

Minutes

Camden Town Council

Regular Meeting

May 13, 2010

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

The April 8th minutes and the May docket were approved by motions from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Wagoner. Mrs. Casserly requested the Council's approval to use the town's credit card to pay for her room at the ILMCT Conference and State Called June School. Permission was given by a motion from Mr. Fite.

Refund from Wastewater Project to Rainy Day Fund

Shortly before the wastewater project was started, the Town was required to send \$45,000 to the SRF for a polish reactor, which was not in the original plan. This money was taken from the general and rainy day funds. The Town was refunded \$32,894.74. These funds were deposited into the general fund because there is no allowance for a refund in rainy day fund. By a motion from Mr. Fite, *Resolution 2010-3 Rainy Day Fund Transfer*, moved \$27,039.50 from the general fund to the rainy day fund. This transfer distributed the money back into the funds by the same percent as it was taken.

New Street Banners

New street banners, sponsored by TDS, arrived this week. Since the local TDS crew does not have a bucket truck, arrangements are being made to have a field service crew bring a truck from New Richmond to install the brackets and banners. Mr. Wagoner stated the banners were purchased thanks to a \$1,500 donation from the company and was part of the agreement signed to settle the payphone dispute.

Payphone Removal

Following a discussion on the cost to have the payphone and its limited use, Mr. Fite made the motion for Mrs. Casserly to contact Payphone Manager, Inc. and have the phone removed. Motion carried.

Grant Updates

1. Those homeowners who qualified for Indiana Housing Authority Rehab Project (\$250,000) will be notified by phone on Friday. The persons who will not be serviced this round will receive notice by mail. Local contractors are encouraged to bid for the work. The contractors who follow the jobs are “swamped” and the use of local contractors would help the work in Camden to be completed quicker.
2. The construction of the wastewater project is complete except for the fencing and the work site “landscaped” with the removal of rocks and seeding. The engineer has contracted this work out. Once the grant is monitored the grant will be closed out. Mr. Snavelly mentioned the permit classification for the wastewater was changed by IDEM resulting in more testing. Twice the chemicals will be required at a cost of about \$5,500 per year. The allowed limits were also lowered, making them harder to meet. A softener and RO system were purchased (about \$1,000) and once it is installed the DI water tanks will be eliminated, saving the town money.
3. The site visit for the water line project was held Thursday afternoon. The project will be funded by Disaster Recovery funds and is expected to cost \$737,875. No local match is required. The project will replace old 2” and 4” lines, replace some fire hydrants, add a couple of new hydrants and add shut off valves to the system.
4. The Marshal is still waiting for the new police car. Mann Chevrolet in Flora expects delivery to be next week.
5. Announcements for the CFF grant for the downtown project (\$500,000) will be made Friday.
6. Mr. Ken Smith presented drawings for the new restrooms and asked for clarification of the walls (2x4 inside walls were approved) and the installation of a grinder (approximately \$2,000) for the wastewater due to the line not having the necessary slope. The existing electrical panel will be used since it is tied in to the emergency generator.

- Mr. Smith stated the ARRA/DOE Energy Efficiency Grants should be announced in the next couple of weeks.

Local Ordinances:

Most people are doing a good job keeping their property in compliance with the local ordinances but there are a few who will be receiving a reminder from the marshal to clean up the property and mow.

Mr. Fite expresses concern about people going through the alley by his house at a high rate of speed.

Miscellaneous Items:

- Memorial Hospital is pleased with the increase in patient volume at the Medical Center. Mr. Wagoner encouraged citizens to use the facility.
- There are no update on the HHC and 75 Extension projects.
- The 2010 Census workers are going door to door and calling people who did not turn their forms in before the due date.
 - The Community Building kitchen was painted by Christian Brothers Painting. The cabinets were cleaned on the inside and will be painted inside with community service help.
 - The Jackson Livewire 4-H Club planted flowers in pots which will be placed around town.
 - The Emporium vacated Masonic Lodge Building and a new business is being sought. Mr. Wagoner stated the town will do what it can to help attract a new business.
- 2010 Spring Clean-up will be on Thursday, May 20th. Citizens were reminded to have the trash to the curb the evening before because pickup may be earlier than normal.
- Jackson Twp. will have a scrap metal container available starting May 18th at the Community Center lot. Tom and Jerry have volunteered to pick up metal if people can not get it to the container on their own.
- The Town Office will be closed for Memorial Day 31st.
- Youth Parade will be Saturday morning, June 5 at 10:00 am. Habitat for Humanity will host a sausage and gravy breakfast from 6:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.
- Community Club Fish Fry is set for Saturday, June 12th.
- An antique tractor pull planned at park on July 4th.

- The Town-Wide Garage Sales is planned for Saturday, July 24th. A sign-up sheet is in the office or Deb Foreman can be contacted. Maps will be prepared listing the ones who have signed up. The Preservation Society will have a lunch.
- Hazardous material will be collected at the 4-H park in Flora on July 24th from 8:00 until noon.
- There will be a toy tractor show in the Community Building in September
- The horse pull is planned for July 18th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 by a motion from Mr. Fite.

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Peter F. Wagoner, President

Richard Fite, Vice-President

Andrew Kelly, Member

ATTEST:

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer