

Minutes

Camden Town Council

Regular Meeting

August 13, 2009

Immediately following the Public Hearing on the Proposal for the IOCRA CFF grant proposal, the regular meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order at 7:10 by President Peter Wagoner. Present were Council Members Richard Fite and Andy Kelly, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, town attorney Anne Briggs and thirteen guests.

The minutes from the July 9th Regular Council Meeting were approved by a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly. The July docket was also approved by a motion from Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Fite. Fite's Construction estimate for work performed at the Camden Health Clinic was \$5,841 but the actual invoice was \$5,878, an overage of \$37. Motion to pay the invoice as presented was made by Mr. Wagoner and seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Camden Health Clinic

Mr. Wagoner reviewed the progress on the Clinic. Citizens were reminded the town had worked with Unity Healthcare since the passing of Dr. Anderson. Unity remained active on the lease and tried to locate a family physician to take over the practice. Their lease was terminated in June at which time Memorial Hospital was contacted. Since that time, the town has worked with the hospital Vice President of Operations, Andy VanZee. The Hospital has developed plans and the town has refurbished the building at a cost of approximately \$15,000 which includes painting, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, heating, AC, and new locks. The building is now in good condition. The lease agreement with Memorial Hospital of Logansport was signed on August 13th by Brian Shockney, President/CEO.

Mr. James Schrader, Vice President of Facility Services, expressed the Hospital's excitement on locating in Camden and the opportunity to extend their focus on wellness into Carroll County. The center will be staffed by nurse practitioners Linda Stapleton and Lois Taylor-Wolf with the collaboration of Dr. Mark Meyer, Flora. Other healthcare services are expected to be added. The office hours will be 8:30 – 6:30 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 8:30 until noon on Wednesday. The phone number is 574-686-2022. Calls will be accepted starting September 1st. The Hospital looks forward

to a long-term relationship and will be getting involved in this community just as they have in Logansport.

Mr. Wagoner welcomed Memorial Hospital to Camden and stated every effort will be made to let the community know of their new clinic.

Grant Project Updates

1. Police Car Grant from Indiana Criminal Justice Institute – A grant was submitted in the amount of \$25,000 for the purchase of a new police car. Funding for this grant is part of the government’s stimulus money.
2. North Central Health Services letter of inquiry requesting \$20,000 for restrooms and appliances for the Emergency Shelter was submitted.
3. Wastewater project update was given by Brad Kline. The project is on track with the lagoon being pumped now. The polish reactor is 90% complete; the blowers will be installed Friday; the electricity will be worked on Tuesday; and the cummulator was installed earlier this week. Mr. Kline is creating an “as built” drawing now. It was noted a pump is being added as an engineering change.

Mr. Kline has drawn plans for additional restrooms in the Community Center. Due to the cost, the improvement will be constructed inside the current building instead of an addition to the rear. The location of the sewer and water lines will be the next challenge and may require an easement from the library and other property owner.

4. Carroll County Community Foundation has request letters of inquiry from non-profit organizations interested in applying for a grant. The letter is due no later than August 20th and the grant application is due September 8th. Mr. Wagoner signed a letter requesting consideration of funds for the new restrooms.
5. The Council voted to purchase a leaf vac from Northern Equipment at a cost of \$29,200, plus \$1,000 for the hydraulic trailer jack. A trade allowance of \$6,800 will be given on the town’s current unit. Funding will be from the NWISWD grant of \$17,500 and local funds of \$5,900 will be from the general fund. Two other quotes were received: Brown Equipment - \$27,500 and Woody’s Municipal Supply - \$29,000. The Council chose to use Northern Equipment due to their close proximity.

Street Issues

INDOT hired Flora to sweep HWY 218 along the curbs following several request from the town. To further improve the street, the weeds were sprayed by Tom and Jerry. The pot holes on North Water Street are being filled as time allows. Other streets will receive attention as soon as possible.

Local Ordinance and Marshal Issues

Three letters were mailed to property owners reminding them of their responsibility to keep their yards mowed and weeds under control. Property at 166 East Main Street was cleaned by the Baptist Church, the expected future owner, so further action will not be taken there. A letter of thanks will be sent.

Dog owners were reminded to keep their pets home to avoid a citation.

HHC and State Road 75 Extension North

Mr. Wagoner has recently attended two meetings concerning the HHC. On July 21st an INDOT meeting was held in La Port focusing on special funding request. CAC/INDOT met in Logansport on August 12 to give a status update on the HHC project. He was told at the Logansport meeting all the necessary land has been purchased in Tippecanoe County and some construction is started on bridges in Carroll County. The Governor issued a challenge while visiting Buck Creek – have the road completed in 2012, one year ahead of schedule. INDOT is scrambling to meet the challenge. The toughest challenge will be the bridging required on the east side of Delphi. There are IDEM and other state agencies with issues in that section of construction.

The question on the extension of 75 north was raised at the Logansport meeting because of the issue being discussed at a meeting held in Burrows. The original HHC plan had two interchanges at Burrows and people are concerned that one of those interchanges will be taken away when the 75 interchange is added. INDOT reported at the meeting there are no changes in the original plan to date but they are working with the County Commissioners on where they want the interchanges. There are too many benefits in completing the 75 interchange to not allow it to happen. Mr. Wagoner expressed confidence they will find a way to satisfy the people of Burrows and have the 75 interchange. It was noted HWY 75 is being worked on in Clinton County to remove the two “S” curves between HWY 26 and Frankfort allowing for a smoother flow of traffic.

Miscellaneous Business

Deb Foreman was thanked for her work on the July 25th town wide garage sale.

The front windows on the community building are leaking causing the telephone jack under the one window to short out. Harris Glass in Logansport will be contacted to do the repairs per Council's request.

The hearing on the 2010 budget will be August 27th, 7:00pm and the budget will be adopted October 8th during the regular council meeting.

The Horse and Garden Tractor Pull held on July 18th was very well attended.

The Lion's Club will host their annual tractor pull August 14th and 15th.

The Camden Pageant will be August 22nd at 4:00 pm in the Community Building. Jeff Sieber asked the Council to support the pageant by purchasing the winner's tiaras. The Council voted to buy seven tiaras for \$199.04. The Pageant Committee has been very pleased with the donations for the contestants and the support offered by vendors in Camden and Delphi.

Volunteers will be needed for Channel 18 telethon on Labor Day from 10:30 am until 12:30. Interested persons should call Jeff Sieber.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 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