

Minutes

Camden Town Council Regular Meeting May 12, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order at 7:00pm by President Peter Wagoner with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Member Andy Kelly, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, attorney Anne Briggs and eleven guests. Member Richard Fite was absent.

The minutes from the April 11th Council Meeting and the May Docket were approved by motions from Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Wagoner.

Housing Project

Five homes are in the final stage of being repaired as part of the Housing Rehab Project. These should be completed by month-end and then closeout of the grant will begin.

Maggie Wertz made the request to have her lien temporarily lifted to allow her to refinance the home. She submitted a letter stating her situation and her willingness to pay the release of lien fee. Mrs. Briggs requested something in writing from Star Development to say there would be no problem in releasing and reapplying a lien. The Council agreed to release the lien for 90 days after receiving the letter as long as Ms. Wertz agrees to pay all fees associated with releasing and reapplying a lien. Once she has the letter, Mrs. Briggs will draft up the necessary documents.

Ordinance Issues

Four property owners received letter concerning violation of the nuisance ordinance for tall grass and the need to clean up their yards. The Marshals will follow-up to be sure the work is done. If not, a second letter will be sent.

An ordinance prohibiting the parking of cars along Main Street for an extended time is being drafted by Mrs. Briggs. A draft was given to the Council for review and will be considered at the next meeting.

One guest asked if the town had an ordinance regulating the use of ATVs and/or golf carts on the town streets. The town does not but state guidelines are to be followed. The guest asked the Council to consider an ordinance for safety and so citizens would know what is allowed.

Water Distribution Project

Contracts have been signed for the water distribution project: F&K Construction (\$648,050) for construction work and Municipal Civil Corporation (\$90,000) for

engineering services. Construction is expected to begin in late July and will last about four months. . A pre-construction meeting, as required by OCRA, will be held May 20th, 10:00 am, at the town office.

Jerry Snavely asked to include a change in the chlorination process as part of the plan. The town now uses gas and he feels liquid would be a safer product. The cost of bleach would be more but the cost to repair the equipment would be lessened. The chlorination equipment wears out quickly due to the effects of the chemical. A decision on this will wait until later in the project. During prior discussions the Council considered funding additional fire hydrant repair/replacement if there were surplus funds

Utility Bill Issues

Michael Gurnick asked to Council to grant an adjustment to his May bill. He was given an adjustment on his April bill but the leak with his water softener carried through two billing cycles. The problem has been corrected and he is back to his normal usage. Mr. Kelly made the motion to adjust his water bill reducing it to \$66.06. Motion passed.

Ordinance 2011-1, An Ordinance Establishing Rates and Charges for the Use and Services Rendered by the Waterworks of the Town of Camden and Ordinance, 2011-2, An Ordinance Amending Rates and Charges for the Use and Services Rendered by the Town of Camden Sewer Works Utility were introduced. Discussion was held during the April meeting explaining the need to adjust the utilities rates and the impact the changes would have on the customers. A letter was also sent to all customers explaining why the rates needed to be increased. An independent consultant was hired to review the rates and determine what the charges need to be to maintain the systems. Three rate options were given and the Council selected the most conservative increase. A public hearing on the new rates will be held on May 31st at 7:00 in the Camden-Jackson Twp Library following a motion from Mr. Kelly.

Ordinance 2011-3 Amended Relating to Trash Removal Rates Through August 15, 2012 was introduced. This ordinance will keep the trash removal rated the same (\$12.80) through August 15, 2012. Mr. Kelly made the motion to pass the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Wagoner and passed. A new contract will be put out for bid in 2012.

Annexation

Part of the Jackson Township Park and Part of the Camden Cemetery

Mr. Wagoner explained the proposed annexations have been discussed during the past few council meetings and was discussed during past meetings with the Township Trustee and Advisory Board. The goal of the proposed annexations is to protect these properties should changes come in the structure of local government. Both of these properties have a portion in the township and a portion within the town limits. The annexation would place both within the town but would have no effect on ownership. An in-depth discussion was held with two members of the Cemetery Board, Ron Wertz and John

Reppert. A public hearing on the annexation will be held July 20th, 7:00 pm, at the Library. *Ordinance 2011-4, Annexation of Portion of Park and Cemetery* and the Fiscal Plan were read by Mr. Wagoner. By a motion from Mr. Kelly, the annexation process will proceed with posting, advertising and mailing of the notices of the public hearing.

Miscellaneous Items

1. Spring cleanup is May 19th – Jackson Twp. will do another scrap metal drive as a fund raiser for the park.
2. Hazardous waste pickup will be at the Flora Park on July 23rd.
3. Youth Day parade is June 4th at 10:00. Stacy Foreman asked to have the usual street closed and “No Parking” signs along Main Street – motion approved. Habitat for Humanity will host a breakfast at the Community Center from 6:30 until 9:30. Flora will be contacted about sweeping the streets prior to the parade.
4. The Community Club will have a fish fry on June 11th.
5. The town-wide garage sale will be July 16th.
6. Mr. Wertz asked if the curb by his house that was damaged by the county highway department snow plow could be repaired. The conciseness was probably no – the repair would not hold. Mr. Wertz also mentioned a bicycle safety program is needed for the youth.
7. Jeff Sieber asked the Council if they would sponsor the Pageant by purchasing the crowns again this year. Mr. Kelly moved to purchase the crowns; seconded by Mr. Wagoner and passed. The pageant will be August 27th at the Community Center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Camden Town Council

Peter F. Wagoner, President

Richard Fite, Vice-President

Andrew Kelly, Member

ATTEST:

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer