

# Minutes

## **Camden Town Council Regular Meeting September 20, 2013**

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

### **2014 Budget Public Hearing**

Mr. Fite stated tonight's meeting was the public hearing for the 2014 Budget and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to give a review of the budget. The Council Members were given copies of the advertised ordinance which was modified to show a comparison of the 2013 and 2014 budgets. The total amounts advertised for both years were read aloud along with the advertised tax rates. Form 1 of the 2014 budget was also given for the Council for review along with a copy of the 2013 appropriation report allowing the Members an opportunity to see a line item comparison. The 2014 Budget will be adopted at the next regular meeting planned for October 17, 2013. Being as there were no questions on the 2014 Budget, the Council moved forward with the September Council meeting.

A motion to approve minutes from the August 15<sup>th</sup> regular meeting was made by Mr. Sieber, seconded by Ms. Funk and passed. Ms. Funk made the motion to approve minutes from the August 15<sup>th</sup> Wellhead Protection meeting, seconded by Mr. Sieber. Following a review of the claims, the motion to approve the August Docket & Allowance Docket for September was made by Mr. Sieber, seconded by Ms. Funk.

Miss Camden Jackie Hensley and her Second Runner-Up Marissa Crider, and Little Mister Cory Smith were recognized and congratulated. Little Miss Megan Ashby sent a letter thanking the Council for continuing the pageant and expressed her desire to be a wonderful representative for Camden. Other winners were mentioned by Mr. Sieber and Miss Hensley – Miss Camden First Runner-Up Aubrey Boggs, Little Mister Runner-Ups Elmer Crider and Jacob Kerr and Little Miss Runner-Ups Ashlan Kingery, Marlee Kerr and Annabell Grimes. Le Anne Ellis, Amanda Grimes and all the sponsors were thanked for all their work in putting the pageant together.

### **New Business**

**Resolution 2013-C**, authorizing a Working Agreement between the Town of Camden and the Camden-Flora Rail Corridor Commission to identify the technical, managerial and financial feasibility of extending water and wastewater utilities to industrial sites near Camden was brought forward for discussion. Peter Wagoner explained the agreement as giving permission for Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corporation, to work with the C-FRCC on behalf of the town. Motion to approve Resolution 2013-C was made by Mr. Sieber,

seconded by Mr. Fite and passed. Mr. Fite then signed the Working Agreement which will be sent on to the Commission for their signature.

The Council voted to support the final Heartland Ribbon Cutting by sponsoring a community table (cost of \$500) by a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Sieber.

Mr. Pat Baker resigned from the Board of Zoning Appeals on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Naming a new representative was tabled for further consideration.

The County Election Board submitted a letter asking the Council to consider the Community Building as a vote center/satellite center. This means the Election Board would need access the evening before Election Day, Election Day and possibly the morning after Election Day and perhaps one Saturday for citizens to vote. The rental fee paid would be \$50 per day per election. The Council approved becoming a Vote Center by a motion from Mr. Sieber, seconded by Ms. Funk.

The Council voted not to take part in IACT's webinar, November 7<sup>th</sup>, "Providing Leadership in Times of Emergency"; the Clerk-Treasurer will register for the event.

By a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Sieber, the Town will purchase an ad for the Camden Auto Company 100 Year Anniversary. The allocation is to be no more than \$75.

The Clerk-Treasurer asked the Council about replacing 6 light fixtures that have exposed bulbs due to the new bulbs having mercury and could cause an issue if a bulb is broken. The Council decided against changing the fixtures as they felt other bulbs would be available.

### **Old Business**

1. Nuisance Property - The Council felt most places were in order but did question the property at 388 North Armstrong Street. Mrs. Briggs said the property recently sold at auction and she will check on ownership.
1. The CFRCC will next meet on October 14<sup>th</sup> according to Mr. Wagoner. He went on to state that things are being worked on but there are no announcements at this time. Mr. Wagoner and Dave Albuagh, Vice Chairperson for the C-FRCC, will attend the Indiana Logistic Summit to be held in Indianapolis October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.
2. Christmas decorations – Mr. Fite stated the Christmas tree displayed last year was well liked and people would like to have another one this year. Mr. Sieber updated the members on the Preservation Society's ideas for Christmas decorations. The Society would like to have electronic candles in the store and home windows along Main Street. There would also be large wreaths with red bows hung from the bottom run of the banner support brackets. He suggested the town purchase the lights for distribution. Members decided the first thing to do

would be re-hanging the banners. This will be worked on before the October meeting. Miss Camden Hensley suggested having town party to decorate the tree. Council Members liked this idea and will discuss it more at the October meeting.

### 3. Project Updates

- a. Ken Smith reported a couple of contractors were over to inspect the community building and he hopes to have repair ideas and estimates by the October meeting.
- b. Mr. Smith completed two grant applications for financial assistance in installing sidewalks from the Senior Housing to Main Street. Applications were sent to the Carroll/White County REMC Community Trust and Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District. Total cost for the sidewalks and ramps will be about \$20,000 (124 yards of recycled concrete plus labor). Mr. Smith will approach the Senior Center residents for letters of support.
- c. An “**Agreement Between Owner and Engineer for Professional Engineering Services**” was signed between the town and Municipal Civil corporation for work to be done on the town’s Wellhead Protection Plan, Phase 2. Total cost for this service will be \$3,000, payable after approval of the plan by IDEM.

### Miscellaneous Business

1. Mountain Missions will have a collection at the community building Sept 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.
2. The Fireman’s Breakfast will be October 5<sup>th</sup>. Also on October 5<sup>th</sup>, the Camden Preservation Society will host the Camden Auto Company 100 Year Anniversary and Open House, 10:00am – 2:00pm. There will be a free car show and light refreshments

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Camden Town Council

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Richard Fite, President

ATTEST:

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Kandance Funk, Vice President

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P. A. Casserly

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Jeff Sieber, Member

Clerk-Treasurer