleaning up.

Camden Elementary School

Mr. Wagoner discussed the Delphi Community School Board meeting held March 12th and the options for the Camden school. The proposals were lined out in the Lafayette Journal & Currier Newspaper, copies of which were distributed. The Town Council and community would prefer for the school to remain K-5th grades. There are three major plans being discussed by the School Board: consolidating Hillcrest and Camden – grades K&1 at Camden and 2-5 at Hillcrest; leave Camden K-5 but have students from Jackson, Liberty and Rock Creek Twps. only; grades 4&5 at Camden and the others at Hillcrest. The strong interest in this topic was evident by the two hundred attendees at the School Board meeting. The School Board suggested people attend their April meeting and also watch the paper in the event a special meeting is called. Mr. Wagoner reminded people to follow-up with a signed letter or send an e-mail. If there is no public out-cry, some type of change will take place.

Meeting with Duke Energy

Six representatives from Duke Energy met with Mr. Wagoner, Mrs. Casserly, Mr. Snavelly and two representatives from the Town of Flora to discuss the dissatisfaction with the company during the past snowstorm. Mr. Wagoner stated it was an excellent meeting. The communities had a real concern during the storm and were very disturbed with the lack of communication. The company brought in data on the outages which showed an increase in the number of outages and the length of time the power was off. Steps are being taken to correct the problem – they will look at all the distributions and feeds to Camden to see if they are at acceptable standards. Duke Energy agreed the customer service had been poor and improvements were forthcoming. Contact phone numbers were provided should an event arise in the future. In conclusion, Mr. Wagoner felt it was a very good meeting.

During the discussion on Duke Energy, Chuck Foreman, Fire Chief, stated he would like to contact someone at Duke Energy. The fire department assisted the company for 2½ hours when a wire was down and has not been compensated. Jack Hatke asked the department to watch over the line while a crew came from Lafayette. Because this job was outside their responsibility as a department and fees compensation is due.

Town Fire Truck

Mr. Foreman informed the Council the town's fire truck has a valve that is allowing water to get into the pump. The cost to repair the valve will be \$355. His suggestion was to have the repair done when the truck was taken to RPI in Tipton for the ISL certification. The certification will cost \$275. Following discussion, the Council

approved having the valve repaired at certification and compensating the driver \$50. The work is expected to be done soon.

Youth Day Parade

Ms. Barb Rude came before the Council to request the usual streets be closed during the Youth Day Parade on June 2nd starting at 10:00 a.m. A map was presented marking the streets that are to be closed along with the paperwork from INDOT which gave permission to close the highway during the parade. The request was granted by a motion from Mr. Robison. Mr. Snavelly was instructed to put up barricades and “No Parking” signs parade morning. The theme this year is “Camden, A Town of Loyalty and Pride”. Ms. Susan Rice also requested the use of the town’s video camera – permission granted.

Alley Question

Lee Click had requested time at the meeting to question two alleys on the east end of Main Street. These allies had been discussed at prior meetings but further clarification was requested. Mr. Wagoner stated the alley in question at Pizza King was taken care of because the town has an easement there and can get to the lift station. Mrs. Briggs explained the other alley in question was open by prescription – it is a way that has been used by the public for more than twenty years therefore it is open for use even without an easement. Mr. Click was asked if anyone was trying to deny him access to his property to which he answered no. If there are any problems with someone denying access, Mr. Click was advised to get back with the Council.

Miscellaneous Business

1. Due to State Board of Accounts called schooling, the Clerk-Treasurer asked for the June Council meeting to be rescheduled. Council agreed to hold the June meeting on the 5th.
2. Darrell Smith, Carroll County Economic Development Director spoke briefly. He would like to set a date with the Council to discuss their vision for the town.
3. The Council plans to move ahead with preparing an emergency shelter. Richard Fite is investigation what the Community Building needs for power and additional restrooms. The town needs to be prepared to handle a local, short term emergency.
4. Melissa Red Elk, Fall Festival Representative, advised the Council more help is needed for the event. A new aspect will be a town-wide open house on homes for sale by realtors and homeowner.
5. The Clerk-Treasurer was asked to prepare a sidewalk replacement program.

Being as there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 by a motion from Mr. Robison.

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Peter F. Wagoner, President

Andrew Robison, Member

Michele Everett, Member

ATTEST:

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer