

Minutes

CAMDEN TOWN COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING

September 11, 2008

The regular meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order by President Peter Wagoner at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Members Andy Kelly, Richard Fite, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, attorney Anne Briggs and nine (9) citizens. Mr. Wagoner opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the August 14th regular were approved by motion from Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Fite. The docket was also accepted as presented by a motion from Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Fite

2009 Budget Adoption

The 2009 budget was presented for adoption by Mr. Wagoner. He reiterated the budget expenses for 2009 were the same as 2008. Any changes made were in line item adjustments as a means to keep the total 2009 expenses the same as 2008. No changes were made in the budget in the time between the public hearing on August 14th and the adoption presentation at this meeting. The budget was adopted by a motion from Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Fite. Mr. Wagoner stated the bills and expenses have increased for the town just as for the private citizens. Inflation is across the board and causing concerns on many levels. As an example, Mr. Wagoner informed the citizens of the town's difficulty in securing road salt for this winter. Sand will probably be used instead of salt because of the cost. Mr. Snively, Street Commissioner, said a ton of salt cost \$40.07 in 2006. This price included delivery to the town. He was informed the price this year will be between \$191 and \$196, plus a delivery fee. Camden has joined with other communities as a means to purchase large quantities in the hope of lower prices. To date, this has not worked out. Unless the price drops drastically, the only salt used will be the small amount left over from the 2006 purchase..

Housing Grant

Star Development presented two change orders for homes in its program. They are trying to keep the dollars allowed per home even and the change orders will allow for more efficient use of grant funds. A home at 384 E. Washington will have a new water line installed to improve their water pressure. This change order was for \$1,334.15. The house at 123 E. Main change order was for \$1,027.15 for upgrade in carpet due to health breathing problems. Motion to approve the changes was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Fite. Bids were opened from two contractors interested in doing work on three other homes. One home is an addition to the program (283 E. Washington Street) and the other two homes (326 E. Washington Street and 367 N. Ohio Street) had significant

changes that required the bidding process. These bids were taken under advisement and will be awarded on September 18th at 6:00 in the town office.

Wastewater Grant, Rate Information and Bond Ordinance 2008-4

Mr. Ken Smith requested delaying the opening of bids for the project until September 25th to enable more contractors to bid. This delay will result in seven contractors having an interest in the project instead of just three. It is anticipated the bids will come in lower by having more competition on the project.

Mr. Steve Brock of Therber and Brock gave a preliminary rate analysis. Complete information will not be known until the bids are opened and accepted. The town has been accepted into the State Revolving Loan Program for the project and this loan requires a rate study. The interest on the SRL loan is currently 4.02% for twenty years however this rate is subject to change on October 8th. As on now, without any project cost calculated into his work, the department needs a 10.97% rate increase. Mr. Brock reminded the council this increase is just on the sewer portion of the customer's bill, it is not on the entire bill. The minimum rate (3000 gallons) would increase from \$13.86 to \$15.38, an increase of \$1.52 per month. If the town borrows the anticipated \$250,000 the rate will increase to \$20.59, up \$6.73. The town is also considering applying more of its own funds and not borrowing the full amount. The option will be reviewed further when all the cost are know. Mr. Brock stated if the town had not been awarded the \$500,000 grant, the rates would have needed raised to \$29.90. The grant will save the citizens a considerable price increase.

The council adopted Bond Ordinance 2008-4 and will proceed with the financing of the project.

Ordinance 2008-3 Setting of Rates for Use of Community Building

The rates and charges along with rental responsibilities were discussed at the August council meeting and put into ordinance form for adoption. The rental fee for the building is now \$100 and \$125 if the kitchen is included. The deposit is \$100 instead of \$50. The building will still be rent free for non-profits but they will be required to sign a rental agreement and clean the building after use. Proof of liability insurance is still required from all parties.

Ordinance 2008-5 Control of Dogs & Cats, Repealing No. 96-1

Mr. Kelly reported there was no progress on county wide animal control.

An ordinance relating to the control of dogs or cats in Camden was adopted by the council. Registration tags will be required as of January 2009. Neutered pets can be tagged for \$3.00 and un-neutered for \$5.00. Penalties will be applied for animals deemed a public nuisance. The duties and responsibilities of pet owners are set forth as well as the requirements for vaccinations.

Mr. Wagoner stated the town marshals will be responsible for enforcing the ordinance after concern was expressed by Mr. Fite. The stray animals will be returned to the owners whenever possible.

Fall Festival

The Fall Festival, being planned by Michael Gurnick, will be this week-end. If there is heavy rain, the meals at the community building will still take place but the other events will be postponed to the rain date. The school agenda changed and the festival can not be held on their playground. Permission was given to use the water tower lot for music and chairs, however, no vehicles are to be on the grass. Street closings were discussed and approved by a motion from Mr. Kelly. Mr. Snavelly will be set up the proper signs. Mr. Gurnick stated ads were placed in the Journal & Courier and the Monticello Reminder.

Miscellaneous Business

- ◆ The council will meet with HR Unlimited September 12 to continue work on the employee policy & procedure manual. Employees will be interviewed Friday to aid in the writing of job descriptions.
- ◆ Mr. Smith is looking for grants to help with the extension of Hwy 75 North. An IOCRA CFF grant for \$500,000 can be applied for in 2009 and a STAG grant for \$300,000 is available through the federal government. Mr. Wagoner expressed concern for federal funding due to the Federal Highway Fund being basically broke. Funds were transferred (\$8 billion) from the general fund to keep the program going through the end of the year but gas purchases are down therefore the tax revenue is also decreased. This has the possibility of affecting programs throughout the county. Ground breaking for the HHC is expected to be October 22 in Lafayette. The HHC will be officially “off the ground”.
- ◆ Brian Foreman, Vital Signs, submitted two examples of town entrance signs. Following discussion the council accepted the sign in gold and black believing the color and content were proper. The burn pile sign will be about two by three or four feet and is to be posted on the fence per Mr. Fite. Mrs. Briggs notice the liability waiver was not included on the sign. Her office is to fax that to the town office so it can be added before the sign is made.
- ◆ The council thanked the Preservation Society for purchasing the new town banners. Also thanked were Jeff Sieber and Ron & Diane Wertz for hanging the banners.
- ◆ Queen contest volunteers, Jeff/Deanna Sieber, Melissa Red Elk, Steve Hinkle, Megan Veach and Tristan Seiber were also thanked.
- ◆ Discussion on a “No Burn” ordinance will be tabled to allow the council more time for consideration. Citizen feedback will be sought. Mr. Fite expressed

concern for the people who have breathing problems and questioned why someone would burn since the town picks up leaves, has a pile for disposal of branches and offers trash service.

- ◆ Two upcoming events were announced: Kentucky Mountain Mission pick-up will be September 27 & 28 and the Volunteer fireman's breakfast will be October 4th.
- ◆ Mr. Smith requested the council take the on-line NIMS Training so the town would qualify to apply for an emergency management grant.
- ◆ Jerry Danner, Journal & Courier sought input on placing newspaper tube out for quicker delivery or throwing the papers towards porches. He was advised to ask customers what they prefer and report back next month.

Meeting adjourned by a motion from Mr. Fite at 8:20.

Camden Town Council

Peter F. Wagoner, President

Richard Fite, Vice-President

Andrew Kelly, Member

ATTEST:

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer