

Minutes

Regular Meeting Camden Town Council

September 12, 2006

Camden Town Hall

7:00 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, attorney Anne Briggs and eleven (11) guests.

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

Motions to approve prior meetings were as follows:

August 15th, Public Hearing on trash fees moved by Andy, seconded by Michele

August 15th Regular Meeting moved by Andy, seconded by Michele

August 15th Special Meeting to adopt Ordinance 2006-2, Setting of Trash Fees for the Town of Camden, moved by Andy, seconded by Michele

August 28th Pre-Adoption of the 2007 Budget Public Meeting, moved by Andy, seconded by Michele

2007 Budget

The 2007 Budget for the Town of Camden was adopted as presented by a motion from Andy, seconded by Michele. Ralph explained the budget expenditures increase by a little over \$2000 but the budget tax rate is so large due to the decrease of the assessed valuation by 20%. The State has eliminated the inventory tax which had a negative effect on the revenue coming into Camden. The final tax rate will be set after January when the town receives the final determination of tax values.

Change of Zoning Request

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCarty, 252 East Cumberland Street, appeared before the Area Plan Commission on August 16, 2006, to request their property be rezoned from Central Business District (B-3) to Urban Residential (U-1). Their request was given a favorable recommendation and they were directed to appear before the Camden Town Council at this evening meeting to request town's approval. Mrs. McCarty appeared before the Board to request the change. Andy made the motion to approve the rezoning of the 252

East Cumberland property from B-3 to U-1 which was then seconded by Michele and passed.

Fall Festival

Chuck Mullendore, Melissa Red Elk and Jeff Sieber were present to represent the Fall Festival. Chuck informed the Board the Festival was a success even though the number of vendors attending was less than last year. The entertainment was excellent and enjoyed by many. The vendors had good comments and liked the way the booths were laid out. Tom, Jerry and the Council were thanked for their help and support.

Melissa said the pageant went well and they had good feedback. One person expressed concern about the funds raised in the “Raising Star” baby picture contest. This person felt the funds should go to the MDA tele-a thon. The brochures stated the money would be used to help pay for the entertainment and cost associated with the pageant, and they were allocated as planned. Another individual was angry about not knowing the total amount raised and the individual results. The Festival Committee feels the individual money raised should not be given out as that would be equivalent to giving the scores of the individuals in the pageant and would not be considerate of the feelings of the participants.

There was one problem the day of the festival – not all people moved their vehicles from the streets as requested resulting in booths not being placed as planned. This problem will be worked out next year.

The Committee will be at the October meeting with the financial report. They were then thanked by the Board for all their work.

Miscellaneous Business

1. Lee Click came before the Board to follow up on the August Board Meeting and questioned the town’s attorney as to rather she had reviewed the alleys in question. She had not but stated the area may be covered by a Prescriptive Right – it has been used as an alley for more than twenty (20) years and there have been no complaints, no one is trying to block it and it is used by the general public. Lee feels there needs to be clarification because of the number of people involved and to be sure his land behind the area in question is not land locked. The question was also raised by Lee as to the exact location of the alley between the Arion’s and Clingenpeel’s properties. This is one way to his property and he wants to be sure he is not on private property. Lee requested the area by surveyed. Anne stated she will look into it.
2. Mountain Mission will collect donations on September 22nd and 23rd at the Community Building. Items brought in must be in boxes, not bags.
3. Fireman’s annual breakfast will be October 7th.

4. The Town Office will be closed October 9th for Columbus Day and October 10th to allow the staff to attend Keystone Computer Systems training in preparation for year end.
5. The water tower will be inspected and cleaned starting tomorrow. The Utility Staff will begin preparations at 5:00 a.m. tomorrow and set up the generators. The fire department has been notified of the plans. If all goes well, the tower should be back in service on Wednesday.
6. Anne checked with the State Police about golf carts on the streets. By law, they must be licensed and have insurance, just as a car. We will follow the law on the books and not write a local ordinance.

Being as there was no further business or questions, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 and were turned over to Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corp for the public hearing on the CDBG.

Camden Town Council

Ralph Rohrabough, President

Andrew Robison

ATTEST:

Michele Everett

Patricia Casserly

Clerk-Treasurer