

Minutes

Camden Town Council Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2006

The Camden Town Council meeting was called to order by President Ralph Rohrabough. Present were members Andy Robison and Michele Everett, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly and Attorney Anne Briggs.

The Council approved and signed the June docket. The minutes of the March 14th regular meeting were approved by a motion from Andy, seconded by Ralph. Michele made the motion to approve the May 9th meeting which was again seconded by Ralph.

Water Department Issues

The Clerk-Treasurer asked the Council for permission to write-off 85¢ which was remaining on a water bill owed by Anna Donnelly who has moved to Lafayette. It was explained that the balance of the bill, \$80.00, was covered by the deposit placed on the account. Michele made the motion to allow for the write-off and it was seconded by Andy. Passed.

The Clerk-Treasurer also asked the Council to approve expenditures of funds to start moving “problem” meters from the basements of certain residents. Three meters were addressed at this meeting: 140 E Main, 150 E Main and 410 E Cumberland. Access to reading the meters has been a problem. The goal will be to move all inside meters out so the men can read them. Andy made the motion for the Water Department to expend funds to move the meters out of individual basements to where they are more easily read. The work is to be done at the Water Superintendent’s convenience. Motion seconded by Michele and passed.

Housing Grant Update

Ralph gave a brief update on the Housing Rehab from Star Development. Necessary paperwork has been signed by the borrowers and preliminary work write ups are being put together on each home. That paperwork will be sent to the homeowners for their signature of approval. The lead risk assessments have been complete and they are awaiting results. There will be a pre-construction conference on June 29th, bids will be opened on July 17th and awarded on July 25th.

Town Truck

If funding allows, the town plans on purchasing a new truck. Request for bids have been mailed and are to be received in the town office no later than 1:00 p.m. on July 19th. The Council will have to set a date to review the bids and determine how to proceed.

Street Repairs

Pavement Solutions was in town and worked on the streets. Ralph stated the regular maintenance has saved Camden money and kept the streets in good order. Pot holes have been prevented and the streets preserved. Jerry said the company has a new machine that will repair “small pits” by heating removed material and mixing it with new allowing it to seal better.

Trash Service Contract

The town’s contract with Waste Management will expire on July 14th. Currently the town is paying more for service than is being taken in from customers. The fees schedule will be visited and a revision expected. Even though the customer count was adjusted by Waste Management, the new fuel surcharge is resulting in a loss. It has remained at \$6.50 per customer for at least the past nine years. Ralph expects to have a new contract ready for the July board meeting.

Miscellaneous Business

1. Plans are moving ahead with the Web site for Camden. Jana Rouhier was contacted to take digital pictures and she submitted an estimate of \$50 to cover her cost. Michele made the motion for her to continue as planned and allow \$50 for the project. This was seconded by Andy and passed.
2. The Council thanked Jill Moudy and her committee for the wonderful job on this year’s Youth Day Parade.
3. There will be an auction June 24th at the Community Building. Cottrell’s will be selling items for Bethal Flora.
4. The Fall Festival Committee will be at the July meeting to give a complete update. They sent word that a few vendors have already signed up and there are donations starting to arrive.
5. Andy mentioned the signs at the entrances to town are in disrepair and need replaced if they can not be repaired. The signs were originally purchased with funds from the Fall Festival and then given to the town. Ralph will speak to Bud Kesling since the west sign is on his property.
6. Jerry reported the Consumer Confidence reports are being mailed and hand deliveries will be done this week. An ad will be placed in the Comet, as was done last year.

Meeting adjourn.

Ralph J. Rohrabach, Council President

Andy Robison, Member

ATTEST:

Michele Everett, Member

Patricia Casserly

Clerk-Treasurer