

Minutes

Camden Town Council Regular Meeting August 9, 2012

The regular meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order at 7:00 by President Richard Fite, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Members Kandance Funk and Jeff Sieber, Attorney Anne Briggs, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, and four guests.

The minutes from the July 12th meeting were approved by a motion from Mr. Sieber, seconded by Ms. Funk. Following a review of the docket and claims, Ms. Funk made the motion to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Mr. Sieber and passed. The public hearing for the 2013 budget will be September 13th and the budget will be adopted October 11th. In other financial matters, the Council considered increasing the amount the town contributes to the employees' health saving account but tabled the final decision by a motion from Mr. Sieber, seconded by Ms. Funk. Ms. Funk express her opinion the town's contribution of \$2,000 to the individual accounts is fair and she could not support any increases due to the town's financial constraints. Mr. Sieber and Mr. Fite felt they needed more time to consider the issue. By a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Sieber, the employees will be allowed to contribute to their HSA accounts through payroll.

ADA Compliance

Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corporation, is preparing a report required by the State to ensure the town meets ADA requirements for sidewalk compliance. To remain eligible for federal funding, FHWA-Indiana is requiring that all municipalities meet Level 2, Section 504 of the Vocation Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Mr. Smith stated he is doing the work for other communities and will do this for Camden at no charge. Any cost the town may face will be the expenses related to coming into compliance with the Act. Meeting the requirements of the ADA include: designating an ADA coordinator, providing public notice of ADA requirements, establishing a grievance procedure, developing internal design standards, assigning personnel for the development of the transition plan and completing it, approve a schedule and budget for the transition plan and monitoring the process on the implementation of the transition plan. Mr. Smith expects to complete his work by year end. The town owned buildings appear to be ok but the sidewalks may have issues; they must meet INDOT standards. The Act requires the town to prioritize the improvements by income within the town, which may be difficult since the entire town is within one census block.

Ordinance Issues

Ordinance 2012-5, Relating to Trash removal Rates was passed by a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Sieber. Effective with the September 1st bill, the trash rate will be reduced to \$11.75. This rate will remain in effect until August 1, 2014 at which time the rate will increase to \$12.35.

Ordinance 2012-4, Amendment to Ordinance #2010-4 Permitting Hook-Up Fees to be Paid in Payments was also passed by a motion from Ms. Funk. This amendment allows the water hook-up fee (actual time and material used) to be paid over a six month period.

Ms. Briggs reviewed **Amendment to Ordinance #2007-4 Sections III and V**. Due to changes in state law, the town must now deliver nuisance violation notices by certified mail, return receipt request and have an appeals process. The Council advised Ms. Briggs on how they want an appeal to the notice to be handled, as required to be stated in the ordinance, and will allow the property owner 10 days after mailing of the certified notice to abate the violation. The completed ordinance will be brought before the Council at the September meeting. Ms. Briggs advised the Council to refrain from entering upon property for remedying nuisance violations until this amended ordinance is passed.

The county wide burn ban is still in place. Eric Foreman, Fire Chief, suggested the Council enact a local ordinance establishing burn ban procedures. Indiana law allows the fire chiefs to determine when a burn ban is needed. The Council directed Ms. Briggs to prepare a draft local burn ban ordinance.

Marshal's Report

Marshal Steve Mullins submitted a written report to the Council highlighting some of his concerns during the month of July. Mr. Fite reviewed the report and mentioned he had spoken with the marshals about traffic patrol.

Miscellaneous

1. Mr. George, 460 West Main Street, informed Mr. Fite the stumps behind his property were not properly removed but were covered with dirt. Mr. Smith and Tom Mears will check this out.
2. Bill Dittman requested the usual streets be closed for the horse and tractor pulls on August 17th and 18th. Request approved by a motion from Mr. Sieber.
3. The Camden Pageant will be August 25th.
4. The office will be closed September 3rd for Labor Day.
5. The Firemen's Breakfast is planned for October 6th.
6. Ms. Briggs researched the contract with Public Service Indiana (Duke Energy) dated July 18, 1983. She believes the street lights belong to them. The Clerk-Treasurer will write Duke a letter concerning the ageing poles and send pictures. The poles are rusting at the base and some are actually leaning. There is fear the poles could fall causing the company liability.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 by a motion from Ms. Funk.

Camden Town Council

Richard Fite, President

Kandance Funk, Vice President

Jeff Sieber, Member

ATTEST:

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer