

Minutes

Camden Town Council Regular Meeting July 12, 2012

The regular meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order at 7:00 by President Richard Fite, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Members Kandance Funk and Jeff Sieber, Attorney Anne Briggs, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, and seven guests.

The minutes from the June 14th meeting were approved by a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Sieber. Mr. Sieber then made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 21st meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Funk.

Following a review of the docket and claims, Mr. Sieber made the motion to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Ms. Funk and passed. The Clerk-Treasurer reviewed financial information for the water and sewer departments explaining the revenue and expenses for the past month. The 2013 budget will be taken to the courthouse on July 16th for the work session with the DLGF.

Health Insurance

Glendon Wolfe, Norris Insurance, discussed options for the employee health insurance. In addition to reviewing plans with the current company, Pekin Insurance, Mr. Wolfe looked at other plans to see if there are better rates. Following a review of the alternative plans and the Council discussion, Ms. Funk made the motion to accept Pekin Insurance, HAS plan with \$3,000/\$6,000 deductible and 90/10 coinsurance. Maximum out-of-pocket will be \$4,000/\$8,000. This plan is part of the PHCS Network. The monthly premium will be \$3,104.15 as opposed to the current plan's new rate of \$4,913.40, a saving of \$1,809.25/month. Motion seconded by Mr. Sieber. When asked if there would be any changes to the town's match for the HAS account the Council decided to continue contributing \$2,000/year/employee.

Water Department Issues and Ordinances Adopted

Ordinance 2012-3, Replacing 2004-1, was adopted by a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Sieber. This ordinance allows for a sewer adjustment to be made in the instances where a homeowner has replaced a pool liner. Proof of purchase is required for the adjustment.

Ordinance 2012-4, Water Management Strategy, An Ordinance for the Effective Management of Water Furnished by the Town of Camden's Water Department, was passed by a motion from Ms. Funk. This ordinance details the town's plans for water conservation. Jerry Snavelly informed the Council the water level for the town wells is down about two feet. At this time, the Council request citizens follow volunteer water

conservation measures. This ordinance puts into place actions the Council can take if mandatory restrictions are required.

The county wide burn ban is still in place. Citizens are not allowed to do any outside burning until the order is lifted. Mr. Fite stated the Council appreciates the people respecting the ban and refraining from using fireworks during the holiday.

The fire hydrant has been installed on North Lee Street.

Ron Wertz gave a brief report on the fire department.

Mr. George Rogers approached the Council asking for an adjustment to his sewer bill. He “topped” his pool in preparation for summer and found his liner had a leak. The pool was emptied, a new liner installed and water was purchased from an outside source. His request was for a credit for the water used in filling the pool with the old liner and then having to drain the water off. The Council stated this request did not meet with the ordinance allowing for an adjustment and declined the request.

The council reviewed the estimate from Charles Wolf Corporation to install a 12 gallon water heater in the med center. Labor, materials (including shut off valves), and the heater would cost \$725. Installation of a 6 gallon heater would reduce the cost by \$109. By a motion from Ms. Funk, the council voted to table this issue.

Clinton County Disposal

Clinton County Disposal, Rossville, will provide trash service effective August 1st. Their first service day will be Thursday, August 2nd. Eric Downing stated the contracted rate could be reduced if the town would lower the liability insurance requirements. Ms. Briggs stated if the Council wanted to make a change, the contract would need to be put back out to bid. No change will be made in the insurance. Effective September 1st, the new customer rate will be \$11.75, a \$1.05 reduction in the current rate by a motion from Mr. Sieber, seconded by Ms. Funk. Citizens were encouraged to be patient as the new service develops its route through Camden.

Marshal's Report

Marshal Steve Mullins submitted a written report to the Council highlighting some of his concerns during the month of June. The Marshal asked that parents enforce a nighttime curfew for their children to keep them safe and out of trouble. He also reminded citizens to register their golf carts before using them on town streets. Forms are available at the town office. Property owners were encouraged to clean up their properties and stay in compliance with the nuisance ordinance and to keep the community safe and beautiful.

Miscellaneous

1. Town wide garage sale will be July 21st.

2. Municipal Civil Corporation removed the trees and lilac bushes behind Curtis George's home. The stumps should be taken out soon.
3. Area IV has an Assistance and Weatherization program available to qualifying individuals for home repairs and weatherization. They also have a Summer Cool Program to help with electrical bills. Interested persons can call the Delphi office at 765-564-6466 and leave a message or call 800-382-7556.
4. Ms. Briggs was asked to write one property owner in regards to removing a dilapidated garage.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 by a motion from Mr. Sieber.

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Richard Fite, President

Kandance Funk, Vice President

ATTEST:

Jeff Sieber, Member

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer