

Minutes

Camden Town Council Regular Meeting April 12, 2012

Prior to calling the regular meeting to order, the Council met with a group from the Branding Committee to discuss the new marketing program to promote Carroll County. Laura Walls, CCEDC Director, introduced Deborah Abbott and Alex Bowsher, Hiron & Company. Ms. Walls told the Council *the Focus on the Future* identified the need for unifying the county under a common brand. The EDC, Chamber of Commerce, *Focus on the Future* and others have been working to complete this task with the help of Hiron. Presentations have been made to the other county communities for their input and feedback. The goal is to “roll out” the new brand next month.

Ms. Abbott stated there have been several focus group meetings to learn the essence of Carroll County. These meetings have narrowed the theme to three options which are now ready for presentation. Ms. Abbott asked those in attendance questions on: what is unique about Carroll County, ability to experience the county’s natural history, the importance of being centrally located, safety of the communities, natural beauty, and historic features.

The three forms of branding were explained: Universal Branding, Co-Branding and Independent Branding. Carroll County will have co-branding – all communities will have their own identity under the same umbrella. Three options were reviewed. The citizens offered a fourth option, combining option 2 & 3, as their preferred choice. The colors offered were not well received and bolder colors were requested. This meeting ended at 7:15

The regular meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order at 7:15 by President Richard Fite, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Members Kandance Funk and Jeff Sieber, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, Attorney Anne Briggs and eight guests.

The minutes from the March 8th Council Meeting were approved by a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Sieber and the April Docket was approved following a motion from Mr. Sieber, seconded by Ms. Funk.

Mr. Sieber was thanked for getting the banners hang by the City of Delphi Street Department. Mr. Fite also thanked everyone who helped with the HHIC Luncheon held in Camden on April 10th. Pete Wagoner gave a brief statement on the successful meeting and thanked everyone on behalf of the HHC Board.

Water Project Update

Viki Powers, Grant Administrator, informed the Council there was a request for an \$8,000 change order with the project. This order will cover extra expenses associated

with completing the project and includes: unknown underground telephone cables and encroachments into the right-of-ways of homeowner fences, additional time and material needed to facilitate the project. The Council and Mr. Snavelly had questions on this order and table the decision until after a meeting can be held with Mr. Smith for clarification. The Certificate of Substantial Completion and final pay claim will be filed with the state once change order is approved. Mrs. Powers told the Council the final claim must be submitted by April 30th or an extension will be needed.

Mr. Sieber asked to have more stone put in certain drives due to the cut area sinking. He feels larger gravel is needed.

Curtis George informed the Council the two fir trees and a lilac bush had not been removed, as was promised as part of this project. Before the project began, he was advised they would die due to roots being disturbed and they were bought to be cut down. They are still in the right-of-way and he feels they are starting to die. Mr. Snavelly said the crew worked around the trees so they were not in the immediate path of the project. Mr. George said he was paid for the trees with the understanding they would be removed and he would like to have the trees cut. These items will be discussed in the change order meeting.

Ordinance Issues

1. Ordinance 2012-1, An Ordinance Authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Camden, Indiana, to Deposit, Invest and Reinvest Funds in Local Financial Institutions Designated as Depositories, was approved by a motion from Mr. Sieber.
2. Courts have upheld that pot-bellied pigs are a pet not a farm animal and as such, they are outside the realm of **Ordinance 81-3, Regulating Certain Animals in Town** but would fall under **Ordinance 2008-5, Relating to the Control of Dogs or Cats or Other Animals in the Town of Camden.**
3. The request of Brad Salisbury to maintain pet hens at 179 S. Sanderson Street was tabled. **Ordinance 81-3** does not allow fowl in town and Attorney Briggs advised the Council to not make an exception for just one person. If an exception is made, it will need to apply to all citizens to avoid legal issues.
4. A citizen at 157 N Monroe asked the office about planting flowers on the west side of their home. This area is a public walkway but the sidewalk is in disrepair. Although the citizen did not appear at the meeting to make a direct request, the Council was advised by Mrs. Briggs that plants in this area would be in violation of the nuisance ordinance because they would block the walkway. The request was denied.

Trash Bid

The Council and Clerk-Treasurer reviewed the information prepared by Mrs. Briggs for the trash contract. Suggestions were made and Mrs. Briggs will prepare the bid and legal ad.

Miscellaneous Items

1. Bill Dittman asked to have the regular streets closed August 17, 18 and 19 for the horse and tractor pulls. Permission was granted.
2. Spring cleanup will be May 24th.
3. The parade and fish fry will be June 2nd.
4. Habitat for Humanity will host a breakfast on June 9th.
5. Town wide garage sales will be July 21st.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25

Camden Town Council

Richard Fite, President

Kandance Funk, Vice President

Jeff Sieber, Member

ATTEST:

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer