

# Minutes

## Camden Town Council Meeting Minutes

### Regular Meeting Camden Town Council

August 15, 2006

Camden Town Hall

7:15 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order by President Ralph Rohrabough. Present were members Andy Robison and Michele Everett, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly and sixteen (16) guests. Attorney Anne Briggs was absent due to a prior commitment.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the docket for August was approved by a motion from Andy, seconded by Michele.

Motions to approve prior meetings were as follows:

July 11<sup>th</sup>, Regular Council meeting moved by Andy, seconded by Michele

July 17<sup>th</sup> Approval of Housing Bids moved by Ralph, seconded by Michele

July 18<sup>th</sup> Trash Contract meeting moved by Michele, seconded by Ralph

July 25<sup>th</sup> Acceptance of Housing Contract Awards moved by Michele, seconded by Ralph

Daryl Smith, the new Director of Carroll County Economic Development, was introduced and spoke for a few minutes. He stated he is looking forward to working with the Town Council and the citizens of Camden.

### Fall Festival

Chuck Mullendore, Melissa Red Elk and Jeff Sieber were present to represent the Fall Festival. Vendors are still requesting information and more are expected to sign up to participate. Chuck did express concern about not being able to reach Shane Chapman to firm up plans for the electricity. Ralph was asked to try to contact Shane so the power could be arranged before the day of the event. Melissa spoke in regards to the pageant. The first meeting is Sunday. Six teenage girls, six younger girls and three boys are signed up. There are eight babies participating in the Rising Star contest. The winner of the Rising Star will be determined by the most money in the "voting" jars placed at the Camden Grocery. This winner will be announced on the 26<sup>th</sup> along with the other winners. Jeff asked the Board about the street closure to verify it was as the Committee desired.

Ralph also noted the normal streets will be closed this weekend for the Annual Tractor Pull.

#### Fire Insurance Rating

Fire Chief Chuck Foreman came before the Board to explain the results of the Indiana Public Protection Survey that was done in April. The information is used to determine the town's insurance rating which in turn affects the premiums residents pay for their homeowners insurance. The prior rating was a class 7. The goal was a 6 and that was achieved. A class 5 was missed by 2.5 percentage points. Chuck said the improved rating was a result of hard work by the fire department, Jerry Snavelly and JD Cree. The new ISO rating will go into effect October 1, 2006. This rating should save homeowners money on their insurance. Chuck also thanked the Council for expending funds to have the town's truck certified which helped with the rating.

#### Star Development

Joy McCarty of Star Development gave an update on the housing grant and submitted another claim for funds draw down. Of the original fourteen qualified homeowners, two had to withdraw from the program. Two new ones have been selected. Meetings were held this evening with those applicants to sign paperwork and develop the scope of work. Bidding will be in the next six to eight weeks so contractors can get started. Work on the other homes should begin in September and October with a target finish by end of December.

A new sign up list is in the office for those interested in taking part in the next round of grant applications. Joyce asked for questions but there were none.

#### Wastewater Project

Ken Smith of Municipal Civil Corporation was present to take questions but had no update to give the Council.

#### Miscellaneous Business

1. The front of the Community Building is in need of repairs at the roof level. Blocks were noticed to be lying on the roof where they had fallen backwards. An inspection of the situation resulted in a masonry being contacted for suggestion. It appears water may have gotten between the blocks and froze resulting in loose blocks. Kingery & Sons submitted a proposal to repair the block at a cost of \$3,500. Additional work will be required to repair other damage but this will get the building into a safe condition. The motion was made by Michele and seconded by Andy to have the work done by Kingery & Sons. The Council would like the project finished before the Fall Festival.
2. The town's new truck, a Ford 550, was delivered yesterday. It will need to have equipment added at a later date.

3. The public hearing for the 2007 budget will be August 28<sup>th</sup> and adoption will be September 12<sup>th</sup>. Those in attendance were asked for questions but there were none.
4. Lee Click approached the Council with questions on alley locations on the south side of east Main Street. The two alleys he is concerned about are on the east side of the Pizza King location and the alley between the Arion and Clingenpeel properties. He is concerned they are not properly located and people may be using private land as public alleys. If there is no alley on the east side of Pizza King, the Tristan property does not have an access to their garage and the land behind which is now owned by Nancy Michael is landlocked. Ralph informed Lee that Anne Briggs is willing to review the abstracts if the property owners would be willing to bring them into her office. Ralph also suggested that he and Lee could meet in Anne's office to discuss the problem. Lee is concerned he may be guilty of driving on other people's property if the alleys are not actually where they are now presumed to be located. According to Anne, the properties in question are as they appear since they have been used by the public as a right-of-way for so many years. Lee concluded his statements by stating this was an issue that needs addressed and taken care of.
5. The Cub Scouts will have their Round-up in the Community Building on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

Being as there was no further business or questions, the meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Camden Town Council

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Ralph Rohrbaugh, President

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Andrew Robison

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ATTEST:

Michele Everett

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Patricia Casserly

Clerk-Treasurer

