

Minutes

Camden Town Council

Regular Meeting

July 10, 2007

The regular meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order by President Peter Wagoner. Present were Members Andy Robison, Michele Everett, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, attorney Anne Briggs and twenty-four guests.

The regular meeting was called to order and minutes from the June 12 Council Meeting and July 5th Budget Meeting were approved. Mr. Wagoner commented the 2008 budget planning is underway and the Council anticipated the general fund expenditures will be maintained at the same level as 2007 – no major increase is expected due to altering the allocation of funds. The Council is holding a hard line on expenses but has no control over property values or actions taken by the State.

The docket was approved as presented and signed by a motion from Mr. Robison, seconded by Mrs. Everett.

Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Sana Booker, Carroll County Chamber Director, was introduced. Ms. Booker spoke to the council and citizens about a Marketing Appraisal that will involve the impact the Hoosier Heartland Corridor will have on Carroll County. The plan is to determine who will gain from the highway and how the county can take full advantage of it. Ms Booker stated if we are not on top of the zoning, we will not gain from the HHC. Zoning controls will determine which businesses will be interested in locating in the county and where they can locate. Since the state is expected to start purchasing land in Tippecanoe County next year the urgency of planning is great.

The Marketing Appraisal will address zoning and make necessary suggestions. In addition, the issue of proximity to Purdue University and the inability to retain the youth will be tackled. The County needs to know why people are not locating here.

The Chamber believes the entire county will be impacted by the HHC and will benefit from the determinations made by the study. For this reason the Chamber is asking all county entities to contribute \$1/capita toward the cost, \$21,000. The City of Delphi has

committed \$3,000, Chamber \$5,000, EDC \$3,000 - \$5,000. Once funds are secured, work will start in August and be complete by October 31st. Mr. Robison made the motion to allow \$600 towards the cost, seconded by Mrs. Everett and passed.

Summer Festivities

Jeff Sieber addressed the Council about the 175th Celebration stating everything is pretty well set. Plans are finalized and just hoping for good weather. The agenda will be in the Comet next week. Mr. Sieber invited the Council to the opening ceremony and asked to know who would be attending so he could prepare his opening remarks. Memorabilia has arrived and will be sold in front of the Post Office Saturday morning from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. and during the celebration. Activities are planned for all ages and everyone was encourage to come and enjoy the fun.

For safety sake, Cumberland Street between Water and Armstrong and James Street between Armstrong and Ohio were closed by a motion from Mr. Robison, seconded by Mrs. Everett. Approval was also given to use the electrical outlets at the Water Treatment Building.

Ms. Melissa Red Elk provided information on the Fall Festival. Information is being distributed, entertainment is set and contests are planned. The Council was asked to judge one of the new activities, a pie baking contest which will be from 10 – 10:45. Members were ready to help in any way they could and agreed to the challenge. Vendors are still being accepted. Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to contact Ms. Red Elk or Mr. Sieber.

The August Tractor Pull will require James Street to be closed in its usual manner. Council approved.

Sidewalk Improvements

Mr. Wagoner reviewed the recently adopted sidewalk improvement ordinance. People who want to replace their sidewalks now have two options. The town will still reimburse at \$4.00/linear foot if the work is done by the homeowner or the town will contract the work and split the cost 50/50 with the homeowner. A \$100 deposit is required. If the

cost is over \$600, the homeowner has up to 24 months to pay; if the cost is less than \$600, 12 months are allowed.

The ordinance was enacted to help the homeowners and people are encouraged to take advantage of the program.

School Board Discussion

Mr. Wagoner stated he would address the changes with the elementary school one last time. At the June 11th School Board meeting a petition was presented by Tracy Swayze with over 300 signatures asking the board to reconsider its decision. The Board refused to reconsider the issue and considers the matter closed. There is nothing further we can do. The Board does not have to listen to the public if they choose not to. The public will need to watch for bonds financing and property tax issues.

Miscellaneous Business

1. The Marshal continues to monitor trouble properties. Seven letters were recently mailed reminding people of the ordinance and the need to comply. The Nuisance Ordinance will be covered more at the next meeting.
2. The town still owns the old dump truck. Following discussion, no action will be taken on it at this time.
3. Five homes have water meters inside instead of out where utility workers can read them. These meters need to be moved out of the house/building to give the town control. Council instructed the Superintendent to make the change.
4. Copy fees were lowered from 20¢ to 10¢ per page by a motion from Mrs. Everett, seconded by Mr. Robison.
5. Bill Dittman asked the Board to look at the new fire contract and give consideration to the requested changes. There are items with the new truck that were not covered under the old contract and expenses have increased. Since the contract would not go into effect until January 1st, Mr. Wagoner asked to table the contract and meet with Mr. Dittman in August to go over the areas of concern. Members of the fire department were asked to direct their needs to Mr. Dittman and not the Town Council as the fire department is controlled by the township. The fire department is important to all and needs to be managed by Mr. Dittman.
6. The extension of Highway 75 north is still being pursued by the County Commissioners. They feel the interchange of Highway 75 with the HHC would be

critical to this part of the county. As the HHC now stands, there is really no good interchange and Carroll County will not benefit from the new road.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55.

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Peter F. Wagoner, President

Andrew Robison, Member

Michele Everett, Member

ATTEST:

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer