

# Minutes

## Camden Town Council

### Regular Meeting

June 10, 2010

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Public Hearing for Disaster Recovery Project was called to order at 7:00 by President Peter Wagoner. Present were Council Members Richard Fite and Andy Kelly, Legal Council Anne Briggs, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly and seven guests.

Mr. Wagoner reminded people to sign in for the meeting and introduced a letter authorizing Vicki Powers to take minutes of the public hearing. The motion to approve the letter was made by Mr. Fite and seconded by Mr. Kelly. *Resolution 2010-04* authorizing submittal of the grant was also approved. Ms. Powers explained the grant, requesting \$737,875, is due on or about July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The town committed \$30,000 to the project from the General and Rainy Day Funds which brings the total project budget to \$767,875. A planning meeting with Mr. Smith, Ms. Powers, Mr. Wagoner, Mr. Snively and fire department representative was held to determine what may need in the replacement lines. Mr. Smith will have the PER report, the budget and other information to Ms. Powers in the next few days. Mr. Wagoner asked the public if they had any questions or comments on the project. Being as there were none, the public hearing was closed.

The regular council meeting was opened with the May13th minutes being approved by a motion from Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Wagoner. The June docket was approved by a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

## Camden Health Center

Robin Deaton, who will be opening a new practice at the health center, was introduced. An explanation of her services in holistic integrative therapies (aroma and energy therapies) was given. Ms. Deaton's hours at the center will be on Monday afternoon from 12:30 until 6:00.

It was noted by Mr. Wagoner the Health Center has a problem with the air conditioner. A different company was called to work on the unit but the equipment is old and has taken a lot of service calls this summer. The leaking roof has also caused problems but Mr. Snaveley feels the problem can be corrected with larger drains which will soon be installed. A couple of small holes in the roof will also be patched.

### **Electronic Payment Option for Utility Customers**

Mrs. Casserly has found a company, PayGov, which offers electronic payment of utility bills and will not charge the town for the service. The people who choose to pay their utility bills with a credit or debit card are assessed the fee. The customer is charged a minimum fee or a percent of the bill depending on if the bill is above or below the company's minimum charge fee. The percent charged also varies on the payment option chosen – phone, internet or at the counter. References from the company were checked and other communities were satisfied with their service. A representative will be asked to visit the office to provide more information and to ensure the program will work with the town's computer system.

### **Employee Cell Phones**

Due to IRS regulations considering cell phones to be a taxable fringe benefit Mrs. Casserly asked for a change in the employee manual. The manual states the employees may use the phones for occasional personal calls. This makes the phones a taxable benefit. To avoid that issue, the ordinance will need to state employees may not use their town issued phones for personal calls and the employees will need to sign the cell phone bill stating there are no personal calls. Not all of the employees were willing to do that and instead asked to get their own phone or use their own phone. The marshal wants a town cell phone. Mrs. Briggs was asked to write an ordinance on the use of cell phones. She was instructed to include language on town issued phones, employee personal phones and stating a set amount will be paid each month for the town's business calls (no amount was determined). Also, the employees will be required to carry insurance on the phones, as now provided by the town. One employee asked to take over the town's contract on his phone. Permission was given. It was unclear what the other employee would like to do – use his current personal phone or also take over the town's contract. If he uses his own phone, the town will be responsible for the cancellation fee on the town issued phone. Motion to have the ordinance written was made by Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly and passed.

### **Grant Updates**

**Star Development** has notified the twelve homeowners who will be funded for rehab. Star has asked for help in getting local contractors to bid on the jobs. Several communities in the state have housing projects underway and contractors are hard to get. Mr. Wagoner stated these are HUD jobs and all jobs have a new lead base paint requirement. Contractors must have training and be certified by the Federal EPA to work on homes built prior to 1978. Arrangements are made to have training offered at the community building on June 25<sup>th</sup>. The one day training will be offered by White Water Environmental and will cost \$275. There is also a license fee of \$300. Up to nine people can be trained in this session.

The **wastewater project** is complete except for the landscape. Andy Robison had the area seeded but heavy rain ruined his work. Mr. Smith stated a load of dirt will be delivered on Monday and netting will be put over it to prevent it being washed away. The wastewater plant did have a problem but it was corrected by repositioning a baffle to its originally planned position. Mr. Snively stated daily sampling will be required since the plant is now classified as a Class I plant. He requested permission to purchase two all weather samplers and related equipment at a cost of \$13,050 from BL Anderson. The council asked other quotes be sought. Todal Fence has installed the farm style fence around the treatment facility.

The **Downtown Revitalization grant** application was declined. It was advised to wait out at least one round due to the large number of applications expected and perhaps try in a couple of rounds. Attention will be focused on the DR2 Water Distribution project.

Mr. Smith will meet with contractors next week and get bids for the **restroom project**.

The **new police car, funded by ARRA/JAG**, is here. Marshal Mullin is transferring equipment from the old car and getting the new one ready for service. The car still needs to have decals and then it will be ready for service.

### **Part-Time Deputy Marshal Position Vacated**

John Chapman resigned his duties as part-time Deputy Marshal and accepted a position as Chief of Police for the City of Delphi. Mr. Wagoner thanked Mr. Chapman for his service to Camden and wished him well in his new position. An executive session was held at 4:00 to interview two candidates for the job.

## **Local Ordinances Issues**

Only one property owner failed to comply with the letter to mow and clean up his yard. Due to the rain he will be given a couple of days to get it done. If it is not mowed by next week, the town will pay someone to do the job and the property owner will be billed and/or fined.

## **Street and Tree Work**

Routine street maintenance will start soon when certain streets are crack sealed and slurry sealed. Homeowners will be notified before work is done on their streets. Additionally, Rice Tree Service will be removing and trimming a few trees that were identified as rotten.

## **Miscellaneous Items**

- TDS has all but one of the new banners hung - they will be back to take care of the banner. The payphone company contract was cancelled and the phone will be removed.
- It is now required to collect 7% sales tax on the rental of the community building.
- The Christmas decoration people sent a brochure and contract for the next three years. The decision was tabled until next month on rather to have the decorations or not. Council members felt the cost was high and the funds may be better used elsewhere.
- The town's video camera, purchased in 1999, is not working properly and it needs repaired. After checking on repair cost it was decided to purchase a new video camera. Marshal Mullin was authorized to spend up to \$400 for the camera.
- The amount collected during Jackson Twp. scrap metal drive is still not known.
- Community Club Fish Fry will be Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:00 pm.
- Antique Tractor Pull at park on July 10<sup>th</sup>, (Rain Date is Sunday, July 11) in the morning. Mr. Snavelly was instructed to drop the closure signs off at Eric Foreman's on Friday night
- The Horse Pull will be at park on July 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Town-Wide Garage Sales is set for Saturday, Jul 24<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet is at town office (Deb Foreman is in charge of the sale). Maps will be provided the day of the sale; the town will provide the advertising and Preservation Society will have lunch items.
- Hazardous material can be dropped off at the Flora Park on July 24<sup>th</sup>.
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- Lion's Tractor Pull will be August 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.

- Little Miss and Mr. and Miss Camden contest will be August 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 1st Toy Tractor Show will be at Community Building on Sep 11<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 by a motion from Mr. Fite.

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Peter F. Wagoner, President

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Richard Fite, Vice-President

ATTEST:

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P.A. Casserly  
Clerk-Treasurer

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Andrew Kelly, Member