

Minutes

Camden Town Council Regular Meeting July 14th, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order at 7:00pm by President Peter Wagoner. Present were Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, Attorney Anne Briggs and four guests. Due to a lack of a quorum, no business could be conducted. The additional appropriation resolution advertised to be passed at the meeting was tabled until the Annexation Meeting planned and advertised for July 20th, 7:00pm at the Library.

Mr. Wagoner did share some informational items with those in attendance:

1. The budget for 2012 is being worked on. The Clerk-Treasurer will attend a meeting with DLGF on July 20 to work on the budget. The 2012 budget is expected to be about the same as the 2011 budget.
2. Stacy Seele and Seth Kerr are trying to open a take-out food business behind the Jackson & Jackson Bar. They will serve sandwiches, fries and soft drinks from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.
3. Liens will be placed on two properties at the end of the summer mowing season. The property on N. Water Street and the property just north of the Library are being mowed and will be charged for the service.
4. A couple of ordinances were discussed. There will be an ordinance presented limiting the parking of cars along Main Street. There will also be an ordinance regulating the use of golf carts within the town. Municipalities have no jurisdiction over ATV because they are prohibited from being on the streets by state regulations. The proposed ordinance is modeled after an ordinance recently adopted by the Town of Flora. The Camden ordinance will prohibit golf carts from being driven on sidewalks. Both of these ordinances will be addressed at the July 20th meeting.
5. The water distribution project will start on or about July 25th.
6. Mr. Wagoner signed a claim for draw-down number 6 for the housing rehab project.
7. Mr. Chuck Foreman asked to have the new fire protection fee changed to a different name. He has received a couple of calls from people who do not understand the fire department has nothing to do with the fee and feels the issue would be less confusing if the fee was called something else. After discussion, it was decided the name could be changed but the ordinance would need to be changed. Mrs. Briggs was directed to change the ordinance to call the fee "Hydrant Fee" after the issue has been discussed and approved by the SBA.
8. Mrs. Ruby Roberson stated she was astonished with the fire protection fee being charged to the Senior Housing. She stated the rent will need to be raised due to the higher costs. It was explained that the meter is a larger meter and the fee is based on meter size. It was pointed out that each of her residents pays \$7.50 for the fee (\$90 X2/24units) whereas the seniors who live in their own homes pay

\$8.22 per month. Mr. Wagoner expressed sympathy for the situation but stated they were both just trying to work with the budgets.

9. Along with the other utility issues, Mr. Wagoner stated pool fills and use of water by the area fire departments would need addressed at a later date.
10. The HVAC system at the Medical Center was replaced at a cost of almost \$12,000. This was much more reasonable than an estimate given last year of almost \$32,000. The lease with Memorial will be adjusted to help defray the cost.
11. TDS donated funds for fall and winter banners. They will be ordered and ready for the cool weather.
12. A Gubernatorial Candidate Briefing was held July 13th hosted by the Hoosier Heartland Industrial Corridor for John Gregg. Mr. Wagoner presented information on the State Road 75 connection to the HHH and the importance the road will have to Carroll County. Being from a small town himself, Mr. Gregg understood the importance of economic development for rural communities. The Town of Flora recently joined the Coalition and had two representatives attend the meeting expressing support for the Connection. Laura Walls, CCEDC, and Sallie Fahey, Executive Director of Tippecanoe County Area Plan Commission and MPO, attended and supported the extension. Mr. Wagoner explained the road plans and stated there will be a public hearing at the Camden First Baptist Church on August 4th, 6-8pm, where the engineers will be in attendance to give a detail of the design. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. The let date on the project is expected to be in November. Currently, Carroll County plans to do some improvement to 50W in anticipation of the HHH construction truck traffic.
13. Hazardous Waste pickup will be at the Flora Park on July 23rd.
14. Town Wide Garage sales will be July 16th.
15. The Horse/Garden Tractor Pull will be Jul 23rd. The usual streets are to be closed.
16. Mr. Foreman informed the group that the fire department is very close to being certified in basic life support. When accomplished, they will be the only fire department in the county with the certification.

Mr. Wagoner thanked those who attended and concluded the evening.

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Peter F. Wagoner, President

Richard Fite, Vice-President

Andrew Kelly, Member

ATTEST:

P.A. Casserly

Clerk-Treasurer