

Minutes

Camden Town Council

Regular Meeting

July 8, 2010

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the regular meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order at 7:00 by President Peter Wagoner. Present were Council Members Richard Fite and Andy Kelly, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly and six guests. Council Anne Briggs was absent.

Mr. Fite made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 10 Regular Council Meeting and the Executive Meeting held on the same evening. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and passed. Mr. Kelly moved to accept the June 24th minutes, seconded by Mr. Wagoner. The docket was also approved by a motion from Mr. Fite.

Tippecanoe County APC/MPO

Mr. Wagoner stated Carroll County, the City of Delphi, and the towns of Flora and Camden are moving closer towards joining the MPO of Tippecanoe County. The MPO will provide transportation planning assistance in the form of traffic counting, planning support and planning capacity enhancements for the county. The Carroll County Commissions tabled the move at their last meeting to give their attorney time to review the Memorandum of Agreement. Ms. Sallie Fahey, Executive Director for the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County will present the Memorandum for Camden Council signature after it is approved by the Carroll County Commissioners.

Carroll County EDC

Laura Walls, Carroll County EDC Director, was introduced by Mr. Wagoner. Ms. Walls gave a brief overview of the EDC's activities stating the key goal of the EDC is to provide support to existing businesses. She also expressed support for the improvements to CR 75W. The Council was thanked for their past support of the EDC and asked to

continue supporting the agency through the annual dues. An invoice for \$10,548 (\$10.50/capita) will be submitted prior to the August meeting.

Utility Issues

The Clerk-Treasurer is moving forward to provide an electronic payment option to customers for their utility bills. PayGov will schedule a site visit and make a presentation to the office.

The Council was asked to consider raising the deposit amount required of new customers. Due to the meters being read in arrears, the current deposit of \$100 is not enough to cover most bills should a person leave without giving notice. A recommendation will be made once a billing review is completed.

Two properties in Camden have well water and are not hooked to the water utility. Both of these properties are difficult to collect payment. Mrs. Briggs is investigating if there is a way to force them to connect to the town water supply.

Ordinance 2010-2 Employee Cell Phone Use

Ordinance 2010-2, Regarding Cell Phones, was passed by a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Grant Updates

Mark McCarty, **Star Development**, updated the Council on the housing rehabilitation project. A meeting was held in the afternoon for contractors interested in bidding on the project. Most of these contractors were interest in bidding on two or three homes. Mr. McCarty stated several contractors are having trouble with bonding and letter of credit. The State says this is an issue that can be waived if the local community is agreeable. Mr. McCarty said he pays the contractors half their bid up front and withholds the balance until the work is inspected and complete. He went on to say the town has waived the requirement during the past two rounds. Most homes will be allocated \$12,000 - \$14,000 of grant funds. Mr. Fite made the motion to waive the bond and line of credit for the contractors on this project. Motion seconded by Mr. Kelly and passed.

Star Development will meet with the homeowners July 26th and 27th. Bids will be let in early August, awarded in mid-August and construction will begin in early September. The Town has advertised three times in attempts to attract contractors but the new rules on lead base paint have caused issues. RRP license training was held in the Community Building for the convenience of the local contractors so they could become certified in lead base paint but only two attended.

The discharge permit for the upgraded **wastewater plant** was approved by IDEM making the facility fully legal. The change in classification requires new certification for the employees. Mr. Smith stated the area is seeded and re-landscaped but a pipe in the small lagoon will need moved. This is expected to be a minor change but will make the plant more efficient. Mr. Snavely will report at a later date if the change is sufficient. The improvements made during this project fulfill all the requirements for wastewater and surface water compliance set by IDEM. The automatic samplers arrived today. An additional appropriation will be considered at the August meeting so funds can be expended for the unit.

Mr. Smith was directed to prepare and advertise a RFP for general contractors to assume responsibility for the **restroom project** by a motion from Mr. Fite. Mr. Smith stated he will be ready for the Council to select the contractor by the August meeting.

The radios are in, lights on and decals just about complete on the **new police car**. The Marshal still has a few more lights to add before calling the car complete.

New Deputy Marshal Named

Mr. Wagoner welcomed and introduced Randy Larimore as the new Deputy Marshal. Mr. Wagoner stated Camden was fortunate to have two good candidates interested in the position. Officer Larimore has been employed full time with the Flora Police Department for the past 8 years and has a total of 29 years in law enforcement experience.

Efforts to Conserve Revenue

In an effort to conserve revenue, the Council decided to table the contract for Christmas decorations. The issue will be revisited next year when more is known about the town's budget. By not renewing the contract, the town will save over \$2,000 per year. The town also saved money by removing the payphone as was authorized during the June meeting (\$900).

Building and Street Improvements

Mr. Snavelly reported the gutters on the Health Center were replaced and as far as he knows the leaks have stopped. The A/C unit was not working at the Health Center but it was repaired. The Council was advised the unit is 15 years old and is at the end of its life expectancy. Replacing the unit may be discussed with Memorial at a later date.

It was also reported by Mr. Snavelly that the crack sealing of the streets is complete and potholes have been filled. James Street is scheduled to be slurry sealed later this summer but he is concerned about the condition of some of the crack seal work. The tar is not adhering to the street and Mr. Snavelly feels this needs corrected before it is sealed. Rice Tree Service removed four trees from town property due to being in poor shape.

HHIC & SR 75 Extension Project

INDOT /HHH held a project update meeting in Delphi on July 7th. The project is still on tract to be completed by December, 2013. A lot of the project that has been bid out is coming in under the estimated cost. HHH is expected to be drivable from Lafayette to Logansport by December, 2013. Plans are being modified to include a SR75 interchange aligned with CR 50W but federal funding will be needed to extend SR75 from Camden to HHH interchange.

Miscellaneous Items

- The Camden Emporium II has moved into the Masonic Building. The business sells used furniture and miscellaneous other items. Mr. Wagoner extended a welcome to the business and wished them luck with their move to Camden.
- Jackson Township collected almost 8 tons of scrap metal and sold it for about \$1,432 which will be used to replace the roof and repair doors on their storage building.

- The Antique Tractor Pull will be at park on July 10th, starting at 10:00 a.m. James Street in front of the park will be closed for the event.
- The Horse Pull & Garden Tractor Pull will be at the park on July 17th. Bill Dittman requested James Street be closed on July 17th at 4:00 between the two park entrances. Mr. Snavelly will take the signs down to the park area and they can set them out where wanted.
- The Town-Wide Garage Sales will be on Saturday, July 24th. People are encouraged to sign-up at the town office. Questions can be directed to Chairperson Deb Foreman. The town will sponsor advertising for the event. Maps will be provided for the bargain seekers and the Preservation Society will have lunch items. As of today, 18 people have signed up.
- Hazardous material can be dropped off at the Flora Park on July 24th.
- The Lion's Tractor Pull will be August 20th & 21st. Bill Dittman requested street closures for the event as follows: James Street in front of the park; Armstrong Street from Washington Street to James Street; and Washington Street in front of the school
- The Little Miss and Mr. and Miss Camden contest will be August 28th.
- The 1st Toy Tractor Show will be at Community Building on Sep 11th.
- Mr. Fite asked to have the alley by his home graded. Mr. Snavelly will take care of his request.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 by a motion from Mr. Fite.

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Peter F. Wagoner, President

Richard Fite, Vice-President

Andrew Kelly, Member

ATTEST:

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer