

Minutes

March 6, 2007

Town Council Meeting

Setting Goals

The properly advertised public meeting was called to determine goals the Council will set for 2007. Present were Council President Pete Wagoner, Member Michele Everett, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, Jerry Snavely and four guests. Member Andy Robison was absent.

Alley/Yard Damage

An issue of importance to Evetta Recher was addressed first. Concern was expressed about damage being done to the alley and possibly her yard, depending on the exact location of the alley, by Wabash Valley Trash Service. The company is responsible for removing the rubble from a burnt home on Main Street and uses the alley to deliver and remove dumpsters. Mrs. Recher stated she was not sure if the damage to the alley was her concern or the town's. Mr. Wagoner stated the property would need to be returned to its original condition no matter who owns it and instructed Jerry Snavely to inspect the area for determination by taking a measurement.

Nuisance Ordinance

The town is following up on the original letters concerning junk cars and trash. Deputy Marshal Chapman has visited with Anne Briggs and will write four letters warning people they are not in compliance. Marshal Mullin is in the process of writing letters thanking those who have acted on the directive to maintain their property. Spring cleanup was set for April 26, 2007, with the approval of Waste Management.

Wastewater Improvement Grant

Mr. Wagoner stated the grant application is moving along and letters of support from the citizens/businesses were needed. Citizens asked what the letters should say and asked for ideas. Some type of sample letter will be composed to help the residence.

2007 Goals

1. Sidewalk Project – some type of project will be done but the details are yet to be worked out.

2. Emergency Shelter- the recent blizzard brought the necessity of a shelter to light. Currently, there is no central location available in town. Richard Fite has accepted the challenge of finding grants and formatting plans to make the community building suitable to use as a shelter. Additional restrooms will be required in addition to some type of a generator. Due to the Community Building being constructed in cement block and metal trusses, a separate addition would cost less than trying to remodel. Mr. Fite currently favors a natural gas, fixed unit large enough to run the furnaces and lights.

Mr. Wagoner sent a letter to Duke Energy and IURC in regards to the lack of communication during the storm. A meeting will be at the Library on Monday, March 12th, with Duke Energy, the town and possibly Flora representatives to discuss information being available to town's representatives.

3. Concern was expressed about the Camden Elementary School remaining in town. People were encouraged to attend the upcoming school board meeting to learn more. Numerous plans will be proposed as to how the building should be used.

4. Mr. Snively stated the cross connection ordinance needs updated. He will contact Rural Water for guidance on the check valves. Cree Funeral Home is the one area he is most concerned about for back-flow protection. At one time, the opinion was to have a valve in every home but here was concern about homeowners needing expansion chambers. The check valves are to protect the customers from contamination. Valves are normally added when service is changed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 with a motion from Mrs. Everett.

Camden Town Council

Peter F. Wagoner, President

Andrew Robison, Member

Michele Everett, Member

ATTEST:

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer