

# Minutes

## Camden Town Council

### Regular Meeting

July 9, 2009

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, town attorney Anne Briggs and seven guests.

The minutes from the June 11<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting and the June 24<sup>th</sup> Budget Meeting were approved by a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly. The July docket was also approved by a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly. The Council approved *2009 Appropriation Reduction Resolution* by a motion from Mr. Fite seconded by Mr. Kelly. This resolution was necessary due to cuts required in the 2009 budget by the Department of Local Government Finance in the Rainy Day Fund and the Local Roads and Streets Fund. Rainy Day Fund was reduced from \$20,000 to \$10,399 and LR&S was reduced from \$10,500 to \$8,128.

### Grant Projects

1. Police Car Grant from Indiana Criminal Justice Institute – Marshal Mullin and Ken Smith have written a grant applying for AARA funds to be distributed through the ICJI to replace the police car. This grant will not require a local match and if successful the town will be able to purchase the car, light bar and have the equipment installed with no cost.
2. Wastewater Project Update – Work is moving along on the project with equipment being installed and cement poured. Mr. Snively stated the manhole work and valve work should start on Monday. Mr. Wagoner commented on the amount of work Mr. Snively and Mr. Mears have accomplished in removing trees and cleaning the area. Mr. Snively mentioned the Indiana Rural Alliance recommended installing a fence around the small pond that will have a cover to keep deer off. Once deer get on the cover it is difficult for them to get off and damage will be done. The project is still expect to be finished by early fall.
3. Downtown Improvement Project – The project is complete except for submitting the plan to the state for their approval. Mr. Fite made the motion to move forward on securing a CFF grant for the construction of the work desired. This was

seconded by Mr. Kelly and passed. Mrs. Casserly will start the process as soon as possible.

### **Local Ordinance and Marshal Issues**

The weeds around the morgue are too tall and violate the local nuisance ordinance. Mr. Wagoner asked for the county coroner be called to see about getting this area sprayed. The majority of the property owners have their homes looking very nice and this lot is an eye-sore.

Dog owners were reminded to keep their pet at home to avoid being issued a citation by the marshal.

### **Medical Facility**

Progress is being made on new tenants in the Medical Facility Building. Unity Healthcare gave up their efforts to secure a primary care physician and vacated the building on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Wagoner contacted Memorial Hospital on June 29<sup>th</sup> and found they had an interest in the office. There has been an ongoing dialog with Mr. Andy Van Zee and they have tentative plans to locate a nurse practitioner in this office under the supervision of Dr. Myer in Flora. The prior practice closed about six months ago and the hospital realizes it will take time to rebuild this office. They currently plan to have staff here on a limited basis and will increase as the practice builds. Memorial will meet with Mr. Wagoner tomorrow to introduce a nurse practitioner who has an interest in working here. Memorial is also looking at the other health related care that could be brought to the Camden office. Although an agreement has not been signed, work to improve the facility is being done. Fite's Construction submitted an estimate of \$5,840.75 for painting, general repairs, and labor. The actual cost will be time and material. Motion to approve the estimate was made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Wagoner. Also, Gayle Frye turned in a bid of \$900 to clean the office. This was also accepted.

Mr. Wagoner presented a lease agreement for the building and reviewed it with the Council. Being as there were no questions, the agreement was signed and will be presented to Mr. Van Zee tomorrow.

### **HHC and State Road 75 Extension North**

Several weeks ago Mr. Wagoner delivered a letter to INDOT asking them to do the entire 75 extension – from the stop light in Camden to the HHC connection – as their project. They responding by declining the suggestion and said that would have to be a local

project. The County Commissioners met yesterday and reviewed four or five design possibilities for the connection. If the county wants a design different from INDOT's choice, and it cost more, they will have to bear the difference. The Heartland is over budget now and can not spend more if the selected design is more than budgeted. Most of the variances in design are on the north side of the HHC. Mr. Wagoner did mention the relinquishment process may result in the county receiving some funding and that could be used to help put in the interchange desired. The county is considering what will work best for the emergency services and that may cost more than the INDOT preference.

### **EMS Garage in Camden**

Mr. Wagoner met with Mike Durr, EMS Director, to look at a couple of site in Camden that may work for an EMS garage. He also spoke with Al Jackson about the possibility of locating the garage here. The county is interested in this location because of its central position and the extension of Hwy 75 to the HHC. The Commissions did allow \$150,000 of EDIT funds for the extension of the road and \$5,000 was set aside for a planning grant for the garage.

### **Economic Development Funding**

Daryl Smith, CCEDC Director presented his plan and proposed 2009 contract for consideration. Flora, Delphi and the county have all agreed to the plan and have signed the agreement. Mr. Wagoner questioned the formula for EDIT distribution but felt the problem was at the state level and not with Mr. Smith's calculations. By a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the agreement was signed.

### **Town Wide Garage Sale**

The town wide garage sale will be July 25<sup>th</sup>. The town will support the community event by paying for ads in the Carroll County Come,t provide port-a-potties, and help with gathering names of interested families.

### **Miscellaneous Business**

- ☞ Painting of water tower is complete. The letters are now painted red instead of black and the tower is the same color as when originally built.
- ☞ Hazardous materials (paint, tires, etc) will be accepted at the Carroll County Fairgrounds on the morning of July 25<sup>th</sup>.
- ☞ The State Highway Department still has not swept Hwy 218 despite being sent emails and calls to the Flora office.
- ☞ Mr. Fite was appointed to the KIRPC Board.
- ☞ A letter of support for grant for the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation was approved and signed.
- ☞ The 2010 Budget process has begun. The first public hearing will be August 27<sup>th</sup> and the budget is expected to be adopted at the September Council meeting. General Fund will remain about the same as last year.
- ☞ The Carroll County Extension Office requested the use of the shooting range for the 4-H shooting sport. They also requested permission to move their building back to the range. Motion moved and passed.
- ☞ *Just One More Pub and Eatery* has opened for business. They hope to expand the business in about a year.
- ☞ Hwy 25 will be closed for about two months and traffic is being redirected through Camden. The marshals were asked to monitor the situation.
- ☞ The insurance office has sold but no further information is available.
- ☞ The horse pull will be held on July 18<sup>th</sup> at the Camden Park.
- ☞ Lions Club will host their annual tractor pull on August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ☞ An email was sent to the Lafayette Journal & Courier after citizens expressed concern about a change in delivery. They are very happy with “Fred” and do not want another change as was recently announced. Fred Isaacs surprised everyone by attending the evening’s meeting. He thanked Mr. Wagoner for the kind words in his email but explained there were unfortunate changes and layoff at the newspaper. The Garret organization laid off 1,500 people today. Mr. Isaacs will continue delivering papers in Camden.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 by a motion from Mr. Fite.

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Peter F. Wagoner, President

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Richard Fite, Vice-President

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Andrew Kelly, Member

ATTEST:

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P.A. Casserly  
Clerk-Treasurer