

Minutes

Camden Town Council

Regular Meeting

May 14, 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 three guests.

The minutes from the April 9th regular Council Meeting were approved by a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

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

Service Agreement

The preseason service agreement with Goodrich Quality Mechanical was brought before the Council after being tabled at the April meeting. Members reviewed the services offered and concluded the agreement would be advantageous. Mr. Fite made the motion to accept the plan offering inspections for both the heating and cooling systems at \$245.50. Motion seconded by Mr. Kelly and passed.

Spring Clean Up

Camden Spring Clean-Up will be May 21st. Items need to be at the curb the night before because the trash trucks usually come to town early in the day. Citizens are reminded that no hazardous material will be picked up. Hazardous items and tires 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. Funds raised from this project will be used by the Township for upgrades to the park. 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 the parade on June 6th. As a service project, the Jackson Township 4-H Club performed their annual community service of planting flowers in the pots for along Main Street. A thank you note was send to Jana Rouhier. Tom and Jerry distributed the flower pots to their regular spots along Main Street.

The Marshals will expect compliance with the town's nuisance and junk vehicle ordinances after May 25th. A tour of the town will be made after May 25th and letters mailed to residents not in compliance.

Wastewater Project

Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corp, informed the Council some material was dropped off for the project. Construction will start May 27th and should be completed in 60 days. Mr. Smith contacted the construction company's performance bond holder due to their failure to start work on the project and the constraints imposed by the grant timeline. If the project is not completed the performance bond, which is equal to the total cost of the project, will cover the cost of getting it done.

Mr. Wagoner stated Tom and Jerry have been doing a lot of work in the wastewater lagoon area in anticipation of the project starting soon. REMC has also been working on moving power lines and doing what they can so their work is finished before construction starts.

Downtown Revitalization Project

The first public participation meeting for the Downtown Revitalization Project was held on May 11th. Mr. Smith conducted the meeting and discussed improvement options with the citizens. People were given surveys to complete so Mr. Smith will have a better understanding of what the town's people would like to see in the downtown area. Extra survey's are in the town office. Surveys were also mailed to the businesses and people living in the project scope area. Two additional meetings are planned – May 20th (1:30pm) and May 27th (7:00pm). Both meetings will be held at the library.

The "Release of Funds and Authorization to Incur Cost" notice was received from the Office of Community & Rural Affairs. Being as the town's attorney, Anne Briggs, had an opportunity to review the "Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and

Engineer for Study and Report Professional Services” and found it to be in order, Mr. Fite made the motion to approve the contract, seconded by Mr. Kelly and passed.

Once the planning phase is complete the town intends to apply for a grant to do the construction work outlined in the study. The town would like to complete the study in time to apply for the second round of grants in 2009. Funding for part of the anticipated work is also being sought through INDOT. Notification was given from INDOT that the work qualifies for the stimulus package but this does not guarantee funding.

Hoosier Heartland Corridor Update

The Hoosier Heartland Corridor Coalition and INDOT had an update meeting on Tuesday. Concerns had been expressed that the poor economy would have a negative effect on the project. These fears were unfounded as INDOT’s staffing is in place and the engineering firms are on pace for the project. The current challenge is the area where HHC and Delphi’s Main Street will intersect.

The design modifications for the extension of SR 75 are in place and the assumption is being made that 75 will be extended to connect with the HHC. No changes have been made in the completion date. Very early stages of construction have begun in Carroll County for the corridor.

Preliminary engineering work is also underway for the extension of SR75. Mr. Wagoner stated he had presented a letter to INDOT requesting they assume responsibility for the extension cost and not rely on the county to fund the project. He continues to support Carroll County and wrote a letter of support to the Commissioners in their efforts to secure funding through the 2010 Transportation Bill being put together by Congressman Donnelly. The project is on the Congressman’s short list and is being seriously considered for funding. It is expected to cost \$6.5 million in addition to what is already committed.

Plans for an industrial park at the intersection of the HHC and SR75 are still on the table and Mr. Wagoner has encouraged the EDC to get in touch with the Northfork and Southern Railroad. A conceptual drawing has been made of the design they perceives for the park and confirms the sight as the best place in the county for an industrial park that will provide meaningful jobs for Carroll County. More information on the plans will follow but the railroad’s interest in the plan heightens the need to get SR 75 extended per Mr. Wagoner.

Medical Facility

Unity Healthcare notified Mr. Wagoner through e-mail they will close the Camden office the end of June. The e-mail stated that it appears their efforts to bring a physician to Camden will not materialize anytime soon and they will leave the premises by June 30th. The town will look for other options for the building. Mr. Wagoner stated there is a shortage nationwide of primary care physicians and the patients that were here have relocated.

Miscellaneous Business

- The decal work on the marshal's car is starting to peel. *Vital Signs* will look at the car and design a replacement decal. Mr. Fite questioned the need to replace the decal since it had been discussed to replace the car next year. He was reminded finances have changed and it may not be possible to replace the car as originally planned. Replacing the decals was tabled until the June meeting when an estimate will be available.
- Mr. Kelly had no updates for animal control and said it had been about a year since the last meeting. Mr. Wagoner stated it was reaching the point for Camden to do something by ourselves since no other local community has expressed an interest in the project. The Council will consider options the town can afford.
- FEMA Disaster Assistance may be available to those who suffered damaged from the storms of March 8-14, 2009. Questions can be answered by calling 1-800-621-FEMA or visiting the web site www.disasterassistance.gov.
- Youth Day Parade is June 6th at 10:00 am.
- A Census Proclamation stating the Town of Camden will support the 2010 effort to achieve a full and accurate count of all people living in the town was signed by Mr. Wagoner. Mr. Wagoner and Mrs. Casserly met with a Census 2010 representative and discussed ways the community will cooperate with the effort and the importance of counting all people. Tax revenue, business interest and grants are just a few examples of ways the census count will benefit Camden. The 2010 Census will be done by mail and is a short form. The law requires that all people participate in the count. If forms are not returned the Census Bureau will make phone calls and house calls to collect data.

- Camden Community Club perch and smelt fish fry will be June 13th.
- The Town Office will be closed May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.
- The new street banners have arrived. Duke Energy has volunteered to install the brackets and hang the twelve banners along Main Street.

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

Camden Town Council

Peter F. Wagoner, President

Richard Fite, Vice-President

Andrew Kelly, Member

ATTEST:

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer