

Minutes

Camden Town Council

Regular Meeting

April 9, 2009

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the regular meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order at 7:00pm by President Peter Wagoner. Present were Council Members Richard Fite and Andy Kelly, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, town attorney Anne Briggs and five guests.

The minutes from the March 12th regular Council Meeting were approved by a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

The April docket was also approved by a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Items for Consideration on the May docket

Jerry Snavelly presented a quote from BL Anderson for two Wips Trancievers, antenna cable adapters, surge protectors and installation totaling \$3556. The current system has not functioned properly for the past few years and requires manual control. Mr. Snavelly explained how the radios worked and stated there have been problems for the last five years. The town's current program and systems are no longer used. The suggested product is used in several systems. Mr. Fite made the motion to move ahead with the purchase, seconded by Mr. Kelly and passed.

Goodrich Quality Mechanical submitted a preseason service agreement offering two maintenance calls per year to inspect the heating and cooling systems in the community building. As part of the agreement, the town's emergency calls would be given priority. The total cost is \$245.50 or heating only is offered for \$120. Motion to table the suggestion until the May meeting was accepted.

Mr. Wagoner signed Draw Down #4 on the wastewater grant for Cornerstone Grants Management in the amount of \$1550.

Spring Clean Up

Several opportunities will be offered to the citizens of Camden to clean up their property this spring. Waste Management provides trash service on a weekly basis. They will take large items if their office is called ahead of time. They are not allowed to accept

construction material, hazardous material, leaves, or appliances with Freon. The hazardous items will be accepted at the Carroll County Fair Grounds on July 25th. Jackson Township will be collecting scrap metal again this year. The dumpster will be in the Community Building parking lot from May 15th – 26th. The town wide spring cleanup is scheduled for May 21st. Items need to be at the curb the night before because the trash trucks usually come to town early in the day. Town employees will continue to pick up bagged leaves, sticks and brush. Call the town office to let them know items are at the curb for pick up. The Camden Woman's Literary Club will be picking up litter along streets on May 16th. INDOT has promised to sweep along the curbs of Main Street before mid May. As a service project, the Jackson Township 4-H Club will perform their annual community service of planting flowers in the pots for along Main Street.

The Marshals will expect compliance with the town's nuisance and junk vehicle ordinances after May 25th. A few letters have been sent to properties in need of attention but they will "be easy" until after the 25th.

Wastewater Project

Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corp, presented a brief update on the wastewater project. The drawings are finished and waiting for official approval. He expects digging to begin by April 15th. Mr. Wagoner stated again this is a project not too many people will be aware of because most of it will be out of view. The town received the new permit from IDEM based on this project being done so now it is time to begin.

Downtown Revitalization Project

Mr. Smith, Municipal Civil Corp, was awarded the project and reports progress is underway. Mr. Wagoner read a letter from Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman announcing the town received a \$29,700 planning grant from the Small Cities and Towns Community Development Block Grant program. This funding will get the downtown project started by allowing the planning to take place. Once this phase is completed, the town will apply for a grant to do the actual work. By the 27th, the surveying, aerial photos to prepare the exhibits, environmental review and public hearings will be underway or completed. An aerial view of Camden is on display in the town office. The goal is to have two public hearing with interested citizens and organizations to gather their input on the direction the community should take. Mr. Smith would like to have this completed by June 15th. He has been advised there will be Disaster Recovery Funds and a third round of CFF money available.

Mr. Smith is also working on securing funds to additional restrooms and showers for the community building. These facilities are needed in the event the building is used as an emergency shelter. The Carroll County REMC announced today the town was awarded a \$4,000 grant to help fund the project. Applications will be sent to the Carroll County Community Foundation and Lowe's Foundation for additional support.

Medical Facility

Mr. Wagoner reported little has changed with the doctor's office. He has been in contact with Unity and they will be sending letters to primary care physicians in economically distressed areas to see if there is an interest in relocating to Camden.

Hoosier Heartland Corridor Update

There was a meeting today in Peru which was attended by Mr. Wagoner. The Hoosier Heartland Corridor Group and INDOT are looking at ways to improve the older HHC and connect I-65 with I-69 around the town of Roanoke. The project is not part of the current plan but is a project for the future. Mr. Wagoner presented a letter to Mike Reed, Commissioner for IDOT, concerning the town's concerns for the extension of highway 75 north to intersect with the HHC. In part the letter expressed the town's support of the HHC, appreciation of the interchange for SR 75 at the HHC, stated the project was a county road project paid with federal funds and county match, it was a three mile section of road and concluded this was not a viable plan for Carroll County. He requested INDOT assume the project and work with Carroll County and The Troyer Group for a successfully completed project. The preliminary engineering work has the "Notice to Proceed" and the county funds will cover 1/3 of the engineering work. Mr. Wagoner's letter went on to state the road connecting a state highway (HHC) and a state highway (75) should not be a county road and years ago plans were made to extend 75 north to Highway 24 and not end as it now does in Camden. The County can not secure local funds in a timely manner to see this project to completion and INDOT was asked to assume the responsibility.

Mr. Wagoner spoke with county officials and they agreed the match funds would not happen. This is a meaningful economic development project that will benefit the entire county and is too important to be indefinitely delayed.

Road Salt Purchase for 2009

Mr. Snively informed the Council IACT has worked with the state for fair purchase pricing on road salt for this winter. They would like to have a co-operative purchase of salt and need to know if Camden is interested in participating. Mr. Snively said there are approximately 7-8 tons of salt remaining from the 27 tons bought last winter. IACT request those submitting an amount commit to taking 80%. Mr. Fite made the motion to ask for 30 tons of salt and accepting at least 24 tons. Motion seconded by Mr. Kelly and passed.

Miscellaneous Business

- Jeff Sieber, Preservation Society, asked the Council if they would help purchase banners for the downtown. He would like to order a total of twelve banners in three styles. Two versions would have "Camden" written on them and the third

style would say “Welcome”. The banners selected are printed on both sides, have no additional fee for imprinting, are heavy weight and have a three year warranty. The Preservation Society has about \$400 left from funds given by the 175th Celebration. This would buy four banners and two additional ones are committed by another organization. Mr. Sieber will be sending letters to churches and local organizations asking them to purchase banners. In the meantime, Mr. Sieber is asking the Council to purchase the banners and then be reimbursed as funds become available. The Clerk-Treasurer explained once the funds were spent from the line item in the budget, the line could not be increased as repayment funds arrive. Once the money was spent from the budget, it could not be added back in. Mr. Fite made the motion to purchase the five banners for the town. Mr. Sieber is to continue searching for funds to reimburse the town. Motion seconded by Mr. Kelly and passed.

- A Severe weather Procedure brochure is in the town office for those interested. It explains the difference in a “watch” and a “warning” and offers suggestions on storm safety.
- Youth Day Parade is June 6th at 10:00 am.
- 2010 Census will begin soon. Citizens were reminded they are required by law to participate. An accurate count is very important to the community because it determines the some of the tax revenue the town receives.
- Camden Community Club perch and smelt fish fry will be June 13th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 by a motion from Mr. Kelly

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Peter F. Wagoner, President

Richard Fite, Vice-President

Andrew Kelly, Member

ATTEST:

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer